

It's a JUNGLE Out There!

The Safari Guide's Adversity Tool-kit



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Just do it!

After the delivery chap dropped off a few hundred copies of my new book, my daughter Kate matter-of-factly declared, "Dad I'm going to write one too."

With that, she went and set up her writing area at the kitchen table and started working on her novella. A day later she shared her ideas with me. She told me all about Solo the Jaguar's grand adventures; how she tirelessly searches the planet for a true friend... ultimately meeting and falling in love with Kate. I'm biased and think it's a touching story – told with humor, innocence and an uncompromising confidence that everything in life will work out happily ever after if you just keep on doing the next right thing.

I thoroughly enjoyed hearing all about Solo's Grand Adventure so I told Kate to keep working at it and that I'd help her to get her book published. So she has and I made some phone calls and found her an illustrator and a publisher. It's been quite good fun, working away behind the scenes to help her out.

It's going to take Kate a while – after all, she's only 7 years old – but I've no doubt that one day in the not too distant future, Solo's Grand Adventure will be published and produce a lot of chuckles and evoke some interesting conversations amongst families.

I got to thinking how easy it was to help Kate and how the experience continues to perpetuate her belief that she can do whatever she wants to in life... that everything will somehow or other work out happily ever after if she just keeps on doing the next right thing. She's young, she's innocent, she's brave. She reminds me of W. H. Murray (he was the leader of The Scottish Himalayan Expedition) when he said:

"Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation), there is one elementary truth the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves too. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents, meetings and material assistance, which no man could have dreamt would have come his way. I learned a deep respect for one of Goethe's couplets:

Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power and magic in it!"

Thanks for the reminder Kate... and yes it is that easy to get your book published!

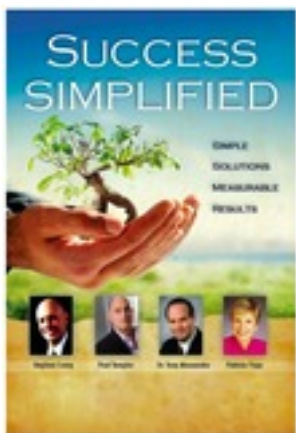
So... after 3 years and 8 months, here is Newsletter #2. See you next month.

Stay well,
Paul

News

Paul just became a partner with global consulting company, opusdynamic. www.opusdynamic.com

Paul's new autobiography is at the final edit stage. After more than a decade in production it is finally expected in the bookstores in the summer of 2011.



New Book

A refreshingly practical compilation – revealing simple time tested strategies that produce measurable results in business and in life.

As a keynote speaker and author I was selected from a nationwide search to be featured in Success Simplified – a highly successful book series. The book features best-selling authors Stephen Covey (The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People), Dr. Tony Alessandra (The New Art of Managing People), Patricia Fripp (Award-winning Professional Keynote Speaker) and a bunch of other well-known authors and speakers, each offering time-tested strategies for success in frank and intimate interviews.



BIO

I began my career leading photographic safaris in Africa until a bad day at the office – a deadly hippopotamus attack – forced me to rebuild my life and my career.

Having been the subject of numerous documentaries produced by the Discovery Channel, National Geographic and the BBC, I seem to be speaking a lot more often these days - mostly doing keynotes; inspiring people... even getting them to laugh out loud as we explore the notion of how we all get to create the life we want, one decision at a time.

I thoroughly enjoyed co-authoring Success Simplified: Simple Solutions – Measurable Results with Stephen Covey (The 7 Habits guy) et al and nowadays much of my attention and energy is focused on the people our global consulting practice are helping to adopt a culture of accountability and be more profitable.

I live with my family in Michigan, USA where we've established the Templer Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting disabled and terminally ill children.

Some of the reasons why people say I'm so effective

Simple ideas. Just being introduced to a new way of thinking won't do you much good. My program is designed to enable you to find a way to apply newfound competencies/awareness along with your existing skills and knowledge in such a way that it works for you. I introduce simple practices that, should you choose to adopt them, will create real and lasting value in your life.

Not to boast... but **I've done some pretty extraordinary things**. People respond to achievements more than concepts. It's the old adage of actions speak louder than words. I'm a speaker who has had real world success walking the talk – your audience is more apt to pay attention.

I use humor. It's important that a speaker be engaging without being overly intense. Being eaten alive could be construed as quite intense subject matter – I find ways to share my powerful and entertaining experience in a way that connects with the audience and opens up possibilities.

It's all about the audience. My words simply serve to produce an experience and provide the context through which audience members can observe and consider their own lives, weigh their options and choose how to optimize their actions.

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When my wife Carrie read my newsletter for the first time, I timed her so that I could give you some idea of how long it'll take to read this. I appreciate the time you're taking right now!

Thank you!

In the midst of the recent BIG SNOW I got to speak with the Iowa Concrete Paving Association. What a great event and generous audience! I really appreciate their post-event comments: "Very captivating and well received by attendees.

Excellent story teller and perfect motivational speech. Paul is a professional who welcomes you in to his personal side... a pleasure to work with!"

Many thanks to Gold Stars Speakers Bureau - Andrea, Denise, Teri and the team were once again an absolute treat to work with!