

STARK RAVING FANS

A BREAKTHROUGH METHOD FOR MASSIVE EMPLOYEE
ENGAGEMENT, PERFORMANCE & RETENTION

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*“Ian helped me grow from
6 clinics to 60 clinics
in under 3 years.”*

— R.M.

45+

States

30+

Industries

20+

Countries

350+

Recruited

From early-stage startups to multi-billion-dollar corporations

"To Build Businesses that Bless the World"

— Ian Watts

Every strategy, every framework, every conversation in this session flows from this.

This is for you if. . .



You want better
engagement,
performance, and
retention

This is also for you if. . .



The Emotional Standard...
People who don't just work for you, they root for you.

TODAY'S AGENDA

01 WHERE ARE WE

02 THE HIDDEN CAUSE NOBODY TALKS ABOUT

03 THE ONE-WORD SOLUTION

04 YOUR GREATEST GROWTH TOOL

05 THE ACTS METHOD — YOUR PLAYBOOK



WINTER IS HERE

77%

**of employees are not
engaged or actively
disengaged**

Gallup

**We are in an
engagement
crisis.**

\$2T

lost annually to
disengagement
in U.S. businesses

Payroll x 77% x 18%
= Your Cost of Disengagement



48%

**of your employees are actively
looking for another job RIGHT NOW.**

— Gartner

HIGH ENGAGEMENT IS

PROFITABLE.

23%

More
Profitable

70%

Fewer Safety
Incidents

41%

Lower
Absenteeism

59%

Less
Turnover

WHAT DOES REPLACING ONE PERSON ACTUALLY COST?

TECHNICAL & PROFESSIONAL

100–

150%

of annual salary

MANAGEMENT & EXECUTIVE

200–

400%

of annual salary

This is why retention is not HR soft talk. It is margin protection.

**So, if we KNOW
engagement matters...**

Why haven't we fixed it?

**You can't hit a target
you aren't
aiming at.**

**The real
problem with
engagement
is...**

NEGLECT.

A silhouette of a person sitting on the ground under a large, spreading tree. The person is in a contemplative pose, with their head resting on their hand. The background is a warm, golden sunset sky with some clouds and palm trees visible in the distance.

Neglect

Engagement is low, recruiting costs are high,
performance lags and turnover is rampant
because we have neglected what is most
important.

We've neglected our people's

3 GREATEST NEEDS

MENTAL · EMOTIONAL · MEANING

#1 MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS

470%

return on investment
for every dollar
spent on employee
mental health.

— Deloitte 2024

This isn't soft. This is a business case.

#2 EMOTIONAL NEEDS

Unhappy employees with low well-being take

**15 MORE
SICK DAYS**

per year than satisfied employees

BONUS: Companies investing in well-being see 25% lower turnover — Harvard Business Review

#3 MEANING

Employees with a strong sense of purpose are

42%

more likely to be engaged at work

— Gallup

The one-word solution:

RECIPROCITY.

The single greatest solution to the problem of engagement, performance and retention.

When people feel genuinely invested in, they invest back.

**You can buy a hand,
but you have to
WIN a heart.**

HOW DO YOU CREATE RECIPROCITY?

THE ACTS METHOD™

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ASPIRATIONS

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CALLING

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SUPPORT



ASPIRATIONS

Helping people achieve their greatest personal goals and dreams.

*When you invest in where they're going,
they invest in where YOU'RE going.*

C

CALLING

Helping your people discover and demonstrate what they are uniquely called to do.

People stay when they are led by those who help them see, develop, and use the gifts within them.



TRANSFORMATION

Helping your people thrive personally, not just professionally.

Invest in the whole person so they become healthier, stronger, and more capable outside the job too.



SUPPORT

Helping your people during life's most critical moments.

***When people know you have their back,
they'll have yours.***

Your greatest growth tool?

Highly engaged employees who are STARK RAVING FANS because of the impact you've made in their lives.

AGENDA COMPLETED

- ✓ **01 Where Are We: \$2T in Disengagement**
- ✓ **02 The Hidden Cause: Neglect of 3 Core Needs**
- ✓ **03 The One-Word Solution: Reciprocity**
- ✓ **04 Your Greatest Growth Tool: Highly Engaged Team**
- ✓ **05 The ACTS Method — Your Playbook**



ASPIRATIONS

Homework

1. Ask each employee about one personal goal.
2. Schedule quarterly “dream-fulfillment” check-ins.
3. Connect them to one resource, person, or opportunity.



Q&A
