

March 10, 2025 – Staying Focused in Uncertain Times

With everything happening in the world right now, it's understandable to feel unsettled. The combination of uncertainty—economic, political, and global—can create a real sense of anxiety, stress, and even frustration. You may be wondering what all of this means for your family, your future, and the financial foundation you've worked so hard to build. It's natural to have questions, and you're not alone in feeling this way. We want to assure you that we are here for you.

History has shown us that markets go through periods of volatility, but they also recover. For example, during the 2008 financial crisis, markets dropped sharply, but many who stuck to their long-term strategy also saw significant rebounds over the following years. The same was true after events like the Dot-Com Bubble and even the sharp decline at the start of the pandemic in 2020. Markets gripped with fear of current conditions can create long-term opportunities for disciplined investors. Through all of these times, patience has been rewarded.

Your Golden Pond Crew wants you to know that we are monitoring the situation closely and always evaluating how economic changes impact your long-term financial strategy.

\*Our response to the early pandemic stock market was highlighted in MaineBiz. The article serves as a helpful reminder for these times. Click here to view. (hyperlink to <https://www.mainebiz.biz/article/waterville-wealth-firm-invokes-buffett-playbook-in-crisis-response>)