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Headlines....

Worst first six month start to markets since 1970. I was 10. Looking back over my 40 years in the industry I recall other environments where I thought “this time is different”, where circumstances seemed so dire the markets wouldn’t recover. At 26 I stood around the Quotron (an obscenely large machine that provided market information now available on my phone) with seasoned portfolio managers and watched the markets fall 22.6% in a day. When the markets were closed following the harrowing events of 9/11, I rode my bicycle through the West Hills of Portland on an extremely beautiful day wondering how the skies could be so blue when the world seemed to be falling apart. In 2009, I drove down Canyon Road where all of the car dealerships in Portland have their showrooms and car for sale and it looked like a ghost town with empty parking lots and shuttered doors. The financial foundation of the world was cracking. During the pandemic, a colleague shared the US has a 100% success rate of getting through crises. Staying the course can be challenging, but over time, it has been a rewarding discipline.

Be well.

Lyn Cameron

“The life of a nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful, and virtuous.” -Frederick Douglass

“The best ability is availability. When you work with and for the best people in the business and you love what you do, showing up every day is a joy, but more than that, it is a privilege.” -Charlie Cameron

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