Joshua Goodling

Speaker and Author at Joshua Goodling Knoxville, TN, US

Bouncing Back When Your Chances Are Zero

Biography

At age four, Joshua Goodling was diagnosed with cancer. The doctors gave him one week to live, but unbeknownst to them, Joshua is an unbelievable fighter and survivor. That bleak diagnosis was an amazing 43 years ago! After many long intense treatments, the cancer was eventually beaten but it left Joshua with partially paralyzed vocal chords, stunted growth and daily battles against physical and personal difficulties. He soon learned that God had a plan and purpose for everything. His message is truly inspiring for those seeking hope, comfort and the keys to finding true happiness. His story touches the heart of all who listen.

Availability

Keynote, Workshop, Author Appearance, Corporate Training

Industry Expertise

Social Services, Religious Institutions, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Making A Difference, School & Workplace Bullying, Overcoming Adversity, Faith, Youth Activism, Inspiration to Change One's Life

Sample Talks

Bouncing Back When Your Chances Are Zero

We are all faced with problems and difficulties in our lives. At the age of four, Joshua was diagnosed with terminal cancer and given one week to live. The cancer was eventually gone, but it left him with almost insurmountable obstacles to overcome. Today, his life changing story and messages have inspired and encouraged thousands of people around the world. His message inspires Hope, Courage, and the Right Attitude, and applies to people from all walks of life.

Finding Happiness in the Workplace

The office is not just a place to do a job, but it is also a place where a group of people are more or less forced to spend a lot of time together. Clients and coworkers are first of all people with the same problems and needs that everyone else has. When we make them happy, they do a better job, and the results are priceless.

It's The Heart!

Companies, Schools, Communities, and other groups are always spending lots of money on "programs" and "strategies" to make people better, to improve moral, to reduce crime, and just to make life in their area better. However, most of these don't target the only real solution, and that is to change people's hearts.

Event Appearances

Making A Difference

South Carolina Public School Nutrition Association Conference

Making A Difference

Florida Public School Nutrition Association Conference

Secrets To Happiness

6th and 7th Grade Assembly

Character

Character Month Student Assembly

Education

Pensacola Christian College

Graduate of Theology Liberal Arts

Accomplishments

Book Published

Published the story of my life - Bouncing Back When Your Chances Are Zero!

Testimonials

Kristin Connor

As the keynote speaker for the 2012 'A Tribute to Our Quiet Heroes,' a luncheon honoring mothers of children with cancer, Joshua inspired hundreds with his story of survival and determination. Not only did he defy the odds and beat cancer, but he has chosen to face life with a positive attitude and not allow himself to be held back by challenges he faces because of the treatment he endured. His message was very relevant and such a message of hope for all who face trials of their own.

Emily Tucker

I wanted to extend my sincerest gratitude for the work you do with our students. I work at Villa Rica High School, and several of my students work with the 12 for Life program at Southwire. You recently spoke to students at 12 for Life, and I am so glad you were able to come out. Since I am with the high school, I was unable to attend your seminar and in fact did not know you visited until one of my students came by today to talk to me. He said you have really changed his outlook on both school and life. I have noticed a positive change in his performance, and he credited much of that to your influence. He has been struggling this year and even considering dropping out, so it's great to see such a change in him. I cannot thank you enough!

Jodi Garner

On behalf of Forsyth/Dawson FCA, I want to send you a heartfelt thank you for speaking at Piney Grove Middle School yesterday. I was absolutely mesmerized by your testimony. It was by far one of the most powerful messages I have ever heard, and I'm not the only one who thinks so. Many parents have emailed me to say that their kids can't stop talking about you and your message. More than a few have said that their kids were so moved by you that when they talk about what they learned it brings them to tears. One mom wrote to tell me that her son said that you were the most inspirational speaker he has ever heard, and that he got more out of your message than he ever has at church or any other spiritual gathering. In my own son's words, "That

David Cunningham

Joshua, I just wanted to thank you for your presentation during our Character Month Celebration Day we hosted at Durham Middle School in September of this year. We had over three hundred and fifty eighth graders and two hundred plus third graders from a local elementary school in attendance. When you spoke I was amazed at how quite the students became. The teachers who were attendance were amazed as well because it was evident that we were not needed for discipline reasons. That is a rarity especially in middle school. Your message not only resonated with our students but the teachers in attendance as well. Even the next day students and teachers were talking about how your message inspired them in their own special way. I can't wait to have you come back and speak again to our whole student body. Thank you for your passion for life and quest to build a better world through our children.

Imogene F. Clarke

The School Nutrition Association of South Carolina was privileged to hear Joshua's story on October 9, 2011 at our 58th Annual Conference. He challenged and inspired us all by his life. He is the epitome of taking life's lemons and making lemonade. We shall never forget the lessons we learned from him and will be better servants for it. Please keep sharing your message, the world needs to hear it.

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