

**Biography:**

Paul Templer grew up in war-torn Rhodesia (now known as Zimbabwe) living an exotic life fraught with adventure, danger and fun. A young entrepreneur, he started a business running safaris on Africa's mighty Zambezi River. Then came the attack. In one horrible moment, as the enraged hippopotamus ripped Paul's body apart, it also destroyed his hopes, dreams and livelihood. His life would never again be quite the same.

Today Paul lives in Michigan with his wife and three young children. In addition to continuing the philanthropic work of his nonprofit, the Make-A-Difference Foundation, he continues to lead expeditions in Africa and has been the subject of documentaries produced by the Discovery Channel, National Geographic and the BBC. Paul also spends time working as a corporate coach and sharing his experiences as a keynote speaker, inspiring audiences from all walks of life with his riveting, dramatic, and uniquely humorous story of how we create the life we want, one decision at a time

Program description:**When the Hippo Takes a Bite Out of You: The Safari Guide's Adversity Tool-Kit**

It was in Paul Templer's words, "a bad day at the office." While guiding an African river safari, he was attacked by an enraged hippopotamus that pulled him from his canoe and swallowed him headfirst up to his waist. Chances are a hippopotamus hasn't swallowed anyone in your organization. But everyone has bad days at the office and no one gets through life without confronting adversity and change.

A gifted storyteller, Paul will motivate, educate and amuse your audience, leaving an emotional imprint that will resonate long after he leaves the stage. A living example of the power of choice, Paul inspires his audiences to overcome adversity and manage change while challenging and empowering them to create a life of achievement, happiness and success.