Pastor Chris Edmonds is the son of WWII Hero, Army Master Sergeant Roddie Edmonds, whose fearless bravery saved the lives of Jewish American soldiers in a prisoner of war camp in Germany. Sergeant Edmonds courageous story to rescue Jewish GI’s has been featured by the Associated Press, ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, FOX News, PBS, The New York Times, Washington Post, Facebook, Twitter, and many others. Sergeant Edmonds was recently honored posthumously as Righteous Among the Nations and has been recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor and the Congressional Gold Medal. Other honors include the Medal of Valor from the Simon Wiesenthal Center and the Yehi-Or Award from the Jewish Foundation for the Righteous. Since 2016, more than a million people have been inspired by Roddie’s CODE to enjoy life, express love, and embrace G_d above.

Pastor Chris is author of the award winning book NO SURRENDER (nosurrenderbook.com), inspirational speaker, and retired Senior Pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Church in Maryville, Tennessee. He is a business graduate from the University of Tennessee, a Senior Professional in Human Resources, and holds a Masters degree from Liberty Theological Seminary. He also teaches Leadership to military leaders at the University of Alabama at Huntsville. He and his wife Regina live in Maryville with three amazing daughters and sons-in-law and ten of the coolest grandchildren on the planet.

Master Sergeant Edmonds’ remarkable story and Chris’ improbable journey to discover it reads like a Hollywood script—but it’s all true. It is an epic tale of bravery, righteousness and a clarion call to stand against anti-Semitism, racism, and hatred of every kind.

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