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His mother named him Jeffrey, but his friends call him Griff. He is currently in a wheelchair, but not forever!

Griff always dreamed of playing sports on the 'big stage'! As a kid he envisioned playing college football as a receiver. He was one-step closer to fulfilling his dream when a construction accident left him broken and paralyzed from the waist down. His life and dreams were shattered but not defeated. During those darkened days, he had a decision to make; he could stay down and quit or get back up and succeed. He chose the latter.

He played in the 2004 Paralympic games in Athens Greece and is a silver medalist for the USA men's wheelchair basketball team. Griff is a National Champion who played for the Utah Wheelin Jazz and is a 4-time All-Star MVP. He was the number one men's wheelchair tennis player in the State of Utah, won the St. George Marathon, has two Guinness Book of World Records, and is the author of the award-winning book titled - *I'Mpossible: Desire. Dream. Do.*

During his 16-year career, Griff's teaching style, humor, and personality have made him one of the most liked and sought after teachers. He earned his master's degree and created a worldwide peer-to-peer leadership program that was recognized at the United Nations in New York.

Griff married his best friend Emily and together they have four beautiful children. He enjoys mentoring youth, eating pizza, playing games, and exercising.

These successes, although impressive, do not define who Griff is. What really defines him is his ability to amplify the power and potential within us. He will not only tell us how to turn the impossible into the possible but he will show us – ONE STEP AT A TIME.

Please help me welcome Jeff Griffin to the stage!