

# Profiles in Goodwill: Joel Emerson

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## **1. Where did you grow up?**

I was born in Jackson, Tennessee, and grew up in west Tennessee and northeast Mississippi.

## **2. What is your favorite Bible verse, book or story? Why?**

The resurrection narrative of Jesus in the gospels.

The hope of renewal made evident in the Easter story is still, to me, central in all of life.

## **3. What is your favorite movie? Why?**

“October Sky.”

For the very same reason that I love the Easter story.

## **4. Who are three of the people you admire?**

Ann Bassett (my wife), Molly Marshall and Aaron Sorkin (screenwriter).

## **5. What is one little known fact about yourself?**

My undergraduate degree is in music composition.