

Spencer West

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Inspirational and charismatic, Spencer West speaks candidly about the struggles he overcame after losing his legs at the age of five, and how he never lost the hope or courage he needed to overcome personal obstacles. Filled with both humour and humility, his thought-provoking message inspires people to find opportunity in every challenge. With every speech, Spencer leaves an indelible mark on his audiences, instilling hope and strong leadership so that they can inspire others to create positive change.

In 2008, Spencer travelled to Kenya on an international volunteer trip where he helped build a school in a rural community in the Maasai Mara. On this trip, he met young people who strive to overcome challenges every day. He credits this experience for helping him recognize his true calling—to motivate and inspire people around the world.

Since he began speaking, Spencer has reached over 20,000 students with his encouraging words. He captivated audiences of thousands at Me to We Day events with his keynote address, one of which was featured nationally on CTV and viewed by 1.8 million people.

While on the Go Global speaking tour, Spencer helped young people overcome daily challenges, offering concrete actions to find personal strength and believe in themselves as active change-makers. His words have encouraged thousands of young people to become more socially involved in their communities and around the world.

| Highlights and Take-aways: |

- ✓ *Clear messages on addressing bullying, discrimination and stereotyping*
- ✓ *Offering solutions on how to overcome obstacles, turning stumbling blocks into stepping stones*
- ✓ *Anyone can make a difference because compassion has no limitation and a helping hand has no boundaries*

| Speech Topic: |

The Power of We: Overcoming Obstacles to Make a Difference