THE POWER OF ONE:
How One Attitude, One Action and One Person Can Change the World

Expected to die, John O’Leary now teaches others how to truly live.

John was a curious nine-year-old boy. Playing with fire and gasoline, he created a massive explosion in his garage and was burned on 100% of his body. Given less than 1% chance of survival, John is proof of the power of the human spirit.

His unlikely recovery meant a journey of pain and loss that could have easily been insurmountable. However, far from being an example of someone who simply endured tragedy, John is a luminous example of thriving through adversity.

Surprisingly, this “survivor” story isn’t focused on John – rather, it is a celebration of heroes who intimately served him and his family. From a dedicated Hall of Fame sports announcer to a visionary burn nurse (and countless others), every individual involved in this 1987 fire teaches us this truth: One person can make a profound difference in the lives of others.

With emotional storytelling and unexpected humor, John reminds audiences of the significance of daily attitudes, the power of gratitude, and the impact of serving others with courage. He reawakens audiences to realize the gift of today and the possibility of tomorrow.

John is consistently referenced as “the best speaker we’ve ever had” – earning five-star reviews and inspiring 50,000+ individuals at 100+ events each year. His Live Inspired Podcast is a top rated podcast on Apple Podcasts, and his book, On Fire: The 7 Choices to Ignite a Radically Inspired Life was an instant #1 national bestseller, has sold 200,000+ copies and has been translated into 12 languages.

John’s second book In Awe: Rediscover Your Childlike Wonder to Unleash Inspiration, Meaning, and Joy will be published by Penguin Random House in May 2020.

OBJECTIVES: John illustrates this truth: One attitude, one action and one person can absolutely change the world.

Employee Engagement: 70% of the workforce is not engaged. John dramatically “wakes people up” to realize their role and responsibility are significant.

Culture: John helps organizations build a positive atmosphere to increase creativity and productivity. Audiences learn how to reignite an environment built on shared goals, values and focus.

Communication: John outlines unconventional communication methods to dramatically (and positively) impact relationships.

John has inspired 1,600+ clients, including:

- NorthWestern Mutual
- Stryker
- Pepsi Bottling Ventures
- SSM Health
- BKD CPAs & Advisors
- Cal Pizza Kitchen
- Verizon

DID YOU KNOW?

- John has shared the stage with world-class speakers, such as: Brené Brown, Ken Blanchard, Dr. Henry Cloud, John Maxwell, Dave Ramsey, Mike Rowe, Tony Robbins, Tim Sanders and Laura Bush.
- John's first speech was in 2006 with just three 3rd grade girls in attendance. Since then, he has spoken in 49 states, 14 countries, and to more than 1,000,000 audience members.

“I've helped plan national sales meetings; we've had a variety of speakers: a POW to an astronaut to a special operations military pro. None had stories as compelling or personal as John’s. I speak for the whole audience when I say it was the most meaningful for all of us.” - Kathy Beard, Director, Stryker Biotech

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