## Leo Pacheco

Biography

Leo Pacheco is an award-winning philanthropist, best-selling author, public speaker, ordained minister, business consultant, entrepreneur, radio host, former television host, and the founder of two successful faith-based non-profit organizations.

In 2006, Leo penned his first book, "Joy Comes in the Mourning," for Watermark Publishing, which recounted the profound tragedy of loosing his mother and grandmother in car accident. His foremost literary work offered encouragement and support to those who also suffered loss. The book became Watermark's best-selling non-fiction book in 2010. His second book, "The Ambassador," will be released in 2012, followed by a series of books.

Leo spent a 20-year career working in Human Resource Management, which yielded incredible professional opportunities helping businesses and charities alike. However, he believes, "It is the 16 years of ministry as a pastor, talk show host, author, and speaker that have produced my greatest personal experiences".

Leo was ordained in 1995 and founded a church where he served as Senior Pastor for five years before transitioning into outreach ministry to serve indigent families in need. In 2002, Leo founded the Sharon K Pacheco Foundation, in honor of his late mother, with the mission to help support military families in need. During this time, Leo was a key contributor in helping the Department of Defense's "America Supports You" program for military families, and was honored by an invitation to meet the President of the United States to discuss needs in the military community.

Under Leo's direction, The Sharon K Pacheco Foundation provided hundreds of thousands of dollars to military families, as well as new toys, clothing, food, and household items. Leo's work and dedication earned him recognition when he received the 7Everyday Hero Award by ABC News affiliate, KMGH-TV in 2005 and the prestigious President's Lifetime Call to Action Award in 2006, presented to him by former President George W. Bush.

In an effort to help expand his ministry of compassion, Leo Pacheco became a radio talk show host for the syndicated Voices of Freedom Radio Network, along with launching a 60-minute television program on the former LeSea Broadcasting Network. His outreach efforts continued to motivate him and culminated in the founding of Lifeline, Inc in 2011, a not-for-profit charity dedicated to raising awareness and preventing childhood sexual abuse, while providing resources to adult victims.

## "Life is short, and I have a lot to do before God calls me home!"

Currently, Rev. Pacheco lives in Centennial, Colorado with his wife, Angela, and two sons. He continues his ministry work, writing books, traveling the nation as a guest speaker and putting his visionary passion to good use, supporting people spiritually with a clear message of hope.

Through it all, Leo remains humble, "I am merely an ambassador for the Lord. Where He sends me, I shall go. Where He leads me, I shall follow. Here am I, Lord, send me."