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## Q&A with Dr. Jeremy W. Odom

Q. How did you get your first writing break?

A. I actually began writing in the Second Grade. It was the first time I laid eyes on my first school crush and I started writing poetry in an attempt to win her love. I've been writing ever since.

Q. What inspires you to write today?

A. I would have to say the memory of my late pastor – Dr. Joseph Dupree. I remember in conversations with Dr. Dupree him telling me how he was ready to retire and write a book. So anytime I start a new writing project, I use his memory as my inspiration.

Q. What is something your readers might be surprised to learn about you?

A. There are a lot of things that may surprise my readers. I believe one of the biggest surprises would be that I am a survivor of a brutal gang rape from my time in the military.

Q. When you're not writing, what do you like to do?

A. I'm a simple guy. I like riding horses, traveling, studying or just watching a good movie.

Q. You started writing at a young age, what other careers or jobs have you had?

A. My first job was actually counting trucks as they dumped loads of dirt on a construction site. I was a Chaplain's Assistant in the Army, a butcher, cashier, security guard, home health direct service worker, machinist, bookkeeper, secretary, tax preparer, janitor, program coordinator and executive director of a non-profit organization. Although I enjoyed successes in these jobs, the truth is, writing is my passion.

Q. How does your faith play into your writing?

A. As an ordained Baptist preacher, my writing is mostly biased towards the Christian church's perspective and helping preachers hone their individual gifts for the benefit of the local ministry.

Q. If money were no object, what vacation would you like to take and why?

A. I would love to take a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and walk the same streets that Jesus Christ walked. Every preacher I've spoken to about their Holy Land experiences all agree that there is a transformation in your preaching ministry afterwards and I would like to experience that as well.

Q. Who are some of your favorite authors?

A. I would say Spurgeon, E.K. Bailey, John C. Maxwell, Mallery Callahan, John Tyson and Jon Bennett.

Q. What is the accomplishment that you are most proud of?

A. My service in the United States Army.

Q. What advice would you give to a writer just starting out?

A. This business can be very disparaging at times and it's certainly not a get rich quick career. So, it is prudent for anyone to know that becoming a published author is a process. Avoid the shortcuts because they are expensive and can ruin your reputation as an author quick.