

New Man Story

Bill Plotkin — Riches To Rags & Glory

Bill grew up privileged in the affluent town of Fairfield, CT. He entered his family's highly successful lumber supply, custom kitchen and real estate development business after private school and college. He, his wife and three children were all showcase-attractive people and model community citizens. Bill was a deacon in his local Congregational church and led a youth group there. In other words, everything appeared perfect. Sound familiar?

However, there were undetectable cracks in the foundation of this beautiful facade—cracks that would turn into major breaches and eventually bring down the house. Cracks that were originally formed by poor choices and destructive behavior in Bill's home growing up; and which he replicated in his own family as an adult.

Bill's "house" did eventually come crashing down—on every level imaginable. His is an all-to-common story of a house built on a shaky foundation that couldn't withstand the storms that blew it over. Along the way, however, Bill began to turn to Jesus Christ when he saw the storm clouds on the horizon. His newly forming faith-life wasn't able to prevent his dissolving marriage and financial destruction—but it formed the seeds that would sprout into the new life that God would build for him after the fall.

God specializes in turning our failures and the whirlwinds we reap into victorious lives of inexpressible joy and hope when we turn to Him for help and give our lives to Him to be used for His purposes. Bill's "New Man" story is a shining example of this.

MGF Talk Discussion Questions

1. How would you describe the "foundation" of your "house"?
2. Have you ever suffered great loss (or the threat of it) which drove you to God?
3. What specific "crack-mending" do you think you need to be attending to now?
4. Would you be able to recognize a friend in trouble and direct them to Christ?

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