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Hello everyone. It is a privilege to have the opportunity to speak to all of you about who I am, my experiences in life, and most importantly, **what I’ve learned**. A few years ago I would not have been able to be here. Really. No matter how easy or hard someone’s life may seem to someone else, we really never know what it’s like to walk a mile in someone else’s shoes. We don’t really know who someone is, we don’t know the way they react to problems, we don’t know what finally motivates a particular person to take a long, hard look, pick himself or herself up, and find the way to overcome impossible obstacles in life. Someone once said that the simple meaning of success is getting up just one more time than you’ve been knocked down. To many people, those knocks-those blows to the head and heart and guts can really flatten us, but we must never forget there is goodness and strength in all of us and each one of us has a positive purpose in life. No matter what we might have to endure, someone has it worse. It’s our job to find our own inner strength because someone is watching. Someone cares. It’s been said that every bit of failure, every challenge, every crushing blow carries with it a small seed of hope. The secret of life is to find that small seed of hope and to nurture it. Sometimes it seems like an impossible task but we must believe it’s worth it.