

LeaderImpact Podcast – Episode #17 – How to move past hurt, anger, and adversity to achieve success - Bill Adsit

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Episode Summary:

For his first 5 years of life, Bill was exposed to a violent father and two alcoholic parents. From age 5 to 15 he was in a residential school in the Yukon year-round. He went to serve 37 years in the Federal Government in various departments before assuming his role with his own Band, the Tahltan First Nation.

As the former President and CEO of the Tahltan (TAHL TAN) Nation Development Corporation, he established 30 joint venture operations with Canadian corporations. Under his leadership, gross revenue grew from 9 million per annum to more than 55 million.

Bill is currently a consultant with Arrow Transport, Senior Engagement Officer with the Federal Government on the TMX pipeline, and has a deep passion to help First Nations grow economically, collectively, and personally

Bill Adsit is a residential school Conqueror.

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Show Notes:

0:00 – Introduction of Bill

2:35 – Bill shares about his life growing up

- 3:20 – Bill was dropped off at the residential school when he was five years old
- 4:23 – His life at the residential school

8:48 – People who built into Bill's life

- 9:35 – the Christian foster home he was put into in Whitehorse

10:20 – How his name was changed from Belfry to Bill

14:05 – Bill's view of God based on his experiences growing up

[It's a mystery how God works in a person's heart.](#)

[~Bill Adsit](#)

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15:30 – Bill's work with the Tahltan First Nation

- 17:00 – How he turned the corporation around

22:20 – How the First Nation dealt with the fast growth of the corporation

23:09 – His current work

25:09 – Memories that come to Bill from his experience in a residential school

- 26:05 – Struggles he sees most First Nations experience

27:10 – How Bill shares his story, more to the non-aboriginal community than with the aboriginal community

29:23 – Bill shares about the healing he experienced

- 29:44 – Bill was angry and rebellious when he left the residential school
- 30:30 – Was put in jail due to his anger. And prayed while he was in that jail and his attitude changed
- 32:45 – His wife's reaction when he became a Christian
- 33:30 – He had anger problems even after he became a Christian

[The only way anybody heals is to forgive. ~Bill Adsit](#)

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34:45 – Bill's story on forgiveness

- 35:00 – Was working for the Canada Revenue Agency and the story of finding one of his abusers

37:00 – Bill's acronym for JOY. How a person can change

- 37:27 – J – Jesus – Jesus was the starting point for him to change. It is difficult to change on your own
- 37:51 – O – Others – Other people that will help you
- 41:12 – Y – Yourself – You still need to do the work yourself

[You have to make the change yourself. ~Bill Adsit](#)

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43:15 – Bill’s advice for others who don’t feel they can change.

- 43:40 – For Bill, it was an attitude change

44:43 – Bill’s experience going through the residential school hearings

- 45:00 – Bill was the first person from a school in the Yukon to share his experience
- 46:15 – Bill calls himself a residential school conqueror!

46:43 – When Bill decided that his past would stop defining his future

- 47:02 – Right away! It was an attitude change

48:31 – Bill’s involvement with LeaderImpact

- 48:47 – Bill’s daughter asked him if they wanted to go on a Global Exchange, and they went to Mexico
- 49:46 – Was invited to take part in the LeaderImpact speaker training

50:12 – What Bill wants his faith legacy to be

- 50:24 – Wants to be known as someone who respected all people and as someone who is generous

51:15 – What brings Bill his greatest joy

- 51:22 – His wife, his family, his church, he is proud of his country, the ability to help First Nations