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## **From Broken To Beautiful:**

*How Art & Faith  
Brought Me Back To Life*

## **Renewing Your Mind:**

*Where Faith Meets  
Nueroscience*

## **6 Surprising Health Benefits Of Pickles:**

*These briny snacks may  
help with gut health,  
weight loss, and more!*

## **I Can't Straighten Myself Out:**

*But Jesus Can*



# GOD - COUNTY - CORPS (COMMUNITY)

By: Ray Paul Scott

The greatest Patriotic Quote of my lifetime was part of US President John F Kennedy's January 20th, 1961, Inaugural Speech:

“Ask Not What this Country Can Do for You, Ask What You Can Do for Your Country”

This was the foundation on which I started my life of community service in Piscataway New Jersey. As a Senior in High School, I was asked to lead a group of students that created the First “Thank You Canada Petition” for their efforts to rescue American Hostages in Iran. We are invited to the Canadian Consulate in New York City to present our petition.

In November of 1983 I enter Parris Island to begin my Life as a United States Marine where my Senior Drill Instructed Staff Sergeant Graham while lead us in pray one night, challenging us with “What is our lives worth, if we are not willing to lay it down for another.” The same pray 9 years latter moved God's compassion on me, while asking God to take my life, not this baby's life, for what is my life worth if I am not willing to lay it down for another.

Base Chaplin requested me to be our platoons Lay Leader during Boot Camp and because of this I was requested to be a Special Operations Chaplin for LSU Logistical Support Unit.



The experience gained from the Marine Corps enabled me to excel in my management career from being a trouble shooter in the Food Industry to opening venues and working at a world championship event. Which enabled me to create and serve numerous events in the City of Bakersfield and throughout California as Keep California Beautiful Board President for 10 years.

3:18 Message Bible: You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.

Improvise, Adapt, Overcome  
Wisdom of God, Love of Jesus, Power of Holy Spirit  
Wisdom of God – James 1:5 amp If any of you lacks wisdom [to guide him through a decision or circumstance], he is to ask of [our benevolent] God, who gives to everyone generously and without rebuke or blame, and it will be given to him.

Inspiration for the 8 events that I have been responsible for, for both work and community, has come during Praise & Worship. Where I am solely focused on God and His Perfect Will. Love of Jesus – Ephesians 3:19 amp and [that you may come] to know [practically, through personal experience] the love of Christ which far surpasses [mere] knowledge [without experience], that you may be filled up [throughout your being] to all the fullness of God [so that you may have the richest experience of God's presence in your lives, completely filled and flooded with God Himself].



In my management career the greatest compliments have come from fellow staff members who see Christ in me. To be called upon to talk with employees during personal difficult times, or a customer who challenging the operations using religious verbiage. Being called the Spiritual Core of the building and team is humbling and validation of one's efforts.

Power of Holy Spirit - Acts 1:8 amp But you will receive power and ability when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be My witness [to tell people about Me] both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the ends of the earth.”

I see my management and community event career as an opportunity to Honor God and Encourage Others. Staying focused on the reason God has placed you there. Being Willing, Be Caring, Be the Difference.

# Meet The Writer

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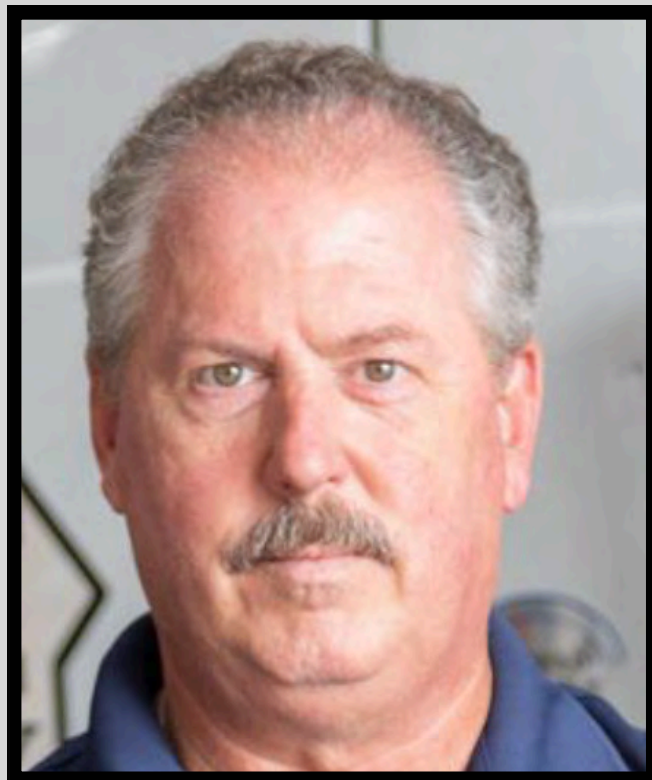
Raymond Paul Scott is celebrated for his dedication to environmental stewardship and civic engagement, earning him a spot in Marquis Who's Who. He has over 40 years of experience in waste management and has led Price Disposal since 2001, significantly contributing to community outreach through events like the Greater Bakersfield Green Expo.

Scott's career includes roles in the food service industry and the Marine Corps. He is active in civic duties, serving as Board President Emeritus for Keep California Beautiful and Chair of Career Technical Education with the Kern High School District. He also supports the Taft College Foundation and Bakersfield Relay for Life.

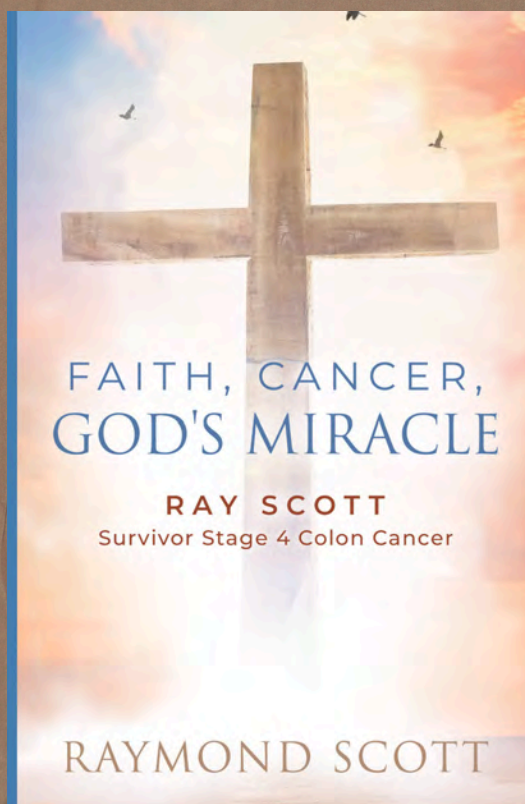
In 2023, Scott published "Faith, Cancer, God's Miracle," recounting his battle with Stage 4 colon cancer. His military service earned him the Naval Achievement Medal and the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

Scott's accolades include the U.S. Presidential Lifetime Community Service Award and Co-Citizen of the Year by the Taft Chamber of Commerce.

He credits his success to his focus on educating, engaging, and encouraging others.



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The story of an ordinary man, husband, father, and friend loved by an extraordinary God through the people in his life. He has been recognized in Marquis Who's Who for his significant contributions to waste management, environmental stewardship, and community leadership over four decades. His military service as a U.S. Marine Corps Sergeant and his book, "Faith, Cancer, God's Miracle," highlight his dedication to service and resilience. Scott's numerous awards reflect his profound community impact.

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