The Power of Collecting Your Stories

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Imagine how long ago – maybe 20,000 years – the very first story was told around the fire circle. Stories have fascinated humankind for ages and are a powerful way to communicate, teach lessons, give insights and entertain us.

Stories provide us opportunities to learn from mistakes, emulate our heroes, and envision a future beyond today. We would be clueless about the past and paralyzed about the future without them.

For decades as a leadership coach, father, friend, team member, and colleague I have told stories to illustrate a point, to influence, to motivate and inspire.

Stories are so important to me that I have collected and documented 1,000 of the most important stories of my life. This is a collection of my top 100 signature stories that I tell over and over again to help other people think in new ways.

Every story here serves a purpose – they have a point. And instead of just stating the facts of what happened, I will make these points through stories as a way to share the emotions along the sequence of events so you can sympathize with the characters.

It is my hope that as you read these stories you will think just a little bit differently about something, and that your new thinking leads to a different way of doing, which will lead to a different way of being.

New Thinking – New Doing – New Being

It is also my hope that these stories will inspire you to recall your stories. As you read these stories, perhaps you will be reminded of a moment in time when something made more sense, was



clearer, or was able to motivate you to some new behavior. I hope that you will collect your own stories and tell them in ways that will help others to think better, to do better, and to be better.

Tell your story and you will build relationships and inspire others to think, act and believe from the lessons learned.

Want to discuss your story? Send me an email: peter@germanngroupconsulting.com