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First and foremost, the two most critically, eternally important things that occurred in my life have been finding and joining the church when I was seventeen years old; and later meeting and marrying Robyn Hadley. Those two single events have shaped who I am as a person more than all other things combined.

Now to fill in some of the other details... I was born in Reno, Nevada and was raised as an only child. From the time I was four years old, until I left for college, I grew up in Las Vegas. I am a second generation American, my grandfather emigrating from Italy when he was four years old. I am roughly 85% Italian (Staples being my step-Dad's name that I took on when he married my Mom when I was seven years old). Growing up I spent every summer on my grandparent's farm in western Pennsylvania and it provides some of my fondest memories. I served a full-time mission in the Brazil, Rio de Janeiro mission. I went to BYU and remain a loyal fan today.

Robyn and I were married in St. George Utah. We have five children, all of whom are married. At the time of writing this, we have nine grandchildren. During our married life, we lived in Utah county for fifteen years, Seattle for six years, and have been in our current home in Sandy for thirteen years. Professionally, I am a marketing executive, with my entire career spent working for technology companies.

In what spare time comes my way, I have two "loves" – traveling with Robyn and baseball. My other "likes" include golf, racquetball, snowmobiling, college football, and home projects.