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Statement of Faith: I am seen by God and know Him to be good.

Calling: I feel God stirring in my heart to unpack and understand Biblical manhood and what it means to be a Godly man, husband and leader. My desire is for myself and for other men to walk in their God given identity.

Ministry Gifts: Faithfulness & Servant Leadership

Past, Present and Future: I have always known who God is, but it wasn't until I was 17 that I fully surrendered my life to the Lord. Shortly after, He blessed me with a Godly wife, Brianna. This fall we will have been married for 11 years. Together, we have had many adventures, including serving in the Air Force for four years and working with YWAM in Australia for almost 5 years. Towards the end of our commitment in Australia, we strongly felt the Lord calling us back to Lexington, Virginia. Currently I work concrete construction with Virginia infrastructure. Brianna and I have a big heart for the community and really enjoy creating spaces for food & fellowship. I have learned to not plan too far into the future (see "impactful life lesson"), but just as Jesus sat around a table and broke bread with His people, we hope to always follow in His footsteps.

Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 139 - His presence is with me wherever I go, this brings me great joy and peace.

Favorite Book Quote: 'We must fight for the life God intends for us. Which is to say, we must fight for our heart, for it is the wellspring of that life within us.' - John Eldridge ... God's desire and intention for us needs to be protected and fought for, there is an enemy that wishes to distract us from the freedom of God's identity.

Who I am: I am on a journey of knowing God more, being changed by Him and making Him known to others.

Impactful Life Lesson: Full surrender leads to real joy. I have found that when I stop controlling and fully surrender my life and plans to the Lord, what He has in store is far better than anything I could have ever asked or imagined.