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Climb Your Own Everest. In 1953, Sir Edmund Hillary became the first man to stand on the summit of Mt Everest, the highest point on earth. Thirty seven years later, his son Peter also stood on the summit. In this presentation, Peter Hillary shares what it took to get the first father and son to the top of the world. His 10 Steps include hilarious and spine-tingling anecdotes about his climb that will transport your audience to another world. Most importantly however, it will leave your people with a “can-do” attitude to achieving goals in their own lives.

Hillary’s 10 Steps to the Summit of the World:

Nothing ventured; nothing gained

If you don’t give it a go, you will never know what you can accomplish.

Challenge = uncertainty = excitement

Every great goal is a challenge, and the outcome is always uncertain – but that is what makes life exciting!

Fear makes you focus Fear makes you thorough. A little bit of fear is good.

Passion gives you the confidence and the dedication to accomplish the goal.

Fun makes for a great team. Having fun together helps cement a team, and makes the goal more achievable.

Make sure you have *lots to live for*.

Your survival is enhanced and your life enriched by the other dimensions in your life - the people you love; the other ambitions you have. If there is only one thing that matters to you in your life, you run the risk of having nothing else to live for if you lose it.

Resist the flock factor

There is safety in numbers, and strengths too, but only when everyone is thinking for themselves and contributing to the operation.

You are all you have

You must learn to be self-reliant.

Powerful experiences are what memories are made of, but you must be prepared to risk defeat.

A View from the Summit

When you reach a goal, you have completed a dream. Never stop dreaming and setting new goals.

Benefits

This is an inspirational presentation with many entertaining stories that will leave your audience charged and motivated and raring to go.

Audience

Ideal as a motivational address or as an after-dinner speech.

Audio visual support

DVD film footage is used to illustrate this presentation.

K2 Crisis. The story of those who died – and those who survived – on the world’s most savage mountain, K2. Because surviving is the name of the game.

Peter Hillary was the only survivor of a group of eight climbers heading for the summit of K2 in 1995. To the other

seven climbers the conditions seemed fine for a summit bid. But not for Peter. His intuition made him question going on. It was a combination of not liking the look of a bank of cloud, and something less tangible; a feeling of unease and disquiet at ascending the final slopes to the summit. The words of his father, Sir Edmund Hillary, rang in his ears: "Never be afraid to stand alone." Peter listened to his intuition and started back down the mountain. His climbing partners were calling out to "come on up!" For a short time he wondered if he would regret his decision, if his friends were to come down in triumph from successfully reaching the summit. But after a night of terror battling a ferocious storm, Peter Hillary was the only one of the group to come off the mountain alive.

In this presentation, Peter tells the gripping and often painful story of losing his colleagues, and explores how he came to make the right decision on the day.

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Themes

The secrets of surviving against the odds

Listening to your inner wisdom

True success is surviving to make another attempt

Balancing risk with caution

Judging the situation for yourself

Becoming truly self-reliant

Learning from your mistakes

Life is the story of your challenges and what you learned from them.

Benefits

It doesn't matter whether you are surviving a storm on a mountain or getting your team safely through a crisis; if you survive, you live to play another day and you will be all the stronger for the experience. This is a very powerful story that will leave your audience breathless. They will be inspired by the vital importance of sound judgment, trusting your intuition, surviving the worst... and ultimately thriving.

Audience

Recommended as a daytime address when a powerful story is required to grab the attention of the audience. Suitable for small to large groups.

Audio visual support

DVD film footage is used to illustrate this presentation.

To the Ends of the Earth. A 15 year quest that took Peter Hillary to the North Pole, the South Pole, and the summit of Mt Everest. The Dream, the Drive, and the Dedication to the Goal.

Peter Hillary's extraordinary life of adventure has taken him to the very ends of the earth:

- to the North Pole at the top of our planet
- to the summit of Mt Everest, the highest point on earth; and
- skiing overland to the southern-most point: the South Pole in Antarctica

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Themes

The Dream, The Drive, and The Dedication to the Goal

Turning dreams into reality

Persistence and Perseverance

The importance of the People Factor

Dealing with tension and conflict in the team

Living outside your comfort zone for long periods of time

Seeking out and rejoicing in the beauty of our world

Setting new goals once you've achieved the dream

Benefits

This keynote address will take your people on an amazing journey to the most remote places on earth, and will provide insights into goal-setting, problem-solving, and never losing sight of where you want to go. It is an uplifting, entertaining and inspirational presentation.

Audience

Ideal as a keynote address at conferences and as an after-dinner speech. It is suitable for any audience size.

Audio visual support

DVD film footage is used to illustrate this presentation.

Uncertainty and Change. In these challenging times, the one thing we can be certain of is change! Learning to adjust and adapt to the challenge of a constantly changing outlook is an essential skill of a mountaineer.

This presentation addresses the challenge of change and looks at the attributes and attitudes required to deal with it. Peter's speech is a series of amazing stories from Himalayan mountaineering expeditions to polar journeys in Antarctica which illustrate how change is often inevitable and it is your ability to cope with it that is the critical factor.

We must learn to refocus on a new or changed objective when the situation changes, we need to learn to effect change and we need to revel in the experience! It is your enthusiasm and your adaptability that gets you through the challenge of change ... with a smile on your face!

'Change!' principle themes:

- Dealing with change
- Effecting change
- Reveling in & thriving with change.