

# CEEJA MALMKAR

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I feel close to God when I'm in relationship with others. every time in my ministry when I feel like I hit a brick wall, it's usually Jesus telling me I need to build relationship with someone before I can keep going forward. This is such an amazing experience to see the things God does in our lives when we have the eyes of our hearts open to see it!

**BACKGROUND** *What makes you choose to give your time and energy to this ministry?* For me, I feel very called to do what I do! There's no doubt in my mind that I want to spend my life working for God! There are so many people out there in need of love, that's what I'm here to do!

*Who has invested in you to support you in your ministry?* Pastor Mike Rasmussen and Pastor Mike Urmie have been the biggest blessings in my ministry. They have shared their lives with me and have supported me in every way possible. God definitely used these fellas to bless my family and I and they both have come right alongside us and taught us and grown us in many ways! I'm sure I've given them a few gray hairs....well, if Pastor Mike had hair. :) Also, my husband is my best friend and biggest supporter. He does everything with me and is such an inspiration to me! I don't think I know a better human on this planet.

*What are some stand out memories from your time in GCI?* I have so many great memories with this denomination! I can remember being sold on my local church but not knowing how I felt about GCI. Then I went to my first Converge in Ohio when Paul Young was there. I'll never forget the feeling of family and I left so happy knowing that I have a church family that extends further than I could imagine! God definitely placed me exactly where I was meant to be in this denomination that I love.

*What are some of your reasons for choosing to participate with GCI in ministry?* How can I not choose to do this? I feel like I am so blessed to be able to serve God in the way of loving my community and coming alongside them. I can't tell you how proud it makes me to be a part of a denomination that is so loving, selfless, and accepting! I am so blessed.

## Get to Know Ceeja



**1.**

**Favorite scripture? Theme song for your life? Or Life motto/words to live by?**

"People were made to be loved and things were made to be used. The reason this world is in chaos is because things are being loved and people are being used." -Author Unknown

**2.**

**What are 5 things you can't live without?**

My husband, my children, my church, social media, (a huge part of my ministry) and food truck food!

**3.**

**Everyone who know you knows you love:**

My community! There's nothing I'd rather do than be out there participating with my community! Oh, and I LOVE the tv show from the 90's called 7th Heaven. I watch it every night before bed!

**4.**

**What energizes you?**

Working with people!

**5.**

**Describe your perfect day.**

Camping and catfishing followed by lots of food and the people I love! Finish it off with a good margarita and a little worship around a camp fire and I'm one happy girl!

**6.**

**What does hope look like for you in your life right now?**

My hope is in Jesus and knowing that the life I live, I live in his love. There's nothing I will face and no challenge too big that he can't handle!

