



"Who would have ever thought?" is a question **Michael Hingson** thinks about and discusses in every speech he delivers. Michael Hingson's life changed dramatically on September 11, 2001 when he and his guide dog, Roselle, escaped from the 78th floor of Tower One in the World Trade Center moments before it collapsed. Soon after, Michael and Roselle were thrust into the international limelight where Michael began to share his unique survival story and 9-11 lessons of trust, courage, heroism, and teamwork.

Michael and Roselle became recognized experts of the strength of Teamwork and the human-animal bond, and have been successful in communicating the power of Trust in countless media interviews and public presentations. Michael's #1 New York Times best-selling book, *THUNDER DOG: The True Story of a Blind Man, His Guide Dog, and the Triumph of Trust at Ground Zero* was released in August, 2011 and gives readers an unprecedented look at how a guide dog team works and how blind people can be just as successful as our "light dependent colleagues". A harrowing story of trust and courage, Thunder Dog reveals how blindness and a bond between dog and man saved lives and brought hope during one of America's darkest days - September 11, 2001.

Although blind from birth, Michael has an indomitable and fearless spirit that first emerged when he began to spread his wings as a boy, first by riding a pedal car inside the house, without assistance, after he learned to "hear" the coffee table. Then he shocked the neighbors by graduating to riding his bicycle, alone, through the streets of Palmdale, California. Raised with a can-do attitude by parents who refused to send him away to "a home for the handicapped", Michael's father taught him to do math...

Michael Hingson

Speech Topics

- ▢ Teambuilding
- ▢ Personal Growth
- ▢ Overcoming Adversity
- ▢ Motivation
- ▢ Leadership
- ▢ Inspiration



Testimonials

▢ "He (Michael Hingson) was superb, both in content and presentation... Our lab school staff pointed out his ability to tailor the answer, even in the same session to the maturity level of a questioner, whether from a kindergartner or a sixth grade student." ▢

- President, Guide Dogs for the Blind.

▢ "If you are looking for a lecturer who can grab the attention of an eager audience through personal anecdotes and powerful stories, that teach life lessons and are inspiring, moving, entertaining, and amazing, then Michael Hingson is the type of speaker for you...Michael is an excellent and compelling speaker for all kinds of audiences, as well as a joy to work and arrange lectures with." ▢

- Lectures Chair for Adelphi University Student Activities Board.