

Testimony

Howard Hendricks

I. Background.

A. Childhood.

1. Born into a broken home.
2. Raised by grandmother - grandfather was a drunk.
3. Schooling - teacher expects Hendricks to end up in the penitentiary.
4. The influence of Walt.
 - a. 11 of the 13 men in Walt's class ended up in ministry.
 - b. Walt showed Hendricks more love than his parents.
 - c. Walt was a consistent presence in Hendricks's life.
 - d. Through Walt, Hendricks came to a saving knowledge of Christ at age 9.
5. Developing a drumming skill and watching an idol crumble.
 - a. Finds Gene Krupa using drugs.
 - b. Finds himself empty - drumming never satisfied.
6. Hendricks finds his grandmother crying her heart out for him.

B. Adulthood.

1. The Lord calls him into ministry.
 - a. Went to a Bible college; moved on to seminary.
 - c. Ultimately, ended up teaching at the seminary.
2. Got married and had four children.

C. Concluding thoughts.

1. A psychiatrist told Hendricks that there was no reason that he should be where he was at apart from the new birth.
2. Invitation to receive Christ as savior.

