

### Favorite Food:

*Mexican, really good burgers*

### Favorite Movie:

*Braveheart*

### Favorite Worship Song:

*Consuming Fire, Knowing You*

### Favorite Books in Bible:

*Gospel of Luke, 1 Samuel*

### Top 3 hobbies:

*Anything geeky, soccer, mountain biking*

### What has made you cry:

*Sacrifice, unity in the face of tragedy*

### If you could be anyone for one day, you would be...

*Steve Jobs*

### How did you become a Christ-follower?

*I came into college at U of M as an atheist, and had no interest in anything spiritual. By what I can understand now as the work of the Holy Spirit, I quite suddenly became aware that I had nothing to live for during my first semester. All of my hopes and dreams seemed meaningless, and I knew that I needed to find answers. In my search for something significant to live for, a friend of mine invited me to a small group at HMCC. When I reluctantly tried out the small group, I was surprised by the love that I received from people, as well as the passion and vision they had to live for Jesus Christ. Despite my intellectual doubts, God quickly gave me faith, and I accepted Christ in January of 2000.*

### What were you like in high school?

*I'm the same computer geek now as I was back then ☺ I spent a lot of time on the computer, but also was very into music and was the section leader for my high school drumline. Traverse City, MI, is a great place for outdoor activities, and I enjoyed mountain biking, rollerblading, sailing, swimming, downhill skiing, etc. with my friends. I also played my bagpipes with a Scottish marching band.*

### Where did you attend college and what did you study?

*I attended U of M and, after switching majors about 7 times, graduated with a degree in Philosophy.*

### If you did not know Christ, where do you think you will be?

*Probably in Cali or NY working for a web startup, or involved in some open source software projects.*

### Most embarrassing moment:

*I think I've forgotten most of my embarrassing moments, but one that I remember was my sophomore year of high school in marching band. I didn't memorize my part for one of the songs we were learning, and I was punished by having three of the older members of the drumline give me a wedgie that lifted me three feet off the ground in front of the whole band.*

### Which biography impacted you the most?

*Jim Eliot*

### Anything you wish you could change about yourself?

*I really wish my memory wasn't so bad. It's honestly one of my biggest frustrations about myself, along with being disorganized.*

**What was a life transforming moment after you became a follower of Christ?**

*I remember sitting on a boat in Peru during the summer of 2004 reading the Bible and praying, and realizing that God is worthy of giving my entire life to. It's a moment that I always return to whenever I'm struggling or losing my heart.*

**In what ways are you changing as a pastor?**

*Learning to invest more in people, and to rely on prayer more than planning.*

**Prayer requests (please share up to 3).**

- 1) *Spiritual growth*
- 2) *Reaching out to pre-Christian friends*
- 3) *Making disciples*