

Triumph Born of Ashes

Trooper Mike Buckingham's Story

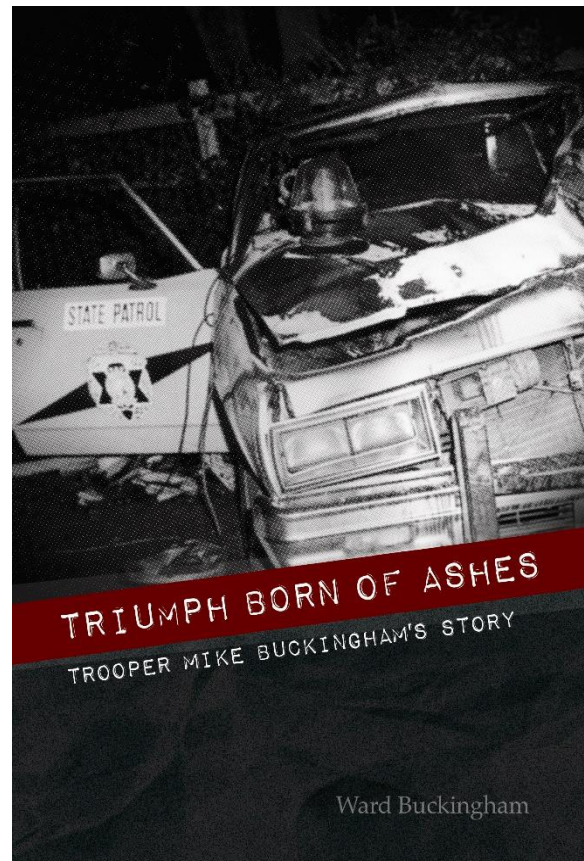
Ward Buckingham

Washington State Trooper Mike Buckingham was an ordinary man, used by God to accomplish extraordinary things. On April 12, 1981, while in high-speed pursuit of a drunk driver, Mike's patrol car crashed, bursting into flames. Despite sustaining painful and disfiguring injuries, Mike survived and dedicated the rest of his life to educating and inspiring others. With his joyful spirit and abundant optimism, he attracted others to his message of hope, and he delivered over 4,000 motivational speeches. His timeless message instilled the value of faith in action, finding purpose, making good choices, displaying unselfishness, and offering forgiveness.

In *Triumph Born of Ashes*, author Ward Buckingham doesn't shy away from revealing his youngest brother's human frailties as he responded to tremendous challenges in the aftermath of his accident.

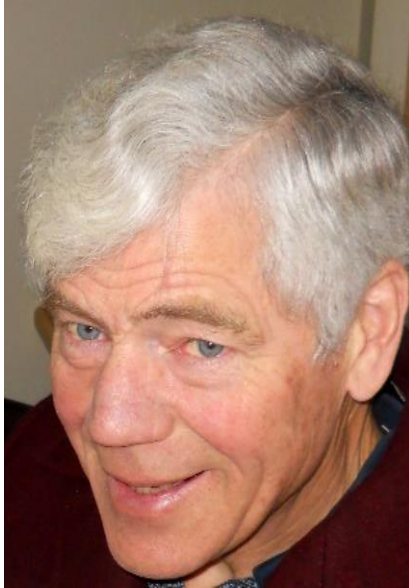
None of us are excluded from experiencing trials and tragedies in life, even those who lead courageously and serve selflessly. Even Christians. Trooper Mike Buckingham's honest and deeply moving story helps others see beyond their own limited ability to make sense of life's trials and offers motivation to leverage the worst for God's best.

We are all just an accident away from eternity. Trooper Mike Buckingham's heartwarming message equips people of all ages to emerge in triumph.



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About the Author

Ward Buckingham

After retiring in 2005 from the solo practice of internal medicine and non-invasive cardiology, Dr. Ward Buckingham speaks and writes about ways to enhance patient healthcare safety, advocacy, and empowerment.

Ward married his childhood sweetheart, helped raise their two daughters, and now he and his wife enjoy doing premarital training for engaged couples. They make their home in Spokane, Washington, where Ward enjoys mountain biking, kayaking, fly-fishing, and his eight grandchildren.

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What Others are Saying About

TRIUMPH BORN OF ASHES

Triumph Born of Ashes is the uplifting story of a brave life. Mike Buckingham fought, despite cataclysmic physical damage and pain and lifelong handicaps, to forgive and have a strong walk with God. From horror, he went on to make his voice heard across America, fiercely attacking driving after drinking, and alcoholism, and educating thousands about these terrible dangers. These arresting descriptions and details of his life, both personal and professional, will reach into your heart.

Dr. David Clarke, *Christian psychologist, speaker and author*

Laying out the story of Mike Buckingham in careful detail as only a brother could do, Ward Buckingham shares with us not just a family chronicle, but a clear narrative and commentary on the sovereignty of God. The old adage of “so you think you had it bad” pales in light of this realistic and transparent story of one man’s life of sacrifice and dedication to others, and, ultimately, to God.

George Dakin, *pastor, Wabash Presbyterian Church, Auburn, WA*

Faced with incredible adversity, Trooper Michael Buckingham chose to make this world a better and safer place. His conviction to educating young drivers to make great choices is unparalleled. For those of us who got to meet Mike and call him friend, our lives are better because of him. This book is a wonderful example of taking charge—getting passionate about what you believe in.

Michael Weightman, *road safety coordinator, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia*

Mike Buckingham truly impacted thousands of people with his life and his message. Having the honor and privilege of speaking alongside Mike on multiple occasions, I saw what Mike was able to see, as people—teenagers—listened to his story. They were glued to him, wrapped up in his words and his message. After the presentation, countless kids would come up just to stand near him, as if something of his life would rub off. To say that Mike Buckingham was an extraordinary individual falls short of capturing his spirit and passion for people. He was a living example of how God can take the worst of a situation and turn it to good.

Pat Ellis, *crisis intervention coordinator and chaplain for police and fire departments, Kent, WA*

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Suggested Interview Questions

For Ward Buckingham

Author of *Triumph Born of Ashes: Trooper Mike Buckingham's Story*

- What drove Mike to maintain the 32 year public speaking pace appearing at over 4,000 separate venues while turning down countless more?
- Why did Mike not share with any family or friends his 4 year struggle with the Washington State Patrol chief and the Washington State attorney general office over denial of benefits to which he was clearly entitled?
- What was Mike's view of disability and how did he deal with that result of his fiery on-duty accident?
- What was Mike's view of his impact as a public speaker?
- Mike was urged by others to write a book about his amazing life. Why didn't he do so himself?
- How do you reconcile the disparity between amazing success in his professional life and relational challenges in his personal life?
- With Mike no longer physically present, what remains of him to continue to impact society for good?
- I've heard there is a video titled "Hello...my name is Mike Buckingham". Is there any way I can get that video?
- Did Mike's product liability suit against the patrol car maker and retailer result in changes for the better in the patrol car fleet safety design?
- What was Mike's view of the 0.08 alcohol arbitrary limit used to define DWI?
- I understand that Mike's log of activities of each duty shift survived the hellacious car cabin fire which Mike experienced, and the only other part of the car interior to survive was the seat cushion on which he was sitting. Can I see that "Officer's Notebook"?
- Do you have a picture of Mike's hands that his medical team wanted to amputate during his 7 month hospital course?

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