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The Rev. Dr. Marcus A. Cylar is an Itinerant Elder in the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Since accepting the call to preach the gospel in 2001, Marcus has been on a mission to boldly and creatively tell the greatest story that's ever been told.

A former pastor turned editor and church communications and marketing consultant, Marcus earned his Doctor of Ministry degree in 2015 from Ecumenical Theological Seminary, where he examined the role of social media in building community and spiritual formation. His dissertation was titled, "Building Community Through Social Media to Tackle Pastoral Burnout".

Marcus pastored two churches for five years in the Fourth Episcopal District of the AME Church, including stints in Windsor, Ontario, Canada and Flint, Michigan. During his tenure in Canada, he was also appointed Presiding Elder of the Canadian Conference of the Fourth District, making him, at 29, the youngest in the denomination to serve in this capacity.

Marcus and his wife, Chariece, are consultants who help churches, educational institutions, nonprofits, and small businesses organize more intentionally, communicate more effectively, and use technology with greater savvy. They have two beautiful daughters, Candace and Jada.

Marcus is also an active member of the Southfield Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated, where he served for four years as an advisor and mentor for the Kappa Leadership & Development League and is currently the chapter webmaster.

Additionally, Marcus is the author of two books: ***Rebuild: A 12-Part Framework for Rejuvenating and Restoring the Burnt-Out Pastor*** and ***31 Days of Rest and Renewal: A Devotional for Church Communicators***, a resource produced exclusively for the Courageous Storytellers membership community of the Center for Church Communications.

You can catch up with Dr. Cylar and learn more about him and his perspectives on life, leadership, and digital ministry through his daily podcast, ***The Journey***, produced on Anchor.fm and available on your favorite podcast player.