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THINGS I WISH SOMEONE  
HAD TOLD ME...

Meeting of the Minds  
Launch & Go Workspace - Peachtree City  
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# MY FAMILY



# 5 THINGS

- The dream, both shattered and realized
- The sting of failure, can you tolerate that?
- The joy of success, can you handle that?
- The discipline of doing what needs to be done
- The discovery of self



## *The Invitation*

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and if you dare to dream

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of meeting your heart's longing.

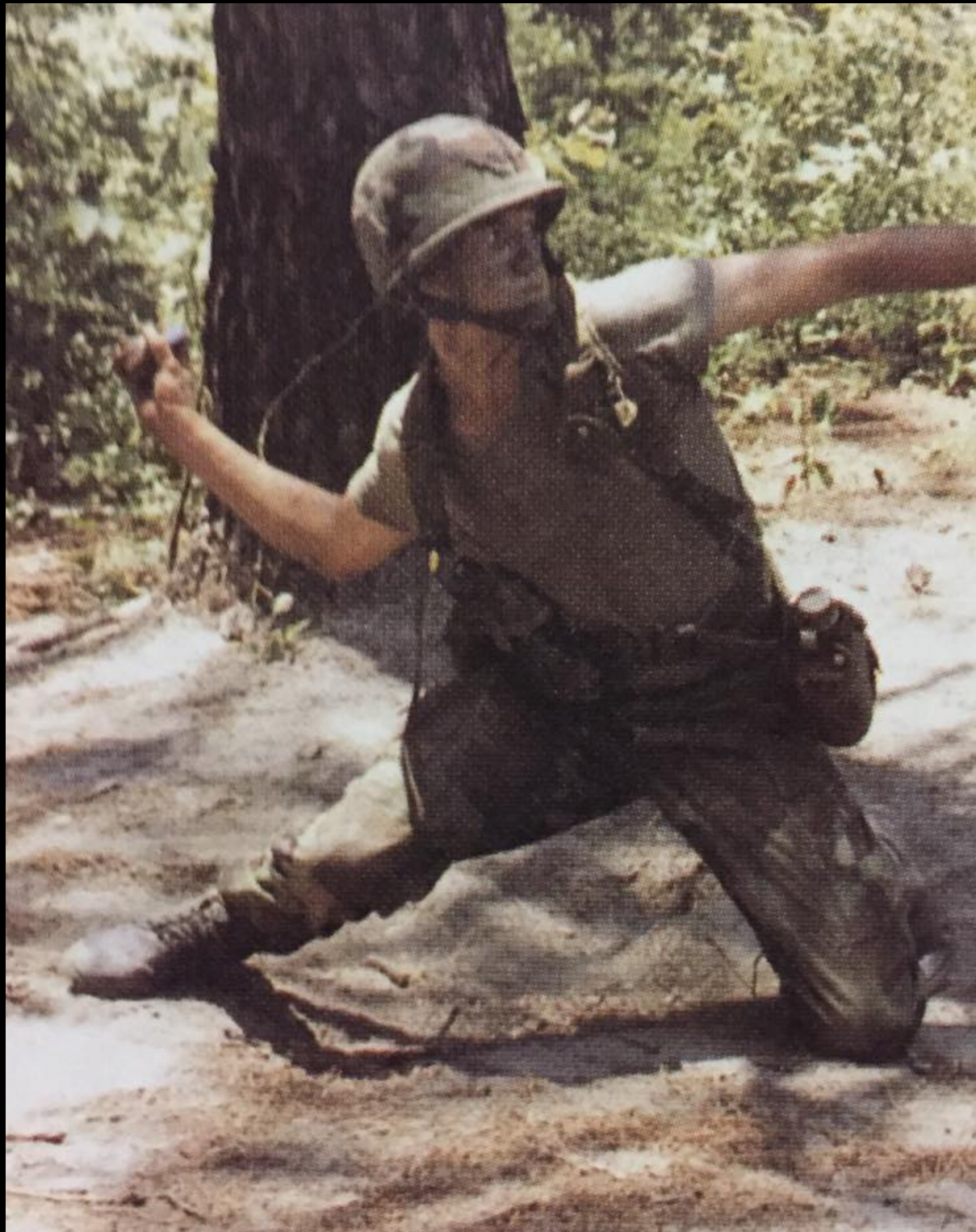


It doesn't interest me  
how old you are.  
I want to know  
if you will risk  
looking like a fool  
for love  
for your dream  
for the adventure  
of being alive.





It doesn't interest me  
what planets are  
squaring your moon...  
I want to know  
if you have touched  
the centre of your own sorrow  
if you have been opened  
by life's betrayals  
or have become shriveled  
and closed  
from fear of further pain.



I want to know  
if you can sit with pain  
mine or  
your own  
without moving to hide it  
or fade it  
or fix it.





I want to know  
if you can be with joy  
mine or your own  
if you can dance with wildness  
and let the ecstasy fill you  
to the tips of your  
fingers and toes  
without cautioning us  
to be careful  
to be realistic  
to remember the limitations  
of being human.





It doesn't interest me  
if the story you are telling me  
is true.

I want to know if you can  
disappoint another  
to be true to yourself.

If you can bear  
the accusation of betrayal  
and not betray your own soul.

If you can be faithless  
and therefore trustworthy.



I want to know if you can  
see Beauty  
even when it is not pretty  
every day.

And if you can source  
your own life  
from its presence.





I want to know  
if you can live with failure  
yours and mine  
and still stand at the edge  
of the lake  
and shout to the silver of  
the full moon,  
“Yes.”



It doesn't interest me  
to know where you live  
or how much money you have.  
I want to know if you can get  
up  
after the night of grief and  
despair  
weary and bruised to the bone  
and do what needs to be done  
to feed the children.





It doesn't interest me  
who you know  
or how you came to  
be here.

I want to know if  
you will stand  
in the centre of the  
fire  
with me  
and not shrink back.



It doesn't interest me  
where or what or with  
whom  
you have studied.  
I want to know  
what sustains you  
from the inside  
when all else falls  
away.





I want to know  
if you can be alone  
with yourself  
and if you truly like  
the company you keep  
in the empty moments.

*By Oriah Mountain Dreaming,  
from the book The Invitation*



1. The dream is more important than the plan
2. You will experience failure, can you tolerate that?
3. You will experience joy, can you handle that?
4. It'll require discipline to do what's needed
5. Running a business is one of the best ways to truly know yourself





One more thing...

Your personality and attitude affect the trajectory of your business — whether you want it to or not!

Personality patterns are like dragons.



There's an old Chinese proverb about dragons:

*“Ignore the dragon and it will eat you. Confront the dragon and it will defeat you. Learn to ride the dragon and you will take advantage of its might and power.”*





The key is to recognize and learn to utilize the strengths that are hidden in your patterns, not to be consumed by them.

*Do you like the company you keep in the empty moments?*

