

Greg Smith Introduction (Please use verbatim)

“Strength.” When you hear that word, you probably don’t think of a 65-pound man in a power wheelchair. But Greg Smith is “America’s Strength Coach.” And when you hear him speak, you’ll realize why... It takes inner strength to overcome the challenges we face in life. As you listen to Greg tonight, you may feel a surge in confidence, and if you listen carefully, you’ll leave with the desire and resources to continue build your inner strength.

Born with muscular dystrophy, raised by a football coach, Greg's inner strength message offers a very simple and very powerful strategy that will change your life. And his accomplishments are evidence of the results: Greg has been honored as an "Exceptional American" by the National Liberty Museum in Philadelphia, with his plaque and picture right between Stevie Wonder and Christopher Reeve. He’s been profiled in the Wall Street Journal, New York Times, CBS News and National Public Radio. Greg inspires about 30 live audiences a year and motivates hundreds of thousands through his television segments called “Timeout with the Strength Coach.”

Greg’s remarkable life story was revealed to America in a PBS documentary film, “On A Roll: Family, Disability and the American Dream,” which aired in February, 2005. His autobiography, (HOLD THE BOOK UP) “On A Roll: Reflections from America’s Wheelchair Dude with the Winning Attitude” is in its second printing.

His second book, (HOLD THE BOOK UP) “Speaking of Success, World Class Experts Share Their Secrets” is co-authored with Ken Blanchard who wrote “The One Minute Manager,” Jack Canfield who wrote “Chicken Soup for the Soul,” and Stephen Covey who authored “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People.”

For 11 years, Greg hosted "On A Roll - Talk Radio on Life & Disability" a syndicated program that aired on more than 70 stations nationwide, making him one of the most recognizable faces in disability culture.

But his favorite accomplishment and primary role in life is being the active single custodial father of his 15 and 13 year-old football players and his 10 year-old cheerleader. Ladies and gentlemen let’s give a strong welcome to The Strength Coach, Greg Smith!!