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I love meditating on scripture, listening to the heart of God, and inspiring people to build God's kingdom through radical love. "There is no Law against such things," as Paul says in Galatians. I also love thinking about new ways to tell an old story. What is the relationship between God's narrative, beautiful art, and innovative technology?

I believe that through Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God reconciled ALL things—even me and you and those who aren't anything like me or you. I love to proclaim the Gospel because the story is too beautiful to keep to myself. I have found my spiritual gifts to be preaching, teaching, leading worship, and leading people to find and use their gifts.

I grew up in The United Methodist Church at First UMC in Slidell, LA, and I am an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church. I currently serve as Lead Pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church in Bossier City, LA. I have had the great fortune to author six studies through Abingdon Press (*The Gift of Hope*, *What Makes a Hero*, *The Redemption of Scrooge*, *Faith of a Mockingbird*, *Salvation of Doctor Who*, and *Hollywood Jesus*). I am a Louisiana delegate to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences, and the LA Conference Board of Ordained Ministry. I have a BA in Music from LSU and a MDiv from [Duke Divinity School](http://www.DukeDivinitySchool.edu). My wife, Christie, and I have four amazing children: Isabelle, Annaleigh, Cecilia, and Robert.

When taking a Sabbath, I enjoy discovering new music, reading, hanging out with my family, and planning our next trip to Walt Disney World.

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