



From Army Ranger to Ministry Leader: Edward Graham's Story (Part 1)

with Edward Graham

DISCUSSION

1. Growing up, did you ever feel like you were living in the shadow of a prolific family member? What had they achieved that left you feeling challenged to rise to the same standard? Did you respond by trying to match, or even exceed, those achievements, or did you take a completely different path in an effort to forge your own identity?
2. Was your father someone you felt comfortable going to in times of trouble? What was his attitude or demeanor when you came to him with a problem? What kind of advice did he usually give you?
3. Like Edward, did you have a childhood dream? Did you pursue that dream when you had the opportunity? If so, did you achieve that dream, and was it everything you'd hoped it would be? If not, at what point did you decide to pursue a different goal?
4. Have you ever hit a low point and had a trusted friend or family member call you out, making you realize it was time for a major change? What brought you to that low point, and who was the person who eventually inspired you to climb out of it? What did it feel like to receive their discernment that you were on the wrong path?

5. Have you ever been in a job, educational institution, or organization where you realized that you'd become too comfortable and were no longer being challenged? Describe the moment when you realized that pursuit had become your "comfort zone." Did you decide to do something different? How did you come to that decision?

6. Do you let God and the identity he has given you shape your vision of what success in life looks like? Have you ever let someone else – or an organization – define success for you? How long did you chase that version of success, and what made you realize you needed to put your identity in Christ instead?