

## Alumni Spotlight: Kenneth Padgett (MAOT '18)



**Current Title:** Co-founder of Wolfbane Books

**Family:** Wife: Rebecca, Children: Eisley and Lyla

**Favorite professor:** Dr. Christine Palmer

**Favorite class:** Old Testament Exegesis: Exodus

**Favorite memory:** My first day showing up on campus, I didn't know anyone. There were fifty people sitting in this Hebrew I class, and the guy I sit next to ends up being the only guy in the class who lives where I do (four hours away!). Hebros for life!

**What have you been doing since you left Gordon-Conwell and what are you doing now?**

I'm in the middle of a PhD program in Hebrew Bible at Trinity College, Bristol. I also co-founded Wolfbane Books with fellow Gordon-Conwell alumnus, Shay Gregorie.

**What do you love about your work with Wolfbane Books?**

I love the writing more than anything. Sitting down with Shay once or twice a week and exploring God's Word while figuring out how to best retell the great story of the Bible is so edifying.

**What are the particular challenges of the work you are doing now?**

I think the biggest challenge for me is the business side of publishing books. I'm really excited about the creative aspects of it all, but I think I'm allergic to numbers and contracts. I regularly thank God for Shay's business acumen.

**How has God woven together your Gordon-Conwell education with other life events to bring you to where you are now?**

God changed the course of my life by allowing me to attend Gordon-Conwell. I met (everlasting!) lifelong friends who have greatly enriched my journey during my time in Jacksonville. I also learned so much about God and his Word from godly and highly skilled professors, some of whom I now call friends.

**How has your Gordon-Conwell education served you in your past and current work?**

My education at Gordon-Conwell has been pivotal in the ministry God has called me to, particularly regarding the original language and exegesis training I received. The MAOT set me up to thrive in my PhD program.

**What piece of advice would you like to give to young alumni?**

Don't let go of the great gift you received at Gordon-Conwell. Build on that foundation. Regularly connect with your fellow alumni and professors. I love checking in with my professors from time to time because they are encouraging to me and so they can hear about the fruit they are sharing in through the ministry that they helped prepare me for.

**Do you have any publications or links to share?**

Learn about the first three books in Wolfbane's [The Story of God series: Story of God with Us](#), [The Story of God Our King](#), and [The Forgotten King](#).