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TARGET POSITION:

I aspire to be the "new kind of preacher" that AW Tozer wrote about:
If Christianity is to receive a rejuvenation, it must be by other means than any now being used. .. There must appear a new type of preacher. The proper, ruler-of-the-synagogue type will never do. Neither will the priestly type of man who carries out his duties, takes his pay and asks no questions, nor the smooth-talking pastoral type who knows how to make the Christian religion acceptable to everyone. All these have been tried and found wanting.

Another kind of religious leader must arise among us. He must be of the old prophet type, a man who has seen visions of God and has heard a voice from the Throne. When he comes (and I pray God there will not one but many), he will stand in flat contradiction to everything our smirking, smooth civilization holds dear. He will contradict, denounce and protest in the name of God and will earn the hatred and opposition of a large segment of Christendom. Such a man is likely to be lean, rugged, blunt-spoken and a little bit angry with the world. He will love Christ and the souls of men to the point of willingness to die for the glory of the One and the salvation of the other. But he will fear nothing that breathes with moral breath.

EDUCATION

MA Ministry Southern Christian University
BA Bible Faulkner University

PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

TURNAGAIN CHURCH, Anchorage, AK June 2013 - Jan 2015

Co-Minister

It was a shorter ministry than I wanted it to be. I learned that kingdom work and local work can have different objectives. I learned to spend time one on one with people to increase discipleship. We stuck around a year after contract was terminated (because of lack of salary money) still active in ministry in the community. I even drove a taxi which was one of the best ministries ever. Individuals who believed in us continued to support and encourage us even after we stopped going to church on Sundays.

WEST MEMPHIS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL, West Memphis, AR 2012-2013 Schoolyear

Bible Teacher, Chapel Coordinator, IT department head

I thought teaching Bible every day was going to be my best job ever, but it wasn't. I don't know if it was such a wide gap between last time I taught teens or just the cultural shock from repatriating. Good stuff about this job: Though it was a Church of Christ school, my headmaster had explicitly said that we could go to church wherever, so we found the best congregation-- that wasn't COC. I was at last fired from this job from using street language with a student because she was a professing Christian involved in witchcraft.

UKRAINE MISSION WORK Kyiv, Sumy & Ternopil Ukraine 2005-2011

Missionary

At first thought I was going to be the apostle Paul to Ukraine, but found out that I was simply supposed to be Brett. Very humbling to be in service in another culture. We supported existing churches. We networked with other missionaries from many groups. All the people we taught were first generation Christians. That was fun and fresh. We have a good story about the way the Lord kept us in Ukraine after we thought we were coming home. I have always self-identified as a missionary even when I wasn't, I praise God I actually had a chance to actually do that. And of course, you look back and wish you would have done more, been more bold.

ISLANDS CHURCH, Savannah, GA 2001-2003

Preaching Minister

This like all the other ministries I've had was awesome to me. This church was really skilled at ministering, blessing, healing, a small number of people at a time in this small group. There were leadership conflicts that eventually led me to quitting because of behind-the-scenes control issues. I learned it's important to decide "Who is responsible for the vision of the local church body?" That church is closed today.

CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST, Valdosta, GA 1998-2000

Campus Ministry Volunteer

I was wounded (see next) but this ministry was a balm to my soul in a spiritually challenging time. I held no official position. Being just a few years older than the students, I found them as peers though I taught there.

KEY WEST CHURCH OF CHRIST, Key West, FL 1997-1998

Preaching Minister

My first major ministry, was really great for a while until I fell into sin. I didn't know much about grace and forgiveness at the time, but I became a crash course in it! The church was restorative and quick to forgive, but I fell into a period of darkness. I praise God that he pulled me out of that and restored me into good works in years to come.

OTHER MINISTRIES:

My background in the Church of Christ does not really make room for the ministry of "prophet." But it's who I have come to know I am. I feel like I'm isolated from my COC fellowship because of my evolving faith, though I've been very pleased that I'm often surprised at how far others have come too. My confidence is in the Lord who has a place for me among people who need the good word, the example, and the stories that I have to give.