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You know, Suzie, my wife, and I have two gold retriever dogs and we trained them as therapy dogs and we take them into hospitals and we treat patients. I'll tell you one story that's so interesting. I'm in a palliative care ward where people are very sick, basically dying, and I go room to room with Tellie, the dog, and I get to one room and the door is closed. And I knock on the door and I say, "I'm here with Tellie, my therapy dog, can we come in and visit you?" And the woman says "I'm not dressed to see you, send in the dog." I let the dog off the leash. The dog walks into the room. Ten minutes later the woman says, "You can go home now Tellie's my new roommate." And I say, "Well, I can't go home because my wife won't let me in the house if I don't come back with the dog." And the woman says, "Learn to live in the streets! It might be good for ya."

And now this started a relationship between a woman in her fifties, an academic from Holland, who ended up dying about two months later. And the relationship between her and the animal was as the doctor who was treating her said, was more meaningful than what I can do for her.

So get involved in charity. Do things that will make a difference in life. You can always get out. Pick a charity and go and make a difference.

And now what the last thing I'm going to talk to you about is what I call roots and wings. And here's roots and wings, but before I get into it, let me say this, you know you're going out into the workforce, you don't know what life's going to bring. It's certainly not just about making money. It's about doing what you want to do and accomplishing it. And don't be timid and don't be afraid. And don't be afraid of failure. If you try something that doesn't work, be persistent, be determined and hang in there. And for god's sake if you're in a job and after you've given it your very best shot and it doesn't work, don't get trapped.

I didn't like the practice of law. I didn't like keeping time records. I didn't like dealing with certain clients and so I got out and did something else. I shudder to think about what it would have been like had I practiced law all of these years.

So as I go out my advice to you would be, you know, get into something you like. Have some fun.

And now this is more to the parents than it is to the graduates. There's a concept called roots and wings, and roots and wings means this you give your children certain basic values, you teach them right from wrong. You teach them what you think they should learn and what they should know. You teach them the moral fiber of their life. That's their roots. Now once you've given them their roots they're going to take their wings and they're going to soar. And you may not necessarily like what they're going to do, but that's how you know, you've done your job. Now I want all of you to soar. Go out after this graduation and parents let them do the soaring. It's very, very important.

Now I'll close on this – I'm married fifty years. My wife Susan is here. I want Susan to stand up. Honey, stand up. Now let's give her a standing ovation, okay, I want to give her a standing ovation. She put up with me for fifty years, let's get up and give her a round of applause. Come on, thanks!

Again I'm deeply honoured and I'm deeply humbled and I thank you very much for giving me the opportunity to be with you today. God speed, good luck!