

# Dalton Kalas

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.” LUKE 2:14



As Christmas approaches, I would like to invite you to join me in praising God for all that He has done in my life over the past year. Almost a year ago, I transitioned from six years of active duty with the Army to minister to service members through Cadence International. It is amazing how He blessed my desire to move in this ministry direction every step of the way, despite some frustrations and anxieties during the process. I was released to full-time ministry in August, after God provided me with full support, and it has been an interesting ride since then.

“Growth” and “adaptation” are good words to sum up these first months in ministry. I have been establishing myself in a role that did not previously exist. The flexibility I’ve been given to establish what I do has been enjoyable but also frustrating at times, as I bump into unforeseen obstacles or challenges. But all in all, the work has been rewarding!

I find those rewards in the routine and non-routine aspects of my job. One of the regular activities I do is host a weekly men’s group. Through this group, the Lord has been



Sometimes we do something special for Men’s Group, like have a bonfire.



I am not alone in doing military ministry—my partners (left to right) are Jennessa, Sabrina, and her husband, R.J.



One example of the many homemade soups Kayti has made for Men’s Group.

teaching the guys the disciplines necessary to grow as they strive to become more like Christ every day. We have finished the book *Disciplines of a Godly Man* and are now focused on a new study related to the discipline of

money management—one discipline not covered in the aforementioned book. As a bonus, the guys who come to Men’s Group get to eat different homemade soups that Kayti makes. She always gets lots of compliments! I am very grateful that Kayti volunteers to do so much, even though she is not Cadence staff.

Outside of Men's Group, I try to disciple guys through more personal, one-on-one relationships. For example, I have been meeting regularly with a guy to encourage him in reading and applying the Word to his life. Sometimes we meet over coffee or a meal, or we spend time together doing something he enjoys, like disc golf. I know the military can be an all-consuming place, which is why I am encouraging him to stay in the Word. We should all be spending time in the Bible, letting God ground us in Christ, rather than letting the influences around us determine what we value or focus on.

When imagining my next year in ministry, I have a few desires I am trying to submit to the Lord each day. I am praying that God will expand my effectiveness in discipling men as I incorporate *Every Man A Warrior (EMAW)* into my discipleship efforts. I recently purchased materials from this organization, and I plan to start one or two EMAW groups next year. I am also praying that I will be able to begin meeting regularly with one or two more guys individually to mentor them. Lastly, I'm praying that I will be able to organize more service projects in which the men

can become involved. I mentioned above that I am trying to submit these plans to the Lord, and this is because, although it may be easy to start them, only He can make them effective or fruitful. Please pray with me about these plans and that I will remain dependent on the Lord as I pursue them.

Thank you, and Merry Christmas!

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Our Millie just turned eight months old!



The group of soldiers and airmen that joined us for our annual Thanksgiving event.



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