



Aaron McMillan with Wife Amy

Aaron's greatest earthly blessing in this life is his wife of 19 years, Amy. Together they have chased ducks, made music and climbed mountains and followed God wherever He has called. Along the way He has blessed us with four amazing kids Emily, Wilson, Lucy and Joshua. If you ever visit their home you'll meet their two labs, Gwen and Max.

Ministry for the McMillan's began in Colorado where Aaron attended Denver Seminary pursuing a degree in Philosophy. This led to several years of work in student ministry while completing preparation for ordination at Memphis Theological Seminary. In the years since God has used both Aaron and Amy in churches large and small, urban and suburban. The one thing that has always been constant is their passion for the power of the Gospel to change the lives of everyday people in stunning and surprising ways.

When Aaron isn't with his family or working in ministry you will most likely find him riding his bike up the biggest hill he can find.

Some of my favorites:

Hobbies: Mountain Biking, Camping, sitting in the courtyard of a favorite restaurant watching the sun set with people, driving old cars

Vacations: Angel Fire New Mexico (a big family adventure in the mountains), San Francisco (just Amy and I roaming Chinatown and Marin County)

Books: Good books are like good friends. You spend your life with them.

The Complete Stories of Flannery O-Conner, The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis, Short Stories Vol 2 by Leo Tolstoy, Bonhoeffer by Eric Metaxas, Steve Jobs by Walter Isaacson

Food: Chipotle (once a week for good health), Red meat cooked on the grill with plenty of help from good friends, homemade chicken noodle soup,

Movies: Whiplash (still has me thinking), Brick (think I'm the only one who ever watched it), Casablanca (some clichés are for real),

Sports: Denver Broncos, Memphis Grizzlies, and as of 2020 the Nats! Those who desire that I root for their favorite team may take me out to lunch in order to state their case.

Quote: "We shall not cease from exploration; and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and to know that place for the first time." T.S. Eliot.

On My Playlist: Mumford and Sons, CXVI, The Police, U2 (because apparently, we all like U2), Elvis Costello, Broken Bells

Spiritual Bio:

My life with Christ began at six years old in the backseat of my parent's Ford. Eating Cheerios and staring out the window I just began thinking about what my parents had been telling me about Jesus. I decided that He was what I wanted and needed. So, I prayed "The Prayer."

It was in my young adult years though that I truly began to understand what it meant to desire Christ above all things, to actually live with God. I had been passionately pursuing a young woman, convinced she was the only thing that could make my life complete. (And yet) The more deeply I gave myself over to winning her heart, the further I grew from God and from her. I had begun to love her more than anything, even more than God. So, with the help of a few close Christian friends I stopped pursuing her (I'm not sure she noticed) and began to find my life and my identity in Christ alone. In many ways it was the first time my faith had required so much of me or formed me so deeply. It was one of many turning points in my life with God. It

also represents what life with God to me, is meant to be; a daily walk, each day by His strength, in which I am being continually formed into the image of Christ. Most importantly, I came to discover that in all this I was actually becoming the thing that that girl had been waiting for all along, a man who loved Jesus even more than her.

Of course, there is more to the story. I did end up marrying that girl. Her name is Amy. Together God called us to ministry and there has been much fruit as a result. Our family has bloomed. We have ministered in three separate regions of the country (South, Rocky Mountain & Mid-west). God has allowed us to be used in many ways. We can't wait to see what God has for us next... in Virginia!