

CHRIS TAFT



Brooklyn → Pitt → NBA → Christ-transformed
Speaker • Coach • Dad of 3
God's Grace > Every Obstacle
helping athletes grow on & off the court 🏀✝️

A Brooklyn native, Chris discovered basketball at age eleven and quickly rose to prominence as one of the sport's top young talents. After an outstanding collegiate career at the University of Pittsburgh—where he earned Freshman All-American honors, the 2003-04 Big East Rookie of the Year Award and helped lead his team to a Sweet 16 appearance—he declared for the NBA Draft following a strong sophomore season.

In 2005, Chris was selected by the Golden State Warriors, poised to fulfill his lifelong dream. However, a series of serious injuries and a diagnosis of a rare autoimmune disease that causes severe muscle weakness, unexpectedly ended his NBA career.

Refusing to let adversity define him, Chris experienced a life-changing encounter with Christ during his recovery. His faith reshaped his purpose and deepened his devotion to family, leading him into a new season as a husband, father of three, coach, and speaker. He went on to play internationally and eventually launched a coaching career that allowed him to invest in the next generation of athletes.

For more than a decade, Chris has shared his testimony of healing, resilience, and identity in Christ with churches and organizations across the nation, including the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Salvation Army, and the NBA. He continues to train top young basketball talent, grounding his work in the message of God's grace and redemption: "I used to ask why so many difficult things happened to me, but now I see the gift in my journey. I've learned that you can walk through fire and come out without even smelling like smoke. I am committed—and blessed."