

ED GRIFENHAGEN

Speaker | Pastor | Author | Bible Teacher | Set Shepherd

Biblical depth. Real testimony. No churchy fog machine.

Ed loves to help churches and ministries see Jesus more clearly through biblical teaching, personal testimony, and a fresh look at the Hebrew words behind Scripture. As a pastor, author, and director of the Christian Film Foundation, Ed brings theological depth, real-life honesty, humor, and the heart of a shepherd to every message.

Base: Columbus, GA / Phenix City, AL



SIGNATURE MESSAGES

From Jewish Roots to Jesus

Ed shares the story of being raised in a devout Jewish home, dismissing the Bible, then opening Genesis 1:1 and being pursued by the God he once rejected.

Jesus in the Hebrew Scriptures

A biblical message or teaching event that opens up Scripture through Hebrew words and shows how they point beautifully to Jesus.

Not Ashamed

A bold, practical message calling believers to live publicly and faithfully for Jesus in a distracted, pressured, and quietly hostile culture.

Aim the Heart, Then the Camera

A keynote for Christian creatives, filmmakers, students, and leaders on surrender, worldview, excellence, and storytelling that honors God.

ABOUT ED

Ed Grifenhagen is a pastor, author, speaker, set shepherd, and Director of the Christian Film Foundation. Raised in a devout Jewish home in Columbus, Georgia, Ed spent much of his life dismissing the Bible until he began reading it for himself in 2000. On January 17, 2001, he surrendered his life to Christ. Today, Ed serves as Lead Pastor at Church On The Trail, founded M2540 with his wife Susan to serve the homeless, and teaches with a love for Jesus, the lost, and the inerrancy of God's Word.

CHRISTIAN FILM FOUNDATION / KENDRICK BROTHERS

Ed and Susan first met Stephen and Alex Kendrick during *Overcomer*, where Ed saw firsthand how a film set could become a place of prayer, ministry, and Gospel witness. That relationship continued through *Lifemark* and other projects, eventually helping give birth to Set Shepherds, a chaplaincy ministry for film sets. In 2025, Alex, Stephen, and Shannon Kendrick called Ed to lead the Christian Film Foundation, where he now serves to champion Christ-centered filmmaking and equip the next generation of storytellers.

WHY INVITE ED?

- Pastor at Church On The Trail in Columbus, GA
- Author of 365 Hebrew Words Every Christian Should Know
- Director of the Christian Film Foundation
- Founder of M2540 homeless ministry, serving through 40+ member churches
- Co-founder of Set Shepherds film-set chaplaincy ministry
- Host of Black, White, and the Red Letters Podcast
- Speaks with biblical clarity, personal honesty, and a storyteller's edge

FILM & MINISTRY WORK

- Set Shepherd on feature films, including *Overcomer*, *Lifemark*, *Divine Influencer*, and *The Forge*
- Co-producer of *Carol*, a 2025 Christmas musical reimagining of A Christmas Carol
- Writer for the Kendrick Brothers' Heart of the Filmmaker master classes & Kirk Cameron's American Campfire Revival Training Series.

BEST FIT FOR

- Sunday/Wednesday preaching
- Men's events & breakfasts
- Bible conferences & teaching nights
- Christian school / college chapel
- Film, arts, and worldview events
- Donor banquets and ministry vision gatherings

SUGGESTED FORMATS

- 30–45-minute sermon
- 45–60-minute keynote
- 90-minute Bible teaching event
- Half-day retreat
- Weekend conference

BOOKING

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Invite Ed for a message that is biblical, personal, and clear enough to leave people with something they can carry into next week.