



Basketball legend **Bill Walton** is one of sports' most recognizable and beloved figures. His success on the court is well-documented; the nation's top college basketball star at UCLA under legendary coach John Wooden, he then played for two NBA Championship teams - the Portland Trail Blazers and Boston Celtics. But Bill's nightmarish challenges off the court are less known. He stuttered so badly he couldn't say a simple "thank you" until he was 28 years old. And a foot disorder led to 39 surgeries on his feet, legs, and back - keeping him sidelined over half of his NBA career. Armed with grit and a positive outlook, Bill improbably overcame it all. He was inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame and the NBA named him to the "50 Greatest NBA Players of All-Time" (1997) and "75 Greatest Players in NBA History" (2021) lists. After his playing career, Bill pursued broadcasting; he currently covers Pac-12 games for ESPN and the Pac-12 Network. Bill Walton has led a life of humility in service of inspiring others. His autobiography, *Back from the Dead*, was a New York Times bestseller and he is perhaps the best-known Deadhead, having seen over 1,000 shows.

As entertaining as he is insightful, Bill is widely considered one of the best speakers from the world of sports. The lessons he learned on the basketball court became life lessons that served him well throughout his sports, broadcasting and business careers. No lesson was more important than the words from the legendary John Wooden, Bill's basketball coach at UCLA, who simply said "Do your best." Wooden never asked players to go out and win - simply to do their best and not beat themselves. Bill never forgot those words which helped him throughout his extraordinary career.

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Testimonials

"Your comments to the "Awesome + Excellent" network sales force were incredibly well received. The team was thrilled to take pictures and your patience in autographing the t-shirts went above and beyond. So happy you were able to join us - it was an honor."

- Director of Sales, A&E Television.

"What a special night! I thank you again for sharing your life, your passions, and pouring your soul out to us last night. It was incredibly moving and we all appreciate your time with us. I also really enjoyed our one on one time when it was all said and done. You exceeded my expectations. Everyone continued to talk about you today at the conference."

- Wells Fargo.

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Speech Topics

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- Peak Performance
- Overcoming Adversity
- Motivation

