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I. Education

- A. AA Political Science- United States Naval Academy(Annapolis, MD)
- B. BA Social Theory- University of California (Berkeley, CA)

II. Church Ministry Background

- A. Youth leader- USNA Protestant Fellowship
- B. Youth/ Cell group leader- Harvest Valley Christian Church (Pleasanton, CA)
- C. Certificate of License/ Gospel Ministry- Highland Unity Church Ministries (Riverside, CA)
- D. Associate Minister- Second Baptist Church (Redlands, CA)
- E. Director of Youth- Tapestry Christian Fellowship (Yorba Linda, CA)

III. Para church Ministry Background

- A. Youth leader- Black Campus Ministry (Berkeley, CA)
- B. Youth Leader- Every Nation Campus Ministry (Berkeley, CA)
- C. Board of Directors- United Outreach Ministries for Christ
- D. Co-director Youth and Young Adult Ministries- UOM

IV. Licensing/ Other Background

- A. Certified Anger Management Facilitator- Seeking Peaceful Solutions
- B. Site Coordinator of after school programing- THINK Together

V. Personal History

I was born March 31, 1983 to Danny and Rhonda Knott. Raised in a Christian home I was exposed to the Gospel at a very young age. I was baptized at the age of 10 at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. At a young age I showed an aptitude for learning and understanding the Bible. By the time I reached High School I found myself like many young people straying away from the things of God. Despite my understanding and relationship with Christ I made a decision to live the way I saw pleasing. I lived by my own standard for a relatively short time when at the age of 18 I was called supernaturally to the ministry. I was a freshman going through Plebe year at the Academy when God placed a very real burden on my heart. I began helping teach Sunday school for the officers children on the grounds. I was excited about this new opportunity and wanted to further my career in ministry as a Navy Chaplain. My hopes were soon dashed when the Protestant chaplain informed me that as an Academy grad I would only be able to serve as an unrestricted line officer, making it impossible to serve as a chaplain. I felt my aspirations in ministry were gone. I turned away from God again, feeling as if my call had been my own imagination or a plea to get out of Naval service. I left the Naval Academy and enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley. That was the first time I was ever really away from supervision. It was also the first time I really ever questioned my walk with Christ. I stopped going to church almost all together, and my relationship with my family when I came home suffered. I was living on a dangerous road I thought I could never recover from.

In August of 2003 I met my future wife. I was going on my junior year at Berkeley and we met while I was at home during summer break. When we met I didn't think anything serious would come of it, but God had a different plan. Through a series of events I still can't really explain, Christina and I were married March 27, 2004, 4 days before my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. It was after that point that God really started shaping my life and my ministry. As a young boy I remember always thinking, I was going to be a godly husband. No matter how much mess I brought into my life, I wanted my family to be serving in the church. I started looking for a church, and really started to shape up my life. I tried to do

everything I could to change the pattern of how I lived, but there were several unpleasant reminders telling me things wouldn't change. Our first year of marriage was very hard. The honeymoon ended quickly behind the reality that we were young, immature, and we really didn't know anything about each other. In spite of our hardships we made it through the storm. Committed to honoring our marriage, and honoring God through our marriage, God began to do a mighty work in our lives. We became members of a medium sized church in Pleasanton, and became active in the youth ministries at church and on Berkeley's campus. Over the next year we grew exponentially in the Word and in our relationship. God was moving us toward what our destiny would be together.

One evening at a campus ministry meeting I met a campus missionary who had just moved to our campus from UCLA. He was speaking at the meeting and something led me to talk to him after the service. Our talk was pretty basic, and nothing that he said at the time really stuck out in my mind. A few minutes into the conversation he asked to pray for me. I would never decline prayer so he began saying a short prayer for me. Again, nothing in his prayer really stood out in my mind, but it was interesting that he was praying as though speaking the Words of God. He would make a declaration, and then say "says the Lord". I couldn't really get my mind off of how he was praying. Then without even really paying attention I hear "I called you to do something, that you haven't begun to do yet." Immediately I felt everything I sensed and experienced the day I was called to the ministry at the Naval Academy. I remembered the sights, the sounds, the words that God had spoken to me that day. I wept bitterly as I felt the doubt and fear leave my heart about God's call on my life. I also felt a sense of guilt because my doubt had caused me to waste so much time. Since that time I have served wholeheartedly wherever Christina and I have been members. In any capacity, in any duty, I serve God wherever he leads. Though I don't have any formalized schooling I am doctrinally sound and have been given invitations to speak at several churches. I consider myself non-denominational, but I most closely associate to the Baptist doctrine because it falls closest in line to Biblically sound teaching. I love the Lord, and I love God's people. My heart is in youth ministry because I remember the very real challenges associated with serving God at a young age. I don't want youth, particularly youth in the church, to think like I did; that you can start your relationship with Christ when you get older. I want to encourage young people to serve God when the time is right. Now.

