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Developing “Uncommon Grit”: Lessons from Navy SEAL Training. A former SEAL platoon leader who served as an instructor at the Naval Special Warfare Basic Underwater Demolition School (BUD/S), world-renowned photographer and author Darren McBurnett understands what success requires. In this speech, built around breathtaking videos and photographs from his photography book *Uncommon Grit: A Photographic Journey Through the Eyes of a Navy SEAL*, McBurnett explores what separates the good from the truly exceptional. With a message that’s not only motivational and inspiring on a corporate level—but also promotes individual and personal growth—McBurnett uses stories, humor, and his stunning visual aids to share lessons on teamwork, leadership, pushing through pain and failure, and more. Plus, he talks about how to navigate in an ever-changing adverse environment where critical decision-making and leadership skills are vital for success. His visually breathtaking multimedia presentation highlights the untapped potential and “Never Quit” drive that is the cornerstone of Navy SEAL success, as he shares the defining characteristics that promote leadership and sacrifice in the SEAL teams.

Navigating Change: Never Underestimate Yourself. Learn strategies that will help you and your team successfully navigate an ever-changing, often adverse business environment. Set your organization apart from your competition, prepare, and equip your team to read and react to even the most uncertain situations effectively and with confidence. With words of inspiration and real-life stories from McBurnett’s SEAL career, you will walk away with tangible skills you and your team can immediately implement.