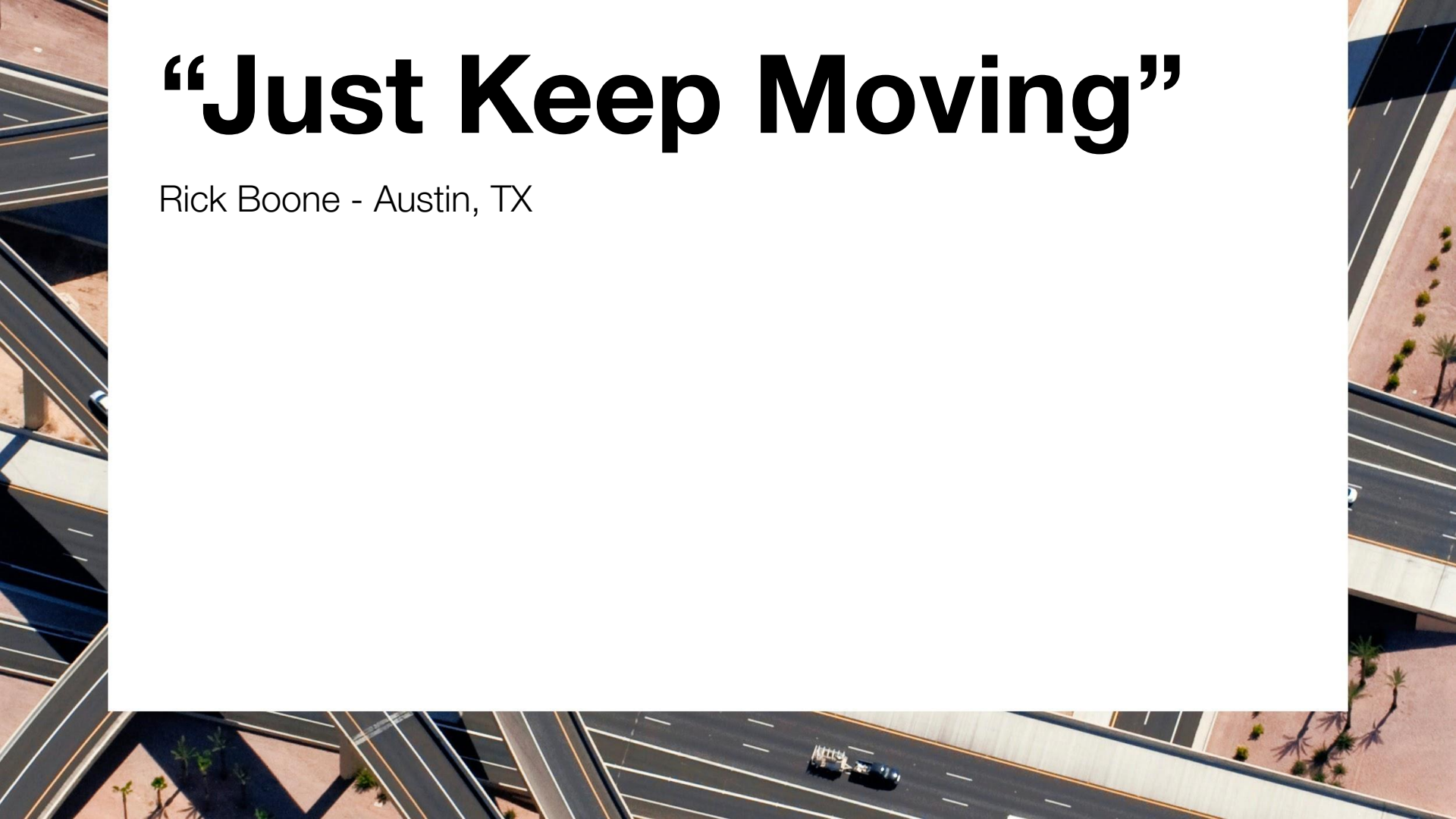


# “Just Keep Moving”

Rick Boone - Austin, TX



# Intro

Who:

Rick Boone

Where:

Austin, TX (Prev: San Francisco, CA)

What (Currently):

“Funemployed”/Semi-Retired/Figuring things out

What (Prior):

- Strategic Advisor to VP Engineering - Infrastructure (**Uber: 2018 - 2020**)
- Senior SWE/SRE (**Uber: 2014 - 2018**)
- Production Engineer (**Facebook: 2011 - 2014**)
- Systems Engineer (**Various Startups: 2004 - 2011**)

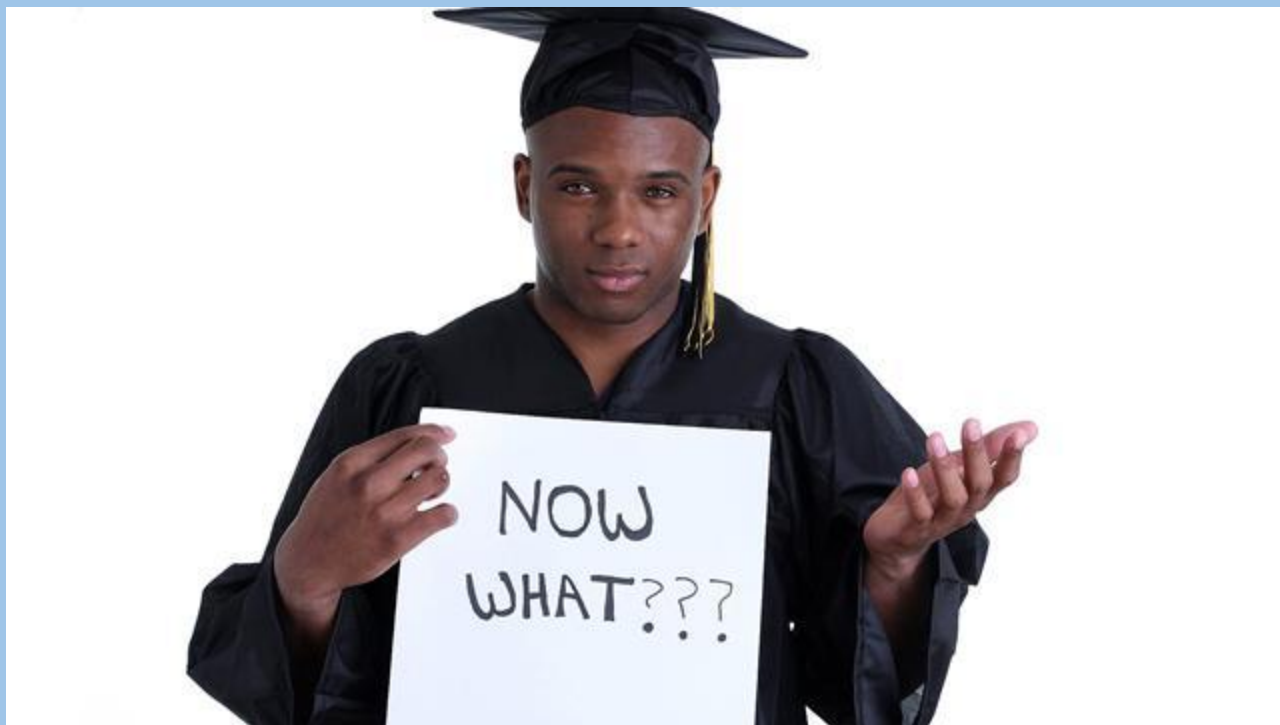
**HOW?**

**Fight On**



USC  
Viterbi  
School of Engineering

EPSTEIN FAMILY  
ENGINEERING PLAZA



NOW  
WHAT???



**0 to 100.**

**Real quick.**



**TRY ALL THE THINGS!**





**“Mail my check to my house”  
-- Me, in one of the scariest moments of my life**

**Start Me Up**







**(Again....)**

**BUZZMEDIA™**



# Into The Valley



A close-up photograph of a Facebook logo. The logo is a blue rounded square with a white lowercase 'f' in the center. It is positioned on a dark fabric with a fine, light-colored grid pattern. Below the logo, the word 'Facebook' is printed in a white, sans-serif font. To the left and right of the main logo, parts of other social media icons are visible: a white 'D' on a blue background to the left, and a white bird on a blue background to the right. The lighting is soft, creating a slight shadow under the logo.

Facebook







**Trust Yourself**

Uber



THIS IS YOUR MACHINE LEARNING SYSTEM?

YUP! YOU POUR THE DATA INTO THIS BIG PILE OF LINEAR ALGEBRA, THEN COLLECT THE ANSWERS ON THE OTHER SIDE.

WHAT IF THE ANSWERS ARE WRONG?

JUST STIR THE PILE UNTIL THEY START LOOKING RIGHT.







**Now**



# Takeaways

- As soon as you can, start understanding who you are, what makes you happy, when you feel fulfilled (and when you're not). The better you can understand that, the better your path through life.
- Your journey may be unorthodox. Embrace it!
- Bold risks and choices are scary, but they usually pay off well. Not only in direct, "expected" ways, but also in ways which leave you with valuable life lessons and experiences
- Be terrified
- Bet on yourself
- As long as you're doing what you love and are passionate about, you'll find your way. And if that involves changing direction or focus, that's OK
- Be strict about the destination, loose about the journey
- STAY CURIOUS

**THANKS!**

**EXTRAS**





**Back in the days on  
the boulevard of  
Linden**

