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**Please share three to four brief paragraphs about yourself. Remember to include the following Professional experience and history, about you and your family, where you were born, hobbies, interests.**

My name is Rob Croyle. I was Born in Killeen, Texas but have spent most of my life in the Spokane/Post Falls/Coeur d'Alene area. After drinking my way out of Eastern Washington University (please don't hate me), I joined the Washington State Air National Guard where I served part-time for 6 years and full-time for 20 years as an Information Technologies Technician. I gained a lot personally and professionally in my military career, and worked for and alongside some great leaders.

Working in my parent's family-owned business also had a profound impact on me. My dad started a transmission shop when I was 15 and immediately put me to work by putting a broom in my hand. I learned a ton through their ups-and-downs of starting a fledgling business and ultimately surpassing the competition both in reputation and customer base. After retiring from the military, I managed, grew, and helped my parents sell the business.

I met my wife at Spokane's Moody Bible Institute Extension Campus in 1993 and married in May of 1996. We have four adult children who joined us in the move to Missoula four years ago. Christy and I love to lift weights together, go on hikes, and check out the breweries in the area. We both love serving with the Chamber of Commerce Red Coats and are working to build roots here.

I am the lead pastor of Mission Ridge Church. Mission Ridge is a new church plant that had its first service in September of 2018. I came to Missoula four years ago to be the Executive Pastor and became the Lead Pastor the next year. I am passionate about discipleship, equipping leaders, telling stories, and helping friends experience God in tangible ways.