



**Warren Macdonald's** life's boundaries were redefined in April 1997 with his accident on North Queensland's (Australia) Hinchinbrook Island. Climbing to the Island's tallest peak, he became trapped beneath a one-ton slab boulder in a freak rock fall. Two days later he was rescued, only to undergo the amputation of both legs at mid thigh.

Just ten months later, he climbed Tasmania's Cradle Mountain using a modified wheelchair and the seat of his pants.

In February 2003, he became the first double above-knee amputee to reach the summit of Africa's tallest peak, Mt Kilimanjaro (19,222ft), and more recently, in a spectacular effort requiring more than 2,800 pull-ups over 4 days, created history once again in an ascent of America's tallest cliff face, El Capitan. He is also the only above knee amputee to make an ascent of Canada's landmark frozen waterfall, the 600 ft "Weeping Wall" in Alberta.

Warren's first book, "A Test of Will" is an Australian bestseller and the subject of the "Trapped under a Boulder" episode of the Discovery Channel series "I Shouldn't Be Alive". His film documenting the epic four-week journey to Federation Peak, Australia most challenging mountain summit, "The Second Step", has been acclaimed worldwide, screening on National Geographic Television and winning eight international awards including Grand Prize at the prestigious "Banff Mountain Film Festival".

Warren has appeared on numerous news and current affairs programs, including "Larry King Live", "The Oprah Winfrey Show", and "The Hour" with George Stroumboulopoulos. He has written articles for "CNN World Edition" (WWW), "Australian Geographic", "Speaking of Impact" and "Professional Speaker". He lives in Winlaw, British Columbia with his...

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### Speech Topics

- ☐ Sports
- ☐ Personal Growth
- ☐ Peak Performance
- ☐ Motivation
- ☐ Inspiration
- ☐ Change

## Testimonials

☐ Warren's presence and influence at our Managers meeting was timely and effective. Inspiring our leaders to persevere through these difficult times, he gave us a choice: we can sit back and do nothing or we can choose to see our challenges as opportunities. The presentation impacted us all differently and our Leaders are still referencing his positive perspective and incredible story. Warren Macdonald is a must for any organization with Leaders looking for development and obstacles that need to be turned into opportunities. I am a fan.

- Whistler Blackcomb .

☐ It is difficult to sum up in a few words the positive feedback we received from Warren's presentation and the lasting "can do" impression his story has left with us. We were taken by the manner in which he retold his story and how he proved that although overcoming our own obstacles may be a personal challenge the results will affect many. And whether you encounter these obstacles on your way up the mountain or on your way to the boardroom the message remains the same: "Never, ever give up." Warren is an inspiring speaker and a profoundly positive person with an extraordinary story to tell. He spoke to our Leadership group with passion and professionalism. He took the time to learn about our organization and understood our business goals, linking his experiences with the

challenges we face in order to show us just what is possible when we face our fears and act with intent. Warren's story, told in a unique, captivating style provided lessons of lasting value that we continue to reflect on long after hearing him speak. Thank you Warren, for leaving us with such an encouraging and positive sense of realisation that we can succeed, even when confronted with obstacles that at first appear to be insurmountable.□

- MacDonald Dettwiler & Associates .

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