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# OUR PASSION



## GRITTY PASTORAL CARE

The ruggedness of life demands a gritty approach to pastoral support and care. Compassion is the linchpin of our view of ministry. By definition, compassion means to "suffer with" and intentionally enter the pain of others. We believe that coming alongside people, rejecting easy answers, and embodying a cross-shaped posture are all essential for aiding others on the journey of faith. We are committed to providing this brand of pastoral support, which we call "battle-worn soul care."



## TRUTH FOR THE TRENCHES

Truth seems meaningless if it doesn't connect to real life. If we can't translate its significance into our challenges and questions then what good is it? When thinking about biblical truth we are always asking one question: "why does it matter?" Or to put it another way, "how does this particular truth connect to real life?" We live in the trenches of work, parenting, relationships, loss, and hardship--truth has to touch these areas if it is to be relevant and helpful. Our passion is to help connect those dots.



## GOSPEL-RICH RESOURCES

We believe that hope and freedom are found in Jesus Christ, the one who came to live and die for us, the one who conquered death through his resurrection. Our commitment is to keep him front and center as we speak to the depressed soul, the anxious mind, and the angry heart. Our goal is to develop a wide array of gospel-rich resources that will connect the raw challenges we all face in life with the real hope of Jesus. As men who know what it is to be rescued and known by Jesus, he alone is our passion.



# OUR APPROACH

## BATTLE-WORN SOUL CARE



### LIFE IS MESSY

Pain, suffering, sorrow and heartache are the norm, not the exception in this life. We are all experts at covering up this fact. In reality, we are all well acquainted with the messiness of life. Life is hard. Battle-worn soul care looks this reality in the face; it lives where the mess intersects with soul mending truth.

### THEOLOGY MUST BLEED

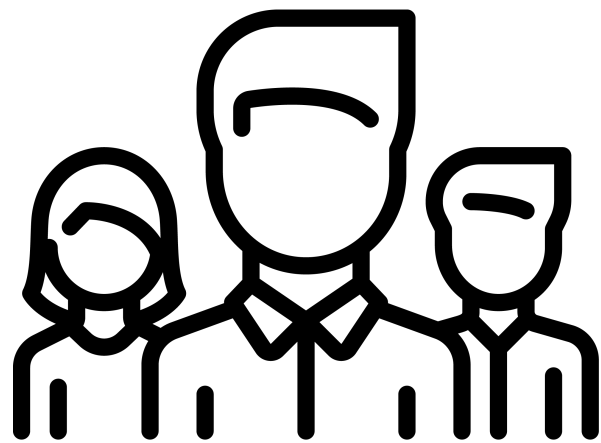
The messiness of life must change how we think about God and faith. Theology is about exploring the intersection of faith with real life. The best theology is anything but clean. Battle-worn soul care understands this and practices theology in the fray, theology that's comfortable with dirt, theology that bleeds.

### THE TOMB IS EMPTY

In the mess of life, we need the truth of a crucified God. But that's not all we need. In the darkness, we need resurrection light. We need hope. The empty tomb changes everything. Battle worn soul care wages war on hopelessness as it pushes people to God's conquest over death in the resurrection of Jesus.



# OUR BACKGROUND



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## EXPERIENCE & EDUCATION

40 yrs combined pastoral experience in military chaplaincy, prison ministry, theological research/writing and local church leadership. Academically, we each hold multiple master's degrees in theology as well as doctoral degrees in ministry.