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## LONG BIO

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Joe grew up in Canfield, Ohio, and now lives in Louisville, Ohio, with his wife, Barbara, a former Spanish teacher and high school guidance counselor. Joe graduated from Greenville College (now University) with a double major in chemistry and English, holds a Master's degree in Analytical Chemistry from Youngstown State University, and has an MBA from Walsh University. Joe and Barbara, who married in 1979, have two sons and are active in the Nazarene church at the local, district, and denominational levels.

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# BOOK SYNOPSIS

As a teenager, Joe Tarantino set out on a naïve but ambitious quest: to ride 100 miles on a bicycle. It did not go well. He counted every click of the odometer, battled flat tires, ran out of food, and hit the proverbial wall. He ultimately had to call his dad for a ride home.

But a year later, his brother and cousin convinced him to try again—this time, a 120-mile ride. Armed with a better bike and a bit more experience, Joe fell in love with the open road.

Over the years, long-distance cycling became a way to navigate life's hills and valleys. As he juggled raising a family, caring for aging parents, and pursuing a career as an aerospace engineer, Joe found clarity, peace, and purpose from the saddle of his bike.

In these seventeen epic rides, told with humor and heart, *Pale Pink Roads* reveals how miles on unfamiliar pavement led to insights on resilience, faith, and self-discovery. More than just a ride across America, this is the story of a man who pedaled through fear and found something far greater on the other side.

So hop on for the ride—laugh, reflect, and feel the wind in your face. You just might discover your own path along these pale pink roads.

## BOOK INFORMATION

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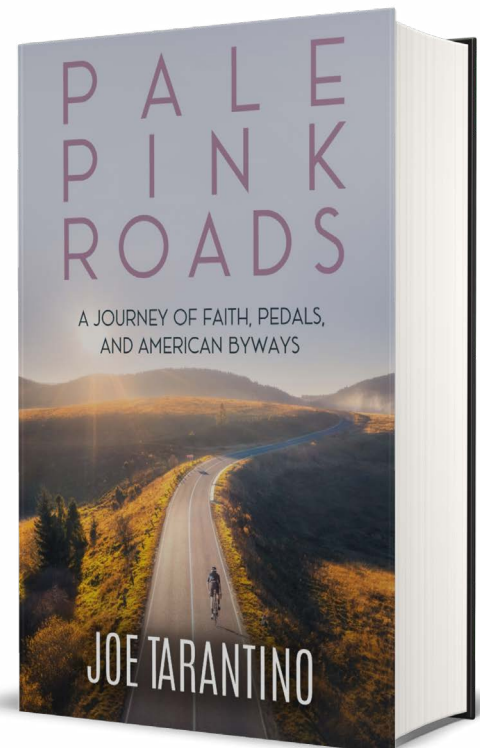
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# MEDIA APPEARANCES



## AS PODCAST GUEST



**Be Life:** (May 2025): [Listen Here](#)



**Not So Ordinary:** (June 2025): [Listen Here](#)



**One80:** (Recorded June 11, 2025 – release date TBD):



**The Retirement Wisdom:** (Recording scheduled July 17, 2025):



**Dorsey Ross Show:** (Recording scheduled July 28, 2025):

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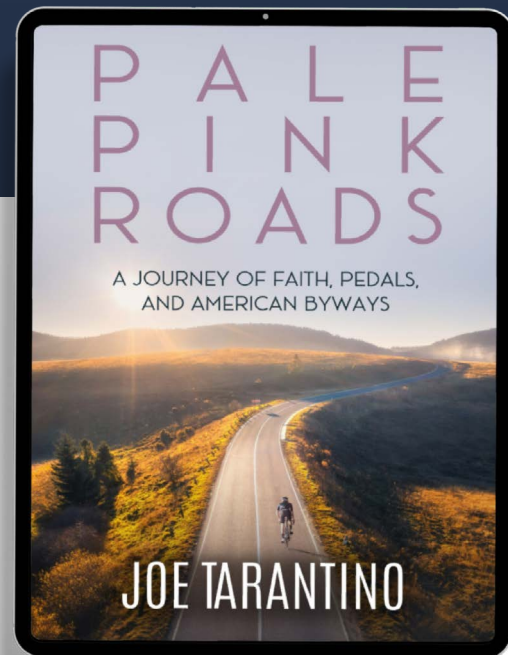


## SAMPLE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Tell me about your background.
2. Why do you love long-distance cycling and touring?
3. What motivates you?
4. Do you prefer to ride alone or with others?
5. Aren't you afraid of being alone? How do you overcome it?
6. Which state is your favorite?
7. Which state was most scenic?
8. Which state or ride was most challenging?
9. Which state or ride was most rewarding?
10. When did you become a serious long-distance cyclist?
11. What are your favorite routes, highways, or trails?
12. How has cycling changed you? How has it impacted your Christian faith?
13. How do you plan and prepare for a bike trip?
14. How do you document your trips?
15. You love riding and writing. How long do you plan to continue both?
16. What's next?

# MEDIA INQUIRIES

Visit [www.tarantino-bicycles.com](http://www.tarantino-bicycles.com) or use the QR code below to learn more about Joe's books, his 50-state biking adventures, and his routes. Discounts are available for group book purchases. If you are interested in having Joe speak to your cycling group, book club, school, or religious organization, contact Joe at [jtdone803@yahoo.com](mailto:jtdone803@yahoo.com). You can use the same email to schedule Joe as a guest on your podcast. He can help you and your group plan a multi-day bicycle trip or share how he overcame fear through his faith.



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