

Stosh Walsh

Inviting Individuals and Organizations to Greater Courage

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About Stosh Walsh

Stosh D. Walsh serves others through speaking, coaching and writing. He has been a TEDx speaker, an adjunct executive coach with the Center for Creative Leadership, and is the author of "Along the Way: Leadership Stories from Everyday Life" (2012).

He began his career in traditional education settings, honing his leadership as a classroom teacher for middle school through college, and as a university residence life director and athletics coach.

After those experiences, he spent nearly a decade with The Gallup Organization as part of their executive leadership practice, where he contributed to the best-selling Strengths Based Leadership, won several awards as Gallup's top presenter in his practice category, and published "Five Questions You Must Ask Your Team" (Gallup Business Journal May 2013-subsequently named top read article of 2013), and "Leadership is More Than the C-Suite" (Gallup Business Journal September 2013). He is an expert in strengths-based organizational development, including leadership and executive coaching, employee engagement, and talent management, having spent thousands of hours consulting, coaching and training on each. In 2014, he joined the largest credit union in IL (8B in assets) to direct their learning and organizational development efforts, and in 2016 he founded his own company, Constant Organizational Development.

Over the course of his career, he has delivered keynotes, facilitated workshops and coached leaders in both non-profit and for-profit organizations, including many Fortune 500 companies. His experience spans a wide variety of industries, including healthcare, financial services, automotive, government, retail and manufacturing, a partial client list of which includes GE, HP, Boeing, Microsoft, Cardinal Health, Johnson & Johnson, State Farm, Caterpillar, Northrup Grumman, Alcoa, Johnson Controls, US Bank, Old Navy, Banana Republic, Waste Management, Kiewit, Stryker, Eastman Chemical, Harley Davidson, Charles Schwab, McKinsey, Federal Aviation Administration and Kohler.

When Stosh was 5 years old, he lost his father to addiction and suicide. Moving toward that pain instead of away from it in subsequent years, he embraced his role as a hope bringer and a courage giver, centered on the truth he discovered on his journey: that courage is not merely having the strength to overcome hardship or fear; courage is envisioning the world as it could be, and creating that world with intentionality. As a speaker and facilitator, he invites individuals and organizations to live with greater courage and create the best world they can envision.

Stosh's formal education includes a BA in Education and an MA in Leadership. His other interests include photography, hiking and spending time with his wife and 2 children.

Select Keynotes

• 5 Questions You Must Ask Your Team

If most managers are good people with good intentions, why do so many associates say such terrible things about their jobs? This empowering talk based on a popular article written by Stosh D. Walsh gives managers and leaders the tools they need to reconnect with their people, establish a common purpose and create real meaning in their work environment.

• An Invitation to Courage-Envisioning the world as it could be both individually and organizationally



Most people and organizations see the world as it is and react. This impactful presentation redefines courage as an invitation to envision the world as it could be, then create it both individually and organizationally by amplifying (being more of who we are), investing (offering our best) and serving (claiming our influence). Addresses both fears to overcome and certain kinds of safety that must be sacrificed in order to gain significance and create an ideal world.

- **Being Your Own Best Practice-How to manage your career while you help others manage theirs**

Leaders in every industry are continually being asked to do "more with less," and the first sacrifice they make to achieve "more" tends to be their own development. This interactive session enables leaders to ensure their continued growth by introducing them to new ideas to help them prioritize learning and development, refine their brands and manage their careers with intentionality. Includes a practical template to help participants manage that process.

- **Don't Focus on Your Weaknesses; Build on Your Strengths!**

Recent research suggests that an overwhelming 63% of people still believe that fixing their weaknesses is their best pathway to success. Further, less than 25% of people report spending most of their time in a performance review talking about their strengths. Yet, Gallup analysis reveals that "people who use their strengths every day are 3x more likely to report having an excellent quality of life, 6x more likely to be engaged at work, 8% more productive and 15% less likely to quit their jobs." In this eye-opening talk built on a foundation of research and filled with practical steps, former Gallup expert Stosh D. Walsh provides insights on how to embrace who you are, manage around your shortcomings and perform better than ever.

- **Keys to Sustain-How to implement, support and measure a long-term employee engagement initiative**

Fewer than 1 in 3 employees are engaged at work. Most organizations know this and try to do something about it. But why do so many employee engagement initiatives fail? The answer is not based in what survey the organization uses to measure engagement; it is based in how the organization and its leaders use the information from the survey. This practical keynote assists organizations and leaders to establish or advance a successful employee engagement initiative by focusing on building capability in leaders and managers. Steps to this include leveraging a consultative approach to training; understanding, communicating, and partnering toward specific business results; and ensuring leaders and managers have immediate takeaways and accountability for follow up.

Select Book Titles

- **2012:** Along the Way: Leadership Stories from Everyday Life

Select Articles

- [5 Questions You Must Ask Your Team](#)

Teams, not managers, need to decide what's important to their engagement. They can do that by answering a handful of key questions.

- [Leadership Is More Than the C-Suite](#)

Businesses must find the right people to fill four distinct types of leadership roles

- [Strengths Based Culture Rewards Staff, CUs](#)

Accentuating the positive maximizes employee engagement and organizational performance

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I have had the privilege to partner with Stosh on a few occasions. Stosh's presentations are thorough, relevant, and rich in meaningful application. I look forward to working with him again. Alison C., Training and Professional Standards Coordinator, Hephzibah

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