

# Rob Golding

## Seeking Pastorate

Rob and his wife, Olivia, have experienced a wide array of American culture. Both Army veterans, the Goldings have lived in Southern California, Texas, Georgia, Alabama and Pennsylvania (Olivia was also stationed in South Korea and Kuwait). They are very adaptable and eagerly ready for the next chapter in their lives.



Rob has a heart for revival. He longs to be used by God to proclaim the Word, in season and out, and to see the Holy Spirit blow with healing in His wings. He and Olivia have experienced the incomprehensible grace of God in their lives, and they long to see God do this work in others, for His glory. Rob is no stranger to meaningful conversations with older people whether Christian or not, due to his time in the Army when he was regularly put in charge of those decades older than him. He has also spent much time in college settings having spiritual conversations with believers and unbelievers alike as well as almost two years of youth ministry. Rob is comfortable expressing the beauty of Christ to anyone with ears to hear. Furthermore, his time in the Army gave him world-class training and experience in organizational leadership and team management.



Since the age of twelve, Rob has desired to be a pastor. Everything he has done from that age until now has been with an eye toward that end, for it is the way he perceives that he can best glorify Jesus Christ, who saved him from sure death. Rob has been in leadership roles since 2009 when he first led a small group Bible study. Since then, he has been an Army officer, intern, and youth group leader. He has been studying the Bible and sharing it with people since he was 12 (2000), but with special focus since 2009 when he studied the Bible and theology at Biola University (BA in 2012). He will, Lord willing, graduate Westminster Theological Seminary with an MDiv in May, 2021.

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Sermon Example<sup>1</sup>: [trinitychurchabington.com/sermon-series/](https://trinitychurchabington.com/sermon-series/)

### **Education**

- Current: MDiv, Westminster Theological Seminary (Glenside, PA). Expected Graduation: May, 2021. Current GPA: 3.93
- BA in Biblical and Theological Studies, Biola University (La Mirada, CA) 2012. GPA: 3.55 (*cum laude*)
- ROTC Commission, California State University Fullerton (Fullerton, CA) 2012. (Distinguished Military Graduate)

### **Publications**

- “Making Sense of Hell” *Themelios* (TBP Spring, 2021)
- “A Critique of David Bentley Hart’s ‘That All Shall Be Saved,’” *The Southern Reformed Theological Journal* 5.1 (2021): 97–131.
- “The Sea of Glass—A Poem” *Westminster Theological Seminary Magazine*, November 2020.

### **Academic Awards**

- William Edgar Creative Writing Award, Westminster Theological Seminary, Summer, 2020.

### **Family**

- Wife: Olivia Golding
- Daughter: Everly Joy Golding (three years old)
- Son: Robert Desmond Golding II (two years old)

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<sup>1</sup> Click on ‘Browse Speakers’ > ‘Rob Golding’ > ‘The Security of His Love’

## **Ministry Experience**

### Youth Pastor, Abington PA (September 2019 – Present)

- Trinity Community Church (Abington, PA)
- Provide weekly sermons / lessons for 10-15 students (8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Lead adult small group
- Lead liturgy for adult service
- Preach for adult service

### Intern, Columbus, GA (2017)

- CrossPointe Church (Columbus, GA)
- Delivered one sermon and one Reformation lecture
- Led small group
- Participated in mission trip to Uganda
- Wrote multiple papers, attended staff meetings, assisted with administration, oversaw resource room

## **Military Experience<sup>2</sup>**

### Commander's Action Group (CAG) Officer, Fort Benning, GA (2017)

- (Left Army at rank of Captain in January 2018)
- Action officer directly responsible for accomplishing initiatives implemented by the Commanding General of Fort Benning
- Developed and improved system for tracking, briefing, and coordinating distinguished visitor (US congressmen, foreign generals, etc.) events
- Senior rated on Officer Evaluation Report by Two-Star General (Major General)

### Regimental Headquarters Troop Executive Officer, Fort Hood TX, (2015-2016)

- Executive officer (second-in-command) for a 240-person organization, responsible for day-to-day operations, personnel management, and future operations planning
- Oversaw logistic requirements to move hundreds of thousands of pounds of equipment worth over \$40 million across state lines to the National Training Center and back (TX to CA)
- Managed the largest Troop level organization in the Regiment with over 10 field grade officers (who outranked him) to include Regimental Leadership

### Anti-Tank Weapons Company Executive Officer, Fort Hood, TX (2014-2015)

- Executive officer (second-in-command) for a 100-person organization, responsible for day-to-day operations, personnel management, and future operations planning
- Resourced multiple field training exercises and live fire ranges

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<sup>2</sup> See attached document for official Officer Evaluation Reports.

- Selected as top Executive Officer in Squadron
- Oversaw transfer of millions of dollars of company equipment to and from other organizations
- Selected to send monthly Unit Status Reports briefs to the Pentagon on behalf of the company

#### Infantry Platoon Leader, Fort Hood, TX (2014)

- Platoon leader (first-in-command) ultimately responsible for the health (spiritual and physical), morale, and welfare of a 20-person platoon
- Led Infantry Platoon through multiple field exercises and implemented strategies that increased efficiency and productivity as indicated in Officer Evaluation Form
- Led platoon to achieve the highest physical fitness standard in the Company

#### Public Affairs Officer (PAO), Fort Hood, TX (2014)

- Developed and published 6 monthly Squadron Newsletters
- Coordinated, executed, and published Squadron Photo

#### Reconnaissance Platoon Leader, Fort Hood, TX (2013)

- Platoon leader (first-in-command) ultimately responsible for the health (spiritual and physical), morale, and welfare of a 23-person platoon
- Won Troop scout proficiency competition
- Improved Platoon Physical Fitness scores by an average of 20 points

#### Army Basic Officer Leadership Course Student, Fort Benning, GA (2012-2013)

- Student training 55+ hours a week in military leadership
- Immediately selected as class leader (Student Troop Commander)
- Graduated on Commandant's List

#### Army Reserve Officer Training Corps Cadet, Fullerton, CA, (2008-2012)

- Cadet training 12+ hours a week in military leadership
- Selected as the class leader (Cadet Battalion Commander) responsible for the management and supervision of over 180 future US Army Officers in 2012
- Advanced Team Member (Ranger Challenge) who helped team finish second in annual Ranger Challenge Competition in Nevada
- Completed the Leadership Development and Assessment Course (115+ hours/week for one month) in 2011
- Graduated as Distinguished Military Graduate

### **Civilian Experience**

#### Jay's Catering, Garden Grove, CA (2007-2008)

- Food server / Caterer

The Sharper Image, Newport Beach, CA, (2006)

- Sales and product demonstration

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