



Orvin Kimbrough

Author • Speaker • CEO • Social Innovator

Founder of The Thriver's Path™ —
Helping people move from being stuck
to being strengthened.



Professional Bio

Orvin Kimbrough has lived at the intersection of leadership, faith, and community transformation. From growing up in the foster care system to leading a nearly \$3 billion community bank, his journey embodies resilience, redemption, and purpose-driven leadership.

As **A Bank CEO, Author, and Speaker**, Orvin's mission is simple: to help people, organizations, and communities move from being stuck to being strengthened — mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and financially.

Through his signature framework, **The Thriver's Path™**, he equips leaders and learners of all ages to:

- **Reframe** their thinking,
- **Reclaim** their agency, and
- **Rename** their possibilities.

His work blends the empathy of social work, the strategy of business leadership, and the wisdom of faith to help others rise with clarity, confidence, and purpose.

Mission Statement

“My life's work is to help people see that struggle isn't a stop sign — it's an invitation to grow. Every story can become strength, and every challenge can be reframed into a calling.”

— Orvin Kimbrough

Signature Speaking & Workshop Topics

- Rising Through Adversity: From Foster Care to the Boardroom
- Faith and Leadership: Building Strength from the Inside Out
- The Thriver's Path™: A Framework for Growth and Transformation
- Purpose, Courage, and Belief: The Real Work of Thriving
- Banking on Humanity: How Compassion Fuels Sustainable Leadership

The Books

Twice Over a Man: A Fierce Memoir of an Orphan Boy Who Doggedly Determined a Finer Life

This deeply personal memoir chronicles Orvin's journey from foster care to corporate leadership — a story of faith, trauma, and transformation. It explores how pain can become power, how faith can reshape identity, and how leadership begins within. *Twice Over a Man* is the cornerstone of **The Thriver's Path™**, offering timeless lessons on resilience, self-discovery, and purpose.

More Than a Conqueror: A Toolkit for Young Thrivers (Ages 11–18)

A bold and heartfelt guide for teens and young adults learning to rise through adversity. Part memoir, part mentoring toolkit, it helps readers build courage, leadership, forgiveness, and purpose through real-world application. The companion Educator's Suite includes lesson plans, student journals, faith reflections, and growth challenges for classrooms and mentoring programs.

Ward and the State: A Story for Young Thrivers (Ages 5–10)

A beautifully illustrated story inspired by Orvin's childhood in foster care. *Ward and the State* helps children see that even when life feels hard, they can grow strong, kind, and brave. Each short chapter includes a Big Idea, Talk About It, and Try This! activity, encouraging empathy and hope. Paired with printable classroom and family tools on The Educator's Corner.

The Thriver's Path™ Ecosystem

A transformational growth system built to help individuals and organizations move from surviving to thriving through:

- **Reframe** — Changing how you think
- **Reclaim** — Taking ownership of your growth
- **Rename** — Defining your identity and purpose anew

Programs and tools include:

- **The First Move™** — Leadership and transformation course
- **The Thriver's Toolkit** — Reflection and growth resources
- **Educator's Corner** — Lesson plans, activities, and faith connections
- **The Next Move Podcast** — Conversations on faith, leadership, and transformation

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