

## Perseverance Rover

I don't know about you, but I woke up this morning with a LOT of questions in my head which I think we should all ask ourselves from time to time. I know I ask myself questions constantly because it's a way of grounding myself in the day-to-day minutiae we find ourselves sometimes drowning in if we're not careful. For me, it's a bit like going into helicopter view. What do I mean by that? Well, I simply zoom up into space and get a more separated view of what's happening to me. It's more realistic, although it can be a bit scary at times because that's when I realise how small and insignificant I am in the big picture of things, but, it also makes me sometimes laugh at the absurdity of some of the things I do and say. It's a way of putting things more in perspective. Try it, I'm sure you'll agree.

Anyway, back to the questions I so love to ask. Firstly, are you a perseverance rover? Er, what is one of those Charmaine, I've never heard of it before! Bear with me whilst I ask you some more questions that you might not know the answer to, or, you could just start thinking about. So I suggest you take some time out here and settle down somewhere comfortable with a cup of fresh coffee or tea and start to really analyse your life and where you are in relationship to it.

Here's some of the questions I would ask yourself. Where am I? Am I truly on course and on my way to what's my mission of the day, week, month, year, decade or even my lifetime? Do I enjoy what I do and am I having fun with it? Am I on my way to a planet full of opportunity, a planet where I can look at things with curiosity, wonder and gratitude? Am I like NASA's Mars 2020 Mission's Rover, where I'm curious about the landscape around me, the earth

beneath my feet, the water in the air, on the ground, the colour and shape of the planet's rocks around me. Am I curious about why people do what they do and more importantly, why I do what I do?

Is that what you do when you wander through your life, examining everything under a microscope, the way the scientists at NASA will when they get back their rock and earth samples from Mars thanks to their Rover invention?

Are you using your Rover intentionally? What is the definition of a rover anyway Charmaine? According to Google dictionary, it is, a person who spends their time wandering, a player not restricted to a particular position on the field. Now that talks about football in this example, which I am so not interested in, yawn! But this appeals to me when it comes to life and how we live ours. This is exactly what we need to be doing constantly, radar on and our little insect-like antennae out and probing carefully our path which lies just in front of us if we would only open our eyes and look at the beauty of the journey we are taking part in and of the earth and the world which surrounds us.

All we need to do is to have the confidence to take a bold, brave, and courageous step, then we'll find out what an adventure life is and how fun it can be and that's when I say, "Great, bring it on, give me more, I love life and I love exploring because there is so much to discover."

When did you last give up on a goal you had in your sights, was it recently, you can't think of the last time or you're about to give up because it's too difficult, too hard, too laborious, too boring, too everything. My advice to you is don't! Let's do something wild and crazy and

imagine, yes, imagine what we could achieve in our lives if only we took action and became that perseverance rover.

The next time you rove your way through your day, do it with play, expectation, and above all, perseverance. Become and stay that Perseverance Rover in the story of your life.