

Dick Beardsley is a compelling keynote motivational and inspirational speaker. He has shared his story with students of all ages and Fortune 500 companies; with non-profit organizations, conferences, conventions, corporate events, fundraisers, galas, sporting events, prisons and drug treatment centers. The response is always the same. Dick Beardsley has made a difference in the lives of people from all walks of life.

For a brief moment during the 1982 Boston Marathon, Dick became the most famous athlete in the world - by losing the race.

That was the beginning of a lifetime of extreme highs and devastating lows.

After he retired from competitive running, a series of near-fatal accidents left him physically broken. In November of 1989, while using an auger to lift corn into a bin on his Minnesota farm, Dick became entangled in the machine; it began to literally tear him apart. Dick was not expected to live or walk—much less ever run again—but through hard work and dedication he survived.

During the next few years, Dick was involved in a severe car accident, later he was hit by a truck while running, later still, he rolled his vehicle in a snowstorm. If that wasn't enough, while hiking one day the ground gave way and he fell from a cliff. Each time he ended up in the hospital with multiple surgeries and each time the doctors were able to put him back together, giving him another chance at life.

These injuries, understandably, took their toll on Dick's body. He would go from doctor to doctor obtaining pain killers, ultimately forging his own prescriptions. Dick found himself spiraling out of control and addicted to prescription narcotics. It wasn't easy, but he faced those challenges with faith, hope, and perseverance. He redeemed himself. He found the strength to go on, only to be faced with the greatest challenge of his life. Dick's son, Andy, died by suicide. Andy was a victim of PTSD due to his time spent serving our country during the Iraq war.

"I had Dick speak to my Procter and Gamble teams in Geneva in 2005. Having brought in a range of top-rated speakers over the years, I can say unequivocally that Dick is absolutely one of the finest speakers I have ever witnessed. His story of personal excellence, of falling, and redemption is uplifting and simply breathtaking. His personable style, his humility and honesty, and his ability to weave a wonderful story ensures he leaves an audience deeply impacted and spellbound. I would highly recommend Dick to any professional organization. His message is NOT a running message. It is a story of the power of the human spirit." James Lafferty, CEO Fine Hygienic Holding

To learn more about Dick's incredible story of faith, hope and perseverance, please contact Jill at jill@dickbeardsley.com or call 512-689-7828