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Michael Adam Beck is an "anairetoi." In ancient Rome, this was a child saved from the trash heap... "a picked-up one." Abandoned by his biological mother, biological father unknown, his adopted grandparents died when he was young. He became a street kid, ninth grade drop-out, and repeat felon. He was "picked up" by the local Methodist church and nurtured in a community of love and forgiveness. From drug dealer to pastor on a mission to bring "church to the wild," Michael Beck's raw and powerful story of recovery and healing will help you see faith through fresh eyes and discover how God can transform your weakness into your superpower.

About

Beck has been in recovery for 15 years. In the course of that time he has started Celebrate Recovery's, helped inherited congregations embrace a culture of recovery, and planted numerous fresh expressions of recovery.

He is a widely sought after speaker and has shared his testimony, offered customized trainings based on his nine books, preached, and delivered keynotes thousands of times. Michael seeks to inspire people to reimagine faith and remind us that the experiences we most want to hide or erase are the very experiences that God uses to bring healing to others.

Beck is the author of the best-selling spiritual autobiography, *Painting with Ashes*, which is widely circulated in recovery groups, churches, rehabilitation centers, jails, and prisons.

For anyone who has felt unworthy, who has hit rock bottom, who has been hurt by the church, or who has felt like an outcast, Michael Beck will invite you into a journey of healing where all are met with compassion, where transformation happens as we hold space for each other's wounds, and where everyone has beauty to share.

Reverend Dr. Michael Beck is currently the Director of the Fresh Expressions House of Studies at United Theological Seminary, Director of Fresh Expressions Florida, and Director of Fresh Expressions for the United Methodist Church. Michael and wife Jill are co-pastors of Wildwood/St Marks UMCs, and a network of thirteen fresh expressions gathering in tattoo parlors, dog parks, burrito joints, digital spaces, and a state rehab. They house an inpatient faith-based recovery program (House of Hope), a shelter for men experiencing homelessness (Open Arms Village), and a halfway house at their churches. Michael is considered a global thought leader in Fresh Expressions and the founder of the Passional Church Movement.

