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As we reach the halfway point of the year, it's remarkable how many headlines we've collectively lived through in just six months.

War. Inflation concerns. A new Fed chairman. Shifting interest rate expectations. The largest IPO in history. Endless debates about AI, valuations, and whether markets have become too concentrated.

If you've felt like the financial news has been relentless, you're not alone.

But when we step back from the daily headlines, a much quieter—and much more important—story emerges.

Markets are emotional. They react to uncertainty, changing narratives, and investor sentiment from one day to the next. The businesses you own through your diversified portfolio operate very differently. They're focused on developing new products, serving customers, improving efficiency, and growing earnings over years—not reacting to whatever headline appears this afternoon.

That distinction is easy to lose sight of during periods like this.

Another challenge these environments create is the temptation to chase what's worked most recently. Whether it's AI, semiconductors, or another hot corner of the market, history reminds us that yesterday's winners don't always become tomorrow's winners. Building lasting wealth has rarely come from chasing the latest trend.

Instead, we continue doing something much less exciting—but far more effective.

We rebalance portfolios when appropriate. We trim investments that have grown beyond their intended role and add to areas that have temporarily fallen out of favor. It's not always comfortable, but it's one of the simplest ways to consistently practice the timeless discipline of buying lower and selling higher.

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Will markets experience another pullback? Absolutely. Temporary declines are a normal part of investing. In fact, the average year includes a double-digit decline at some point, even during years that ultimately finish with strong returns.

The challenge is that no one can reliably predict when those declines will occur.

That's why our investment philosophy has never depended on forecasting the next correction. Instead, we focus on the things we can control: maintaining a disciplined investment strategy, managing taxes thoughtfully, keeping costs low, staying properly diversified, and ensuring your financial plan continues to support the life you want to live.

Ultimately, progress isn't measured by what the market does over six months.

It's measured by whether you're moving closer to your long-term goals.

Thank you, as always, for the trust you place in us. It's a responsibility we never take for granted, and we're grateful for the opportunity to help guide you through both the calm periods and the noisy ones.



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