

STAND ALONE BEAT THE ODDS



I am thankful to be here today. I hope you will remember the four points I live by, for the rest of your life.

On The Edge:

There was a man who owned a trucking company and he needed a new driver to drive some dangerous mountain roads. He had 3 applicants for the job.



The first applicant came in for the interview and was asked;

Owner: How good of a driver are you?

Driver 1: I am so good, that I can drive my rig within a foot of the edge of the cliffs and never wreck my rig.

Owner: You must be a good driver.

The 2nd applicant came in and was asked the same exact question;

Owner: How good of a driver are you?

Driver 2: I can drive my rig within 6 inches of the edge of the cliffs and never wreck my rig.

Owner: You must be a great driver.

The 3rd applicant came in and was asked the same exact question;

Owner: How good of a driver are you?

Driver 3: When I drive in the mountains I drive my rig as close to the mountain as possible, never getting close to the edge, to keep my rig and cargo safe.

Owner: You're hired.

Have you ever seen adults on the edge? Have you ever seen a friend of yours within 6 inches of the cliff about to fall? Kids and adults live life on the edge and many do not come back safely. Their precious cargo is lost and a life is wasted.

Are you on the edge? Do you know how to tell? I am going to help you to distinguish that today.

I have been playing volleyball now in 5,000 schools with over 16,000 games now in front of 3 million people not for the game of volleyball. I play because my message is 10,000 times more important to me than the game.

Some weeks I am beating the odds by playing over 50 games in a week to bring this message to you. The message is called BE A WINNER BY BEATING THE ODDS

If you are going to be a real winner in life, you must beat the odds. To many people give up when it seems like the odds are against them.

1) HAVE A DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE AND NEVER QUIT



Thomas Edison had so many thousands of experiments trying to invent the light bulb. A young man came to him and said "Mr. Edison how does it feel having failed thousands of times to invent the light bulb?" He replied "I did not fail thousands of times to invent the light bulb, I successfully found thousands of ways the light bulb will not work. He had a dream to invent the light bulb,

My dream is to help your future. I do not want to see one person fail in life. I want everyone I meet to learn to beat the odds.



Colonel Sanders was rejected in over 1000 restaurants when he first came out with his FINGER LICKING GOOD CHICKEN RECIPE. He would not quit because he wanted people to enjoy the recipe. Now an entire world enjoys his recipe because of a man who would never quit.

If you have ever felt rejected, imagine being rejected over **1000 times**.

Throwing in the towel:

So many young people are throwing the towel in and quitting.

- Over 100,000 young people attempt suicide every year.
- A boy came to me after one assembly with his arm all cut up and he stated to me that "Last night I tried to kill myself see all the fresh blood?"
- A girl came to me after my assembly and said that she was going to kill herself after the assembly TODAY. She decided that she would beat the odds in her life now that she saw the assembly.
- I had a principal tell me that 5 students in the last 7 weeks committed suicide.
- One principal said that he cancelled graduation because of the many suicides that were going to happen during the program from young people who said they were going to make a point.
- This should not be happening in America!!!

I want this assembly to give you a dream to beat the odds and never quit in your life .

2) LOOK AHEAD



I am using this student to illustrate driving a car. I ask the student to pretend he is driving a car.

- Do you have your license?
- Now you are going to look right in front of the car and go around 65 mph because that is as fast as you will ever drive right?
- Now look ahead, do you think this boy is safer looking right in front of the car or down the road?

The answer from the crowd every time is ***“he is a lot safer looking down the road.”***

In your life you are a lot safer looking ahead also. Most tv commercials advertise what is fun right now, but they never show you what happens down the road.

3) DON'T BELIEVE THE COMMERCIALS

TV has not got your best interest at heart, it has the profits of the company it advertises for first.

Def: Respect;

The state of being regarded with honor or esteem. Willingness to show consideration or appreciation. To avoid Violation of or interference with.

Aren't You Tired?

Aren't you tired of the tv making girl's look like they are just sex symbols. I say it is time for the boy's to start respecting the girl's and keep their hands off till marriage no matter what Britney Spears has to say. And it is also time for the girl's to start respecting the boys.

My First Week

- A boy came to me only 13 years old when I first began playing volleyball my first week. He showed me under his hat was no hair. He said,

*"I am dying with Aids and the doctors only give me 3 months to live. This boy begged me to keep going and never quit. He told me to tell everyone that **the rock singers sang all the songs about sex**, but never told him he would get to the point where the aids virus feels like it is eating his insides out."*

- One boy dying with aids said;

"I use to be a weight lifter and now that I have aids, I cannot even get my leg off the bed some mornings." The boy only 13 said to me

"Make everyone listen and never quit"

I told him that I would play volleyball until I cannot even move on a court. I said that if I could

play even when I am 75 years old, I will keep going. I am now 51 and playing more volleyball than I ever played in my life. In one week I play more games than most teams do in an entire season.

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Aren't You Tired?

Aren't you tired of the tv **advertising** Budweiser by showing a party and everyone laughing and smiling in a party without showing you what happens down the road. Then they have the nerve to say at the end **"Please drink responsibly!"** and **"Please have a designated drive!"**.

A mother goes into schools in my home state of New Hampshire. She is an assembly speaker as I am. In her message she holds up a bottle and says,

"MEET MY BOY".

"His ashes are in this bottle, he was drinking and driving and hit a tree. This is all I have left of my son, "HIS ASHES".

I tell the students all over America,

"If I can keep one of you ending up in the bottle of a mother, I will say it was worth being in your school. If I help one life out of the millions I have been in front of it is worth it all"

Tremendous Piano Player

I want you to meet a girl in one school who was a **tremendous piano player**. She decided one day to get into a car with a bunch of others that were drinking (including the driver),

The driver lost control and hit a tree going 70 miles per hour. The girl who could play the piano found out that her seat belt did not work and flew through the windshield going 70 mph.

She landed in some thorn bushes on the side of the road and had to be rushed to the hospital. The ambulance drivers noticed that her fingers were all gone as the windshield cut her fingers off. She comes back to her high school and holds up the stubs that are left and cries out to the school. **IT IS NOT WORTH IT!!** I will never play the piano again or type or write again. I did not make my own mind up to **STAND ALONE** against the peer pressure.. I let someone else row my ship in life instead of making my own mind up.

Jacqueline Saburido



*Jacqueline Saburido
September 19, 1999*



Meet Jackie

Jackie never drank in her life. She one day went out for a joy ride with two of her friends. A drunk driver hit her vehicle and now take a look at what her car looked like after the drunk driver hit her..

Jackie did not die in this mess of a car, but **two of her friends did die. Jackie lived.**

The fire department was at the scene of this accident and found Jackie caught in the metal and on fire.

It took the fire department over 45 seconds to put out the fire burning her body.

Now after 50 corrective surgeries trying to get Jackie as close to her original look as possible only came up with this



Now meet the drunk driver.



He is crying in a jail cell,

***"WHY DID I EVER DRINK
ONE DROP OF ALCOHOL!"***

"I caused Jackie to end up like this with two of her friends dead."

On CNN news

When I was on CNN news the other month I told the world that I play all this volleyball

BECAUSE I DO NOT WANT TO SEE ANYONE END UP LIKE THIS

**OR END UP
LIKE THIS**



I believe the guy in jail has it just as bad as Jackie. He never thought this would ever happen to him. Imagine facing the four walls of a prison the rest of your life regretting what you caused.

Now this is Jackie now!

Not everyone who gets hit by a drunk driver dies.

Now the tv never shows you a commercial showing this.



I say MAKE A COMMERCIAL SHOWING

- JACKIE,
- SHOWING THE MOTHER HOLDING UP THE ASHES OF HER SON WITH THE SCHOOL CRYING WITH HER,
- SHOW THE GIRL WITH THE STUBS NEVER PLAYING THE PIANO AGAIN

AND PUT THAT ON A COMMERCIAL FOR A CHANGE.

They will never do that because they have to make their **money money money!!!**

Your life is more important to me than money!

Sponsorship?

I was asked by someone on the road years ago to have Budweiser sponsor my program. I said "BUD NEVER MADE ANYONE WEISER".

I said that I would not wear their name on my shirt even if they offered me millions of dollars because your life matters to me more than money. I want to see you live and not die!!

\$20.00 Sometimes we just need to be reminded!

A well-known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20.00 bill.

In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?"

Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this. He proceeded to crumple up the \$20 dollar bill.



He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. Well, he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe.

He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?"



Still the hands went into the air. My friends, we have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20.

Many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value. Dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who DO LOVE you.

The worth of our lives comes not in what we do or who we know, but by WHO WE ARE and WHOSE WE ARE. You are special - Don't EVER forget it."

If you do not pass this on, you may never know the lives it touches, the hurting hearts it speaks to, or the hope that it can bring. Count your blessings, not your problems.

And remember: Amateurs built the arkProfessionals built the Titanic.

If God brings you to it - He will bring you through it.



You need to **STAND ALONE** and make a difference beating the odds. Anybody can **GO WITH THE FLOW** and do what everyone else is doing.

Stand Alone:

- We need some people who stand alone and break the trends that destroy lives.
- Stand against the drinking, the drugs, and the violence in our schools.
- I think that young people ought to stop bringing guns to school and bring love back to school.

I stood alone on this court, why don't you stand alone in the most important area, that is what can save your VERY LIFE.

One friend of mine became a \$300 a day crack addict. He killed a man in NYC being a gang leader selling drugs to support his own habit. He is not speaking from a jail cell saying that it all began when he didn't say no to peer pressure. Everyone was telling me to shoot the drugs. I did it just to be cool with everyone, now I am in a jail for the rest of my life and " **IT IS NOT WORTH IT.**"

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4) STAND ALONE AND BEAT THE ODDS

Just as I stood alone on this court and played your girl's varsity volleyball team, your boy athletes, and your faculty. You need to stand alone in your life which is far more important than a game.

Bullying!

Def; A person who is habitually cruel or over bearing, especially to a smaller or weaker person. To force one's way aggressively or by intimidation. To domineer or drive into compliance by the use of threats or force.

Everyone look around, all you here know who the bullies are in your school, your neighborhood

and in your lives. Bullies you know who you are. I want everyone to know that we can Stand Alone, Stand together and Beat the Bullies. They don't have to rule our fun or school, play grounds, classrooms and lunch rooms.

I have a friend who told me about being a bully in high school. He said; "We got teased by the bigger guys and when they decided to pick on someone else we joined in. We called this one skinny guy with large teeth, old clothes, "Cherpy" He looked like a bird, so we called him gay, scared, chicken, we hit on him, pushed him around, teased him without mercy."

His name was Freddie Vincent. He committed suicide the year we graduated in 1972. This torment lasted for 4 years of high school. No one ever cut him a break. My friend found out later he was raised with an alcoholic mother who was abusive and also called him horrible names, they were poor and all I did was remember since the day I heard he died the role I played in convincing him that life was not worth living. I could have made a difference for him and for me. I was bullied and I became a bully. Don't fall into this way of being, this horrible cruel point of view. Stand Alone if you have to, but Stand Up and Together against the bullies.

The bullies can be forgiven and can forgive themselves. the power to hurt someone today to make yourself feel better, can be the power to help others tomorrow. Build character by not tearing down others.

Even if everyone else is bullying someone you can stand against it even if you are all alone in encouraging others to stop tearing down someone.

Lift a Log

In war a bunch of soldiers were trying to lift up a heavy log as they were building a fort. An old man was riding by on a horse and noticed the captain bullying his men. He was screaming at them words like MY MOTHER COULD DO THIS FASTER AND BETTER THAN YOU LAZY BUMS.

The older man viewing this bullying from his horse got off his horse and went over to the men and helped them lifting the heavy log.

As the job was finished he went over to the captain and asked him why he was bullying his men. He said BECAUSE IM THE CAPTAIN.

He said *"I am George Washington. If you ever need help again don't hesitate to call on me."*

Do not be that person that has to carry around like my friend the shame and the guilt of being part of the driving someone to suicide. Do not be part of a group, Stand Alone.

I have been playing volleyball now for 22 years and what matters to me more than anything else is that you saw my HEART MORE THAN MY GAME.

Visit the website.

If you could visit my website at www.beatbob.com , I would love to hear from you on an email of how this message helped your life. I have been receiving hundreds of emails from young people all over the country.

Be sure to listen to your teachers and parents as they try to save your very lives.

Illustration in closing

A truck was following a woman down the highway. He was bumper to bumper as he followed her down the interstate. She looked into the mirror and felt that the truck driver was trying to harm her so she went faster. The faster she went the faster the truck driver went. She pulled off the exit and the truck pulled off following her right down the ramp into a gas station. She jumps out of the vehicle screaming to the owner of the gas station. HE IS AFTER ME!!!!

The owner of the gas station said take a look at your car. The truck driver was pulling out a man that he had seen being high up in his truck cab in the back of her car who was crouched over and about to steal her car and possibly murder her. The truck driver held the guy down until the police came and took him away.

All through this ordeal the truck driver was trying to save the woman. She kept going faster and faster away from him. When she saw the truck driver coming toward her she was thinking that he was trying to hurt her and the opposite was true.

In the back of your car is drugs, alcohol, suicide, sexually transmitted diseases, and so many other things that can destroy your entire future.

It is time that you see your parents, your teachers, and assemblies like mine as the truck driver trying to save your life and not hurt your life. Run towards those who care and not away from them. Learning how to distinguish who in your life really loves and cares for you is part of life.

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