

## **New Man Story**

### **Dabo Swinney – Clarity of Life**

Dabo was raised in Pelham, Alabama and attended the University of Alabama, where he joined the Crimson Tide football program as a walk-on wide receiver in 1989. There he earned a scholarship and lettered for three years, including the 1992 Crimson Tide National Championship Team.

Following a receivers coaching role at Alabama, Dabo joined the Clemson University Tigers in 2003 as the receivers coach and recruiting coordinator under Coach Tommy Bowden. He then became head football coach in 2008. He has led the Tigers to national championships in 2016 and 2018.

In this short video Dabo discusses two key events which shaped his life: 1.) After college, following the plan which God revealed to him. 2.) As a youth, the impact an ordinary person with a passion for Christ had on his life.

Dabo is clearly a “regular” guy who has had an extraordinary impact on many people, in and out of the game of football. He’s someone you would just want to hang with—knowing that he would quickly become your friend, take an interest in you, and not want the conversation to be about him. Does this remind you of anyone?

It reminds me of Jesus—approachable, warm and having all the time in the world for you. A true friend. Of course, Dabo isn’t Jesus...but he has a lot of His attributes. The Lord’s nature appears to have transformed Dabo’s. He resembles his Lord.

This is what the Lord wants of all of His followers. He wants His nature to meld with our’s, thereby attracting people to Himself through us. I believe Dabo totally gets this. I also believe we can achieve the same thing in our relationship with Him. It doesn’t get any better. Is this something you want? Just ask and watch Him work!

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. Why do you suppose God redirected Dabo’s plan from hospital administration to coaching?
2. Have you ever had a flash of “clarity” in which you were certain about God’s direction for you?
3. Why does Dabo refer to Stewart Wiley as “just a guy”?
4. Why did Stewart have such a profound impact on him?
5. Has there been a “Stewart” in your life? Have you been a “Stewart” in someone’s life?
6. Why does God seem to choose “ordinary” people to make big impacts?

Click on the link below for the 10 minute video

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