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Retiring as an U.S. Army Colonel with 26 years of service and now serving as a business executive, I was blessed to have seen and experienced many things in my life.

Despite my blessed life, I felt empty inside. I felt I was living a life with no real meaning or purpose. In fact, I questioned whether I had ever lived a meaningful or purposeful life beyond the role of being a provider, caretaker of my family and soldier. A spiritual void existed that I eventually realized

nothing in this world could fill. I became saddened by this feeling. I eventually reached out to God for help.

In response, God led me to offer my services at a local Salvation Army Corps Church. I had no idea what services I could offer the organization, especially given that I had little to no understanding of God's Word at the time. The Salvation Army opened up its arms and welcomed me into their ministry as a bible study teacher, spiritual counselor, and strategic ministry planner. Well, as the story goes and nearly two decades later, my desire to serve our Lord and Savior is stronger than ever.

While still supporting the Salvation Army, my wife Dawn and I decided to start our ministry; however, our focus was not to start a traditional ministry, but rather a ministry that was committed to supporting other ministries' efforts to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with our focus on helping those who are losing hope or never knew there was hope.

Today, we continue to serve Christ, as well as other ministries by way of offering pastor, bible study, strategic planning services and ministry consulting services, of which are offered with no expectations for compensation.

We stand ready to assist in spreading God's Word and the hope it brings to the world.

God Bless!

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