

ShoreLife

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WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION & INTERESTS? I work as a Ministry Development Officer for Evangelical Christian Credit Union – where I have worked for 7.5 years. I love my job because I get to shape the way that ministries think about important things like financial integrity and stewardship. I like reading, making music and just recently got a meat smoker which is a lot of fun!

WHAT ARE YOU FOCUSED ON IN YOUR CHRISTIAN LIFE? I've been really enjoying teaching in different contexts (small group, Long Beach Rescue Mission, work). I am always trying "to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." (Philippians 3:12). Our small group has been studying Colossians, and that has been a huge blessing as well. God's been teaching me many lessons since becoming a father. It seems that every day, I get to relate to my son in a way that draws me closer to our Heavenly Father and shows me in greater measure, the depth of His love and grace in my own life.



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