



## God Through the Years: Ray Scott 1961 – Today

### Early 1900s

- My Conti family: Great-grandparents donated land for a church in Gardner, Massachusetts.

### 1961

- Born on September 19, 1961, in Gardner, MA. My middle name, Paul, honors my great-grandfather, Conti, who helped build homes in his community.

### 1965

- Moved to New Jersey.

### 1967

- Became an altar boy at St. Francis Cabrini Church.

### 1969

- Uncle George Corrigan shared the teachings of Jesus and God's word after a family football game.

### 1973

- In middle school, my band teacher, Mr. Curry, encouraged me to believe in my potential.

### 1976

- At Piscataway High School, I became the Super Chief of the band and performed at the NY Jets halftime show.

### 1977

- Joined the PHS cross country and track teams with my brothers, Bobby and Rodger.
- As Super Chief of the band, I performed at Disney's Pete's Dragon grand opening and the NJ Giants halftime show.

### 1979

- Participated in the Thanksgiving Day Parade in NY, the NJ Giants halftime show, and the National Show Band Championship in Orlando, Florida.
- Served as a senior member of the "Thank You, Canada" petition, led by teacher Joseph Karoni, at the Canadian Embassy in NYC.

### 1980

- Ran cross country at Taft College and competed in steeplechase, 10,000m, and 5,000m events.
- Served as ASB Treasurer, yearbook staff member, and drill team supervisor.
- Worked as an off-campus dorm supervisor and student teacher at Camp KEEP.

### 1982

- Earned an AA degree in Business Administration.
- Honored as "Co-Citizen of the Year" by the Taft Chamber of Commerce, along with my wife, Deann.

### 1983-1987

- Joined the USMC on November 15, 1983, becoming a squad leader and religious prayer leader.
- Graduated on February 15, 1984.
- Married Deann on August 24, 1984, and welcomed our daughters Lindsey (1984) and Ashley (1986).
- Served in Operation Bright Star in Egypt, setting up two field exchanges.
- Awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.



#### 1987

- Ended active-duty service on November 15.
- Volunteered in prison ministry and grew spiritually through Kern Christian Center.

#### 1988-1992

- Worked as an insurance agent, McDonald's manager, and Olive Garden general manager, earning top performance recognitions.
- Diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer on June 7, 1992, and given 1.5 years to live.
- One week after surgery, I gave my testimony at Kern Christian Center, leading 25-30 people to worship.

#### 1994

- Survived multiple health crises related to cancer treatments.
- Healed by God during a Benny Hinn healing crusade on November 16.
- Became a Promise Keepers Ambassador.

#### 1996-2000

- Played key roles in Bakersfield's centennial events and Promise Keepers gatherings.
- Achieved success in restaurant management and community service.
- TBN featured my healing testimony in This Is Your Day.

#### 2001-2024

- Led recycling initiatives, community events, and educational programs as part of my work with Price Disposal and Keep California Beautiful.
- Earned numerous awards, including Keep America Beautiful's "Diamond Level State Affiliate" recognition and the Sue Smith Leadership Award.
- Published My Cancer, God's Mercy with TBN Trilogy Publishing in 2023.
- Honored with the ARD Hero Military Personnel Award in 2022 and the Ft. Irwin Hero Award in 2024.

#### Present

- Serving on various advisory boards, including Taft College Foundation Board, Keep California Beautiful – Board President Emeritus, Kern High School District CTE Community Chair, Wells Spring Counseling Board.
- Educate, Engage & Encourage Community Service
- Continuing to honor God's mercy and inspire others through faith and service.