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AT Feature: 2004 Olympic Gold Medalist, Ian Crocker



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By Holly Johnson

Back in October, Aquatic Times covered the "Swim with the Stars" at the Santa Clara Aquatic Center where we met World Record Holder and Olympic Gold Medalist, Ian Crocker. Asking Crocker how he defines himself outside swimming, he said, "I have so many hobbies outside of swimming that swimming's a "part" of my life, but it's not my "whole" life - I love fishing and restoring and racing old cars. I have a lot of things outside of swimming that I enjoy. So, it doesn't consume me."

Later we were able to follow up further with an exclusive written interview:

AT: Was there ever a time when you wanted to quit swimming and, if so, what kept you going?

IAN: I think everyone goes through a time when they are not sure what they want to do. I am like everyone else and had a few times when I second-guessed my decision to put so much time and effort into swimming. My family and coach supported any decision that I made, so I felt like I was able to do what made me happy. Overall, swimming was a great outlet and made me very happy, so it was an easy decision after thinking about it to continue to follow my dreams.

AT: Ten years from now, what would you like people to remember about you?

IAN: I'm not sure how I want people to remember me. I think this is a very hard question; I guess I want people to remember me as a good swimmer, but also as a kind person.

AT: How big of a role did your family and community play in

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your life while you were at the Olympics?



IAN: My family and community were a great support during the Olympics. It was great to know that my family was in the stands and that my community back home was cheering for me on the television.

AT: Swimming is obviously a large part of your life, but I've heard that you have a faith in God. In what way does that play a role in your life and does it influence your swimming?

IAN: God helps me bring out something that I don't know is in me. Your ego and your goals cannot be all in one spot. God helps to balance that.

You can find our more about this increbbile swimmer by visiting his [official website](#).

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