

Dick's journey to fame began during the legendary 1982 Boston Marathon, where he captured the world's attention—not by winning, but by narrowly losing in what is often referred to as the “Duel in the Sun.” This pivotal moment marked the beginning of a life filled with extraordinary highs and devastating lows.

After retiring from competitive running, a series of life-threatening accidents left Dick physically broken. In November 1989, while using an auger on his award-winning Minnesota dairy farm, he became entangled in a Power Takeoff, sustaining severe life-threatening injuries. Despite doctors' predictions that he would never walk again, Dick defied the odds through relentless determination and unwavering faith.

In the years that followed, Dick faced further challenges: a serious car accident, being struck by a truck while running, rolling his vehicle in a snowstorm, and falling off a cliff while hiking. Each incident led to multiple surgeries and lengthy recoveries, but each time, he pulled through and survived.

The physical toll of these accidents initially led to a dependence on painkillers, and eventually, Dick's life spiraled into addiction. After doctor shopping, ultimately forging prescriptions, Dick was taking 80 – 90 Percocet, Valium and Demerol a day. Struggling with a prescription drug addiction, he found the courage to fight through it, overcoming his darkest moments with faith, hope, and resilience.

As a recovering narcotic addict, Dick endured many of these surgeries, including knee replacements, while maintaining his sobriety in a controlled environment.

But even after reclaiming his life, Dick faced another devastating blow: the loss of his son, Andy, to suicide. Andy was a veteran suffering from PTSD after his service in Iraq.

Through all of these hardships, Dick has relied heavily on his faith to guide and sustain him and his sobriety. His story is one of survival, redemption, and resilience in the face of unimaginable adversity.

Dick Beardsley is a captivating keynote speaker known for his inspirational and motivational presentations. His powerful story resonates with audiences ranging from Fortune 500 companies to non-profit organizations, prisons, schools and drug treatment centers, to name a few. Wherever he speaks, the response is the same: Dick Beardsley has a profound impact on people from all walks of life.