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A Pediatrician Sheds Light on The Importance of Regular Wellness Visits

Maintaining regular wellness visits for children is essential throughout a child's development and into their young adult life. These regular wellness visits allow the child's pediatrician to evaluate their physical, emotional, social well-being, as well as prevent any developing health problems or concerns. Pediatricians keep children on track for essential immunizations, developmental milestones, and mental well-being.

Dr. Kristen Lagor is a board-certified pediatrician dedicated to helping families optimize their children's health and building personal relationships with each patient throughout their formative years to customize their treatment and needs.

We caught up with Dr. Lagor to find out more.

H&W: What should parents know about the benefits of regular pediatric visits?

Dr. Lagor: Well child visits are not just about immunizations and school paperwork. During the well child visit, we will also review the child's growth chart and developmental milestones, screen for mental health concerns, and evaluate their overall health. Scheduling a physical at a health fair or walk in clinic is like looking at a single point in time, and may not identify health trends over time. A few examples of things which may be identified at a routine well visit include scoliosis, vision or hearing problems, mental health concerns, abnormal blood pressure, precocious puberty, obesity and poor growth to name a few. Regular visits allow us to identify problems early and employ teamwork and collaboration to create a plan for your child's health.

H&W: Please share details about important milestones and child development

Dr. Lagor: Milestones. The first two years are critical to monitor development. As pediatricians, we are trained to identify normal and abnormal patterns in child development. We look at gross motor skills, fine motor skills, speech, hearing, vision, and social and emotional development. Are they walking on time? Are they talking on time? We see them frequently in the first two years to monitor this development: at birth, 1 month, 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 9 months, 12 months, 15 months, 18 months, 2 years, 2.5 years. If problems are identified

early during this period, kids can be referred for therapies and further evaluation so they may succeed when they enter school. After the first 2 years, kids are seen annually for routine well child visits.

H&W: Tell us about warning signs or indicators that children may be behind.

Dr. Lagor: "Warning signs" could be a number of things. If parents notice that their child is not reaching the same milestones as their classmates, their cousins, their play group buddies, they should not panic, but should discuss this with their pediatrician. Parents should listen to concerns of childcare workers, nannies, and teachers who are with their child all day and bring those to the pediatrician to discuss. There are also standardized developmental screens which we as pediatricians use called the Ages and Stages Questionnaires to help more objectively assess development.

H&W: Touch on mental health and how it affects children and signs to seek help.

Dr. Lagor: Mental health has been impacted negatively by the pandemic in kids. More kids than ever are showing signs of mental stress. Screening for mental health concerns is one of many important parts of routine well childcare. Some warning symptoms for parents to notice include: a drop in grades, a lack of interest in hobbies or being with friends, or a change in eating or sleeping habits,

H&W: It says in your bio, that each patient receives personalized care and that you pride yourself on delivering the best treatment possible...how do you do that if something just happened at work or at home?

Dr. Lagor: I guess that's the ultimate challenge of medicine – to separate yourself from the last visit and treat the next patient like they are your only patient. Each patient deserves a clinician who will listen to them, evaluate their individual needs, and create a collaborative approach to their health care.

H&W: We looked at your reviews. I took a couple of words from each. This is what they mentioned:

- Good listener
- Amazing
- Phenomenal
- Flawless
- Caring and empathetic
- I drive an hour just for her
- Above and beyond
- You cannot compare her to anyone else

When you hear those unsolicited words, how does that make you feel?

Dr. Lagor: Gosh...it feels really good to hear those words. Our goal going into medicine was to become a champion for patients, a cheerleader in their overall health. I'm grateful and humbled that my patients and their families feel that I hear them and understand my dedication to their development on a personal level.

H&W: What else would you like our readers to know?

Dr. Lagor: Just the overall importance of keeping up with routine well visits, advocating for your child, and of partnering with your child's pediatrician.



Kristen J. Lagor, MD

Dr. Kristen Lagor is a concerned and dedicated pediatrician serving the community of Tampa, Florida. Dr. Lagor earned her medical degree at the University of South Florida and completed her residency in pediatrics at the same university. Dr. Lagor is a part of BayCare Medical Group and is board certified by the American Board of Pediatrics. She's trained to meet the unique needs of children through all of their developmental stages, focusing on preventive medicine. Dr. Lagor advocates long-term health care plans and works with her patients to develop and maintain a wellness path. She gives each patient her focused attention, and prides herself on delivering the best treatment available. Dr. Lagor is devoted to ensuring the longevity of her patients' health and developing long-lasting relationships with them.



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Regenerative Options for Hip Labrum Tear

By: James Leiber, DO

Hip Labrum Tears

Think of the hip labrum as a gasket that surrounds the rim of the socket where the hip bone attaches. Its job is to assist hip stability, and when injured or torn, it can cause pain and catching of the joint. If you've failed or neglected conservative treatment such as physical therapy and rest, a common treatment for hip labral tears is arthroscopic surgery to remove the torn labrum.

Arthroscopic surgery for a labral tear consists of cutting out the damaged tissue because it can rarely be sewn back together. This method has generated an entire multibillion-dollar surgical industry in which there is very little hard evidence of success. Removing the labrum does not ultimately fix the problem long-term. In fact, it may cause more stability issues and increased susceptibility to arthritis over time.

Luckily, there are alternatives to invasive surgery. If your primary complaint is pain and you have no "locking" symptoms, you should consider forgoing surgery and looking into Regenexx procedures, depending on the degree of your problem. If arthritis is already present in the hip, then Regenexx Bone Marrow Concentrate (BMC) procedures, which use stem cells from your own body to help repair damaged tissue, could help in treating both the labral injury and your arthritis.

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Not all injection skills are created equal. Physicians should be highly skilled in image-guided injection procedures, requiring intensive training. Many providers offering platelet-rich plasma (PRP) or Bone Marrow Concentrate are injecting low-quality products, utilizing low-level injection skills.

How the product is made, and precision placement, matter. Most of what your family doctor, a physician extender at a chiropractic office, or even an orthopedic surgeon knows how to do are simple injections. Even worse, some providers are injecting these products in an IV, or randomly somewhere near the vicinity of the problem, and telling patients that "stem cells know where to go." Our advice is to run the other way.

Another thing to avoid is the fraudulent advertising and use of birth tissue products derived from umbilical, placental, and amniotic tissue. Although

these tissues have living stem cells at the time of birth, the products sold are devoid of living stem cells, as documented by multiple independent laboratories. Not to mention the fact that the FDA requires that these products be devoid of living cells, otherwise they'd need to go through FDA-approved clinical trials (which no manufacturer has done).

The same can be said about stem cells derived from fat tissue. Again, the FDA considers this to be a drug and it is currently not allowed in the U.S. Right now, there are opportunists who are negatively impacting the reputation of a valid and successful medical approach, done by highly skilled and compassionate physicians, in order to make a buck.

The interventional orthopedic procedures we are discussing here are quite different. Regenexx has the largest database registry in the world, tracking patients for safety and outcomes utilizing their protocols. We understand who is and isn't a candidate.

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In 2012, Dr. Leiber was the first to offer Regenexx in Florida and began offering the nation's most advanced non-surgical stem cell and platelet treatments (PRP) for injuries and arthritis under image guidance utilizing ultrasound and fluoroscopy (X-ray).

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ADD SOME "SPA THERAPY" TO YOUR INDEPENDENCE!

By Ginger Lettelleir

Recently I was talking to a friend who told me that he has never had a massage. He said, "Guys don't get massages." This was surprising to hear considering the many benefits of regular massage therapy.

Spa therapy is a way to provide a reset for your body and mind. Spa therapy can offer you an enjoyable way to release accumulated stress from your body, plus reap the benefits relaxation can provide as part of a healthy lifestyle.

Spa therapy has existed since ancient Roman times. It was reserved for royalty to provide physical and spiritual healing. Today's modern spa therapy includes various types of massage therapy, including deep tissue, stone massage, facials, body treatments and more. The purpose of a spa remains the same throughout the ages...to provide a space where you can go to relax your body and mind. All of the treatment options are designed to help your body relax and release built-up stress and tension.

Spa therapy can also reduce inflammation in the body, improve circulation, and enhance the body's autoimmune response. Additionally, going to a spa to relax can improve your self-esteem and improve mental clarity. A day filled with relaxation and focus on the self can also have a positive impact on your mental health. Spa therapy can help renew your spirit and allow space for your mind to regain clarity.

Achieving a state of relaxation regularly is necessary to allow your mind and body to recover from the physical impact of stress that you deal with throughout the day. Spending the day at the spa enjoying a deep tissue massage can release the built-up stress that manifests as tight muscles in your neck and shoulders. This release of tension allows the muscles to relax, and in turn, the mind relaxes too.

A facial involves cleansing, exfoliating, and hydrating the face while giving your facial tissue a light relaxing massage is sure to put your mind at ease. It also relieves tension in the head and neck, which can reduce headaches.



Let's not forget to treat our feet to much needed love. This is another opportunity to promote relaxation. By focusing on the muscles in the lower legs and feet your body will increase blood flow to the joints. Adding aromatherapy to the foot spa experience enhances the feeling of relaxation by acting on several senses simultaneously. Regular spa treatments result in enhancing your life in many ways. Adding some spa therapy will help you slow down, unwind, and achieve balance. I hope I've convinced my friend that spa therapy is good for ANY body!

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Dr. Martha Sheils is a family medicine practitioner who specializes in providing regular check-ups and screenings. She treats ages 12 to 112+ and builds quality relationships with her patients to help maximize their overall health and treatment plans.

Dr. Sheils sheds light on her practice and what's important to her in patient care.

H&W: Share with us a little information about your background.

Dr. Sheils: I was born and raised in Miami. I always knew I wanted to be in healthcare because I'm naturally inclined to help others, and I love science and how the body works. Being a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine allows me the opportunity to treat the "whole" person in a traditional sense of medicine and also in a more holistic approach. Blending these two practices provides patients with optimal care and outcomes.

After I completed my training in Miami, I moved back to the west coast of Florida and lived in the Bradenton-Sarasota area for 20 years. We moved to Tampa Bay three years ago to be closer to our three adult children.

H&W: How do you view each patient?

Dr. Sheils: I approach all of my patients as if they are family. I try to guide and help them make better decisions for their overall health. But I always tell them, "I can preach all I want and explain why it's critical to make lifestyle changes or get regular lab work or screenings, but it's still up to you to take action." In my practice, we do our best to help each and every person in a positive way and supply them with the tools they need to maximize their health.



H&W: I understand the office is moving to Carrollwood, and you're taking over Dr. Marty Odom's practice.

Dr. Sheils: Yes, Dr. Odom was here for a very long time, and his patients loved him, so we will have to do our best to carry on Dr. Odom's tradition. I believe that once patients have their initial visit with us, they will trust and understand that we are here to help them in many aspects of their health.

H&W: You came to Florida Medical Clinic in November of 2021; how has your experience been with FMC so far?

Dr. Sheils: WONDERFUL! It's a very positive place to be a part of a team. The healthcare my peers and I provide and the specialties we offer are exceptional. Our standards are incredibly high, and we have access to everything we need to practice medicine in a safe environment within state-of-the-art facilities. Florida Medical Clinic does a really great job of supporting the patients and physicians.

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Martha E. Sheils, DO

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In fact, when I asked Makayla what she would recommend to a spouse wanting to treat their partner to a day at the spa, she was quick to say that every person should have a complete hormone panel drawn yearly to ensure your body is working at optimum levels. Research has found that low hormone levels directly impact your energy, muscle



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When you're dealing with chronic low back pain, it's difficult to focus on anything other than your discomfort. The agonizing and sometimes debilitating pain can cause us to lose out on the important things, like spending time with our families, being productive at work, and even the simplest daily activities can require monumental strength to muster through them.

The statistics are overwhelming. Millions of individuals that suffer from low back pain and are not getting the relief that they could simply because their condition is often misdiagnosed. One of the most widespread causes of low back pain known as sacroiliac joint instability demands a specially trained health care provider to diagnose and treat the condition.

Sacroiliac (SI) joint instability, also known as SI dysfunction, is very often undiagnosed because most physicians are not trained in this ligament sprain or joint malalignment disorder. The sacrum is the bottom portion of the spine, and its L-shaped vertebrae are fused together. The ilium are the two large bones on each side of the sacrum that form the pelvic region. Very often, this area is misaligned, and the joints are under extreme tension and/or are offset.

The Symptoms of SI Joint Instability:

- Pain with sitting, standing, lying down or walking
- Numbness or tingling
- Pain that permeates down the legs
- Sciatic pain
- Groin and hip pain
- Pain just under the tailbone
- Gait issues
- Constant pain

Sacroiliac Joint Instability Causes

The most common cause of SI dysfunction is injury or trauma. If you've been in an auto accident or fallen on your hip or buttocks, you may have sprained or misaligned your SI joint. Transition syndrome also causes SI issues.

Other causes of Sacroiliac joint instability are, no precise cause at all. Some individuals are uncertain of how they may have injured themselves or why they have SI joint pain, and it takes an expert to diagnose and treat their condition properly. For women, being pregnant can cause some issues with joint pain due to the hormonal release that causes the pelvic region to relax and stretch as it prepares to make room within the birth canal. Other issues that cause SI dysfunction are spine misalignment, stenosis, and leg length discrepancies to name a few.



Instead of masking the pain with addictive medications or undergoing risky, unnecessary surgery, Dr. Panchal, with The National Institute of Spine and Pain has been offering patient's real relief and a restorative effect for their SI dysfunction. His technique, methods, and experience are the answer that many individuals have been waiting for to alleviate their back pain.

For SI Joint Instability, Dr. Panchal performs the following techniques: radiofrequency denervation, regenerative treatments (as non-surgical options), and minimally invasive SI joint fusion.

The National Institute of Spine and Pain utilizes the most advanced, innovative methods from radiofrequency to spinal stimulation to treat pain from surgical complications as well as the following:

- Back and neck pain, including herniated discs, spinal stenosis, tumors and fibrositis.
- Cancer Pain.
- Neuropathic Pain.
- Complex regional pain syndrome (also known as reflex sympathetic dystrophy or RSD).
- Muscle and joint pain.
- Disorders of the nervous system, including shingles and trigeminal neuralgia (facial pain).
- Chronic abdominal pain and pelvic pain.
- Pain from traumatic injuries including auto accidents
- Pain associated with osteoporosis and vertebral compression fractures.
- Sports related injuries.

Although surgery is critical in certain situations, finding alternative methods to treat the underlying condition is always the first step. The National Institute of Spine and Pain is a state-of-the-art facility that specializes in the treatment of spine and orthopedic conditions, as well as acute and chronic pain management. They provide the utmost quality of care for patients to address the problem directly, and if needed, provide for their pain management needs.

At The National Institute of Spine & Pain, they treat each patient individually, using the latest equipment and various innovative procedures to diagnose pain and determine your care needs. The President and

Founder, Sunil Panchal, MD, is a board-certified interventional pain/ minimally invasive spine physician. He earned his Bachelor's degree in Biology from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY, and earned his medical degree from Albany Medical College of Union University in Albany, NY. In addition, Dr. Panchal completed The Business of Medicine Graduate Program at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD. Dr. Panchal completed an internship in general surgery at the University of South Florida in Tampa, a residency in anesthesiology at Northwestern University in Chicago, IL and a fellowship in interventional pain medicine at the University of Illinois in Chicago. He previously served as co-director of the chronic pain service and director of the multidisciplinary pain fellowship training program at Johns Hopkins University and subsequently as director of the division of pain medicine at Cornell University in New York. He is a member of the North American Spine Society, the North American Neuromodulation Society, the International Neuromodulation Society, and the American Academy of Pain Medicine. Dr. Panchal has authored numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and has served as a reviewer and editor for several journals. He is the co-editor and co-author of the textbook *Comprehensive Treatment of Chronic Pain by Medical, Interventional, and Integrative Approaches* (2013). Dr. Panchal is a principal investigator in numerous clinical trials, including a current study evaluating sacroiliac joint fusion. Dr. Panchal also served as the Chair of the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Cancer Pain Panel and has lectured widely at the national and international level. He is actively involved in the development of novel analgesics and neurostimulation devices, and in clinical research protocol design.

At The National Institute for Spine & Pain, their goal is to strive to deliver the highest quality of comprehensive care for those who are suffering from spine, joint, and nerve injuries. They have many alternatives to help you with your personalized treatment needs. Please visit their website at www.nationalinstituteofpain.org, or call them at (813) 264-PAIN (7246).

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Wisdom Teeth: What You Should Know About Your Treatment Options

Dr. José F. Lázaro has been practicing oral surgery for over 30 years. His expertise and attention to detail set him apart and leave his patients and peers with the highest regard for his skills and knowledge. Dr. Lázaro also has ties to training and educating peers as a key thought leader.

There are many myths versus facts on wisdom teeth and the need for removal at certain ages. Dr. Lázaro recommends the following informative article published by the American Dental Association (ADA) to help patients navigate treatment options.

One major dental milestone that usually takes place between the ages of 17 and 21 is the appearance of your third molars. Historically, these teeth have been called wisdom teeth because they come through at a more mature age.

When they come through correctly, healthy wisdom teeth can help you chew. It's normal to feel a little discomfort when your wisdom teeth appear; however, wisdom teeth predominantly erupt with impaction or other complications and can cause pain and bleeding of the gingival tissue.

The Issue with Wisdom Teeth

Wisdom teeth can lead to problems if there isn't enough space for them to surface or they come through in the wrong position. If your dentist says your wisdom teeth are impacted, he or she means they are trapped in your jaw or under your gums.

As your wisdom teeth make their way through your gums, your dentist will monitor your mouth for signs of the following:

- Wisdom teeth that aren't in the right position can allow food to become trapped. That gives cavity-causing bacteria a place to grow.
- Wisdom teeth that haven't come in properly, which can make it difficult to floss between the wisdom teeth and the molars next to them.
- Wisdom teeth that have partially come through can give bacteria a place to enter the gums and create a place for infection to occur. This may also lead to pain, swelling and stiffness in your jaw.
- Wisdom teeth that don't have room to come through are thought by some to crowd or damage neighboring teeth.

- A wisdom tooth that is impacted can form a cyst on or near the impacted tooth. This could damage the roots of nearby teeth or destroy the bone that supports your teeth.

Why You Might Need to Have Your Wisdom Teeth Removed

Every patient is unique, but in general, wisdom teeth may need to be removed when there is evidence of changes in the mouth such as:

- Pain
- Infection
- Cysts
- Tumors
- Damage to neighboring teeth
- Gum disease
- Tooth decay (if it is not possible or desirable to restore the tooth)

Your dentist may also recommend removal of wisdom teeth as part of treatment for braces or other dental care.

Patients and Referring Dentists

Dr. Lázaro has a state-of-the-art practice with new, innovative, and advanced equipment, software, and technology to serve his patient's oral surgery needs. The office also has conveniently allotted time each day for emergency appointments.

If you or your patient requires a same-day procedure, please call the office to check for availability.

What Kind of Oral Surgery Procedures Does Pinellas Oral Surgery and Implant Center Provide?

At Pinellas Oral Surgery, they provide a wide variety of Oral Surgery and Implant services, which include the following:

- Third molar (wisdom teeth) removal
- Extractions of compromise teeth
- Pre-prosthetic surgery
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- Sinus augmentation
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- IV sedation
- Surgical procedures to aid Orthodontic Treatment

Dr. José F. Lázaro possesses expertise in providing the above procedures in a calm, secure, and safe atmosphere. Dr. Lázaro has developed detailed surgical skills through his years of experience and training. With advanced technology, commitment, and decades of experience in oral surgery, patients can trust that their visit will provide optimal results.

Patients Always Have a Choice

Deciding on an oral surgeon can be intimidating and overwhelming. How do you know who is the best or will give you the appropriate options and choices concerning your dental care? The best predictor is to hear what other patients have to say. You always have a choice as to who you decide to see.

Source:

ADA.org, <https://www.mouthhealthy.org/en/az-topics/w/wisdom-teeth>

To schedule your appointment, please call **727-467-2759**, or visit **PinellasOralSurgery.com**.



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Alzheimer's Disease & Brain Health

By now, most of us have heard the horrifying statistics that nearly 6 million Americans have Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia, and that number is expected to triple by 2050. However, many people don't realize that out of that staggering number, most of the individuals are women. To make it resonate even further, about 3.6 million are women.

The reasons for this ratio are not concrete, but many researchers attribute it to lifestyle factors such as stress and hormonal imbalance. It is becoming better known that genetics may play a role in the disease, as well as toxins, chemical exposure, and lifestyle choices (diet and sedentary lifestyle), but there are things you can do to stave off the progression and onset of the condition.

Alzheimer's Disease is not curable with medications. Some drugs are thought to deter the progression of the disease, but now, research is showing that it might not be an optimal treatment long term as the plaque that forms may be more of a protective measure. Taking matters into your own hands and living a healthy lifestyle are essential tools, and the earlier you start, the better.

Interventional Research

A few years ago, a cognitive study incorporated an interventional methodology to take a multi-domain approach to dementia prevention. The trial called the FINGER Study was conducted over a two-year period in Finland by a team of healthcare providers.

With over 1200 participants, the randomized tests were done on a control group and a multi-domain intervention group. The control group was given regular health advice on a weekly basis, while the intervention group was given tactical exercise, diets, and performance studies three to four times per week.

The multi-domain intervention group's protocol consisted of:

- Dietary guidance
- Physical activity
- Cognitive training and socialization
- Intensive monitoring and management of metabolic and vascular risk factors

The study concluded that it is possible to prevent cognitive decline through physical exercise, diet, cognitive training and socialization, and lower metabolic risk factors.



Diet

All diets should be customized to each person's needs, but it's apparent that diets high in sugar and processed carbohydrates are contributing to neurodegenerative disease states by increasing inflammation in the brain and body. Eating a diet rich in healthy fats, fish, vegetables, and berries is optimal. Limiting alcohol consumption is also very important for brain health. It is well documented that alcohol shrinks the brain.

Aston Gardens offers a memory care facility on their Tampa Bay Campus.

Aston Gardens

Aston Gardens is also one of the most highly sought after communities, due to their dedication to senior needs, their commitment to enriching the lives of each resident and their families by providing personalized care, welcoming living spaces, and superior amenities within three distinct tiers, which include independent living, assisted living, and memory care facilities.

Independent living focuses on being as active, healthy and independent as you want to be, but never alone. Choose from one of our independent living apartment homes, or a luxury for-sale villa and enjoy the all-inclusive carefree, maintenance-free lifestyle at America's award-winning senior living community.

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Want to know why so many people choose to live at Aston Gardens? It's the resort-style life, the caring staff, friendly community, and attention to detail that makes Aston Gardens surpass expectations.

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Failure is a Part of Growth

By Pastor Timothy L. Neptune

The Apostle Peter was a bold man. He stepped up when others stepped back. He was often the first to speak in a group setting. Because of his faith, he was able to walk on water. And, like most risk takers, he experienced his share of failures.

Faith involves risk. Failure is a possibility. But that's okay. Step out of the boat anyway. I love a small part of a speech given by President Teddy Roosevelt back in 1910. He said,

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

I would rather die on the playing field engaged in the battle than rot in the grandstands as a spectator.

Did Peter fail when he started to sink? Yes, he failed. But I think there were 11 bigger failures sitting in the boat afraid to even try to walk on water.

We need men and women of courage today. High-impact people who are willing to take risks and trust God with the results.

Failure is an indispensable part of growth.

The greatest lessons I've learned in life are from the many mistakes I've made along the way.

If you want to be a high-impact person, you too, will make some mistakes and need God to bail you out.

Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and his faith began to waver. But give Peter some credit... he was in the middle of a really big storm, he was outside of his boat in the darkest part of the night. Can you imagine how scary that must have been? I get nervous just standing at the back of cruise ship at night looking out at the sea!

Nevertheless, if we keep our eyes on Christ, what do we really have to fear?

As followers of Jesus Christ, we've been called to live a life of adventure that requires great risk and great faith.



Perhaps you've tried before but failed. That's okay. Admit your lack of faith and move on.

Whatever you do, don't give up, give in, or quit.

You lose more often than you win in life. There are more bad days than good days. You fail more often than you achieve. Remember that God is sovereign and always in control. Nothing can happen to you except by divine permission or divine directive.

Don't live with regrets and second guesses. Learn from your mistakes and then move on. It does no good to dwell on the past and wish you could do it over. Just keep moving forward... that's how your faith grows.

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