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Dean Eric Smith is a keynote speaker and Executive Leadership Coach who helps executives and organizations find and release the Hidden Emotional Overhead quietly draining their leadership capacity. His message carries a credibility few can claim. After his mother was murdered by his stepfather when he was twelve, Dean spent decades carrying that weight, then chose to forgive the man face to face and help him forgive himself, a journey captured in the award-winning documentary *Live to Forgive*. From that experience he built the E.D.G.E. Forgiveness Development Method, a secular, evidence-based framework leaders use to recover clarity, resilience, and full capacity. With 20 years on the platform, 14 years coaching, and a gift for making audiences laugh and reflect in the same breath, Dean gives leadership teams, healthcare leaders, and conference audiences a message they keep using long after the event. He is the author of *The Forgiveness Habit*.

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