

Finding beauty in the struggle

Athletics Chaplain Maurice Hilliard authors book, "The Price of a Pearl," which teaches the beauty that is found in life's trials.

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The pearl, one of nature's most perfect creations, is formed through struggle. It begins when a parasite attacks an oyster. In its defense, the oyster creates a solution called nacre to fight off the invader. Eventually, both the oyster and the parasite bind together, forming this unique substance.



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In daily life, people are faced with parasites of their own such as a difficult home life, unattainable expectations or feeling worthless. According to Athletics Chaplain Maurice Hilliard, these situations and people that try to defeat us, the parasites, can create something beautiful, like a pearl.

In his book, "The Price of a Pearl", Hilliard describes the transformative power of God in the lives of women, and how God replaces pain and suffering with hope and beauty.

As a child, Hilliard dealt with his own parasite: an abusive family life. He highlights a bloody experience with his father in the preface of the book, in which he describes a life-long dream to stand up for women, like his mother, and protect them from the parasites in their own lives.

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