

# Steve Patterson

*Author and Co-Founder of Higher Focus Ministries*



As an inspirational Christian speaker and author, Steve reaches out and touches audiences in a very personal and heartwarming manner. One moment they might find themselves laughing uncontrollably and the next, wiping a tear from their eye. All the while, Steve tries to help individuals realize that God has a “Higher Focus” for all of our lives! Many have said that Steve has had more than his fair share of personal tragedy, heartache, and pain. On July 29, 2002, his only brother, Allen, was senselessly murdered at the age of fifty-one. The man that took Allen’s life walked away a free man.



Three and one half weeks later Steve and his wife Tracie’s precious first born child and “special needs” son of thirteen months, Braden, passed away August 22, 2002, while hospitalized for Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV). A few years later Steve found out his son, Thomas, was a drug addict. Thomas served time in the Texas prison system. During incarceration, God changed Thomas’s heart and life. On February 4, 2011, nine years after Braden’s death, Thomas, who was now living a spiritually changed life, did not show up for work. The police found him in his bed and said he looked as if he was asleep. Shockingly, and to the family’s disbelief, Thomas had passed away.



Through it all Steve has kept his focus on Christ. Steve will be the first to tell you that his faith and his personal relationship with God has allowed God to provide healing, comfort, encouragement, strength and blessings to Steve during his most difficult and challenging times.

By drawing on his own life challenges, Steve encourages others to:

- Recognize the importance of a committed relationship with God
- Understand the power of prayer and God’s daily impact on those who pray
- Realize Biblical scriptures can help those seeking answers, strength and comfort

Steve is the author of “*Thirteen Months with an Angel*,” which is a true story and intimate look into the life of a family raising a special needs child. Steve, a licensed minister, feels God has allowed him to participate in a variety of activities, both as a man and father, enabling him to better communicate with others how Christ continues to work in his life. He served as a Children’s Miracle Network board member for five years. He also has served as a Court Appointed Special Advocate volunteer for abused and/or neglected children for three years. The father of five children, Steve lives in Amarillo, Texas with his wife, Tracie, and their two children.

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