



*Donald Smith*

**SERVICE PROVIDER**

Out of the Wilderness

## ABOUT

Hello, my name is Don. I grew up in Virginia with my 3 sisters and 11 nieces and nephews. My background is in Customer Service and Community Relations. I spent 8 years representing my local Credit Union at networking events, school functions and civic organizations. It was here that I discovered my passion for leadership, public speaking and personal finance. I spend a lot of time volunteering at church. Over the last 10 years, I have had the privilege to mentor many young people through our Children and Youth Ministries. It still amazes me how meaningful a simple game of basketball or a small word of encouragement can be! I love anything sports, reading, and collecting coffee mugs. Steven Covey says, "Seek to understand, then be understood." I believe this matters and I seek to live that out at all times when working with others.

I grew up in a lovely but complicated family. Mom and Dad divorced when we were young, but I had the pleasure of growing up with two amazing dads! I saw my sisters make some tough life decisions resulting in even tougher situations. Our family experienced what has become too common today: teen pregnancies, drug abuse, emotional instability, homelessness, poverty, and sickness. When I was growing up, I could only see the pain and struggle compared to everyone else's family. Now, with some years and perspective, I have learned how to celebrate the oddities. Life has a lot of good to enjoy despite the pain and confusion. The Lord really can make a way where there seems to be no way!

