

## Eric Shawn Raftery

Raised in a ministry family, Eric Shawn Raftery has a long history of investing in others. He attended Northeastern Illinois University on a music scholarship and graduated with a degree in music. Although officially ordained in 1999, he has worked in the local church for over eighteen years, serving as a senior associate pastor, youth and singles' pastor, and worship pastor. Eric has also had the privilege of writing and publishing music with some of today's most influential writers, recording two CDs thus far, one a live worship CD titled *Have Your Way*.

In recent years, Eric has traveled both nationally and internationally, ministering in churches, Hollywood Bible studies, and citywide crusades, working with people from all walks of life, mentoring and encouraging them toward a more meaningful relationship with God.

In 2008 he founded his ministry **LifeRaft**, which focuses on *rescuing and furthering the dreams of everyday people*. Whether addressing professional athletes, executives, or adults and children in the globe's most distressed areas, Eric is dedicated to seeing people pursue their dreams and experience more than what life has handed them.