



Media Q&A / Interview Sheet

Q: What is Dori Powledge Ministries, where is it located, and why was it formed?

DP: It is a Houston-based outreach ministry that allows me to share the message of hope and healing birthed from the unexpected loss of my husband and four children, which otherwise could have been life-long, debilitating pain and sorrow. This ministry gives me a platform by which I can share the hope of my story through speaking engagements and writing. My goal is to help people understand that they can be free and healed by the power of the cross of Jesus Christ - regardless of what comes against them or hurts them, or whatever difficult, seemingly hopeless situations we all face in this world.

Q: Who is the target audience for your speaking engagements and your book, A Love Greater Than Death? Why?

DP: The target audience for my message is anyone who has ever felt hopeless in a situation that was larger than them. People experience loss and grief on many levels. My message is for people to fully know the strength they can have through Jesus Christ, and to know who He is and what He can do for them. It's not a boy-or-girl, young-or-old message. It's about overcoming.

Q: What makes your message different from that of other grief support authors?

DP: There's such a misunderstanding in our society today concerning the process of grief. In Isaiah 53:4, Scripture says of Jesus, "Surely I carried your grief and bore your sorrows." My message is about Kingdom life. People may find this hard to believe, but I never went to a counselor. Traditional counseling says you're in the denial phase, the anger phase, etc., etc. It's very contrary to God's way. In A Love Greater Than Death, I explain the steps God took me through to make my life whole again.

Q: In your book, you tell about 250 people responding to an altar call during your family's memorial service. What did that mean to you at the time? Did that impact your view of what happened to your family? If so, how?

DP: People saw the value of life that day because of what happened in an instant to my family, and it caused them to think about eternal things. It meant to me that the lives of 250 people changed radically and that their eternal futures were secured. Most of those who committed their lives to Jesus Christ on that day were my and my husband's family members, over whom we had prayed countless prayers. I saw something that meant so much to me on what should've been the worst day of my life.

Salvation is the greatest miracle of all. You can be healed of sickness and disease, and that's a great thing, but salvation changes your destiny – your eternal destiny. The reason I was so secure on that sad day, as well as today, is that I know where my family is – in Heaven – and that one day, I'll have them back forever.

Q: In the book, you talk about receiving a tangible presence of the Lord in your time of great need. Had that ever happened to you before? Or since? How long did it last?

DP: I have felt the presence of God many times. This particular situation was a greater than usual one because my need was greater. It helped me to clearly understand Jesus' words to the apostle Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you." It was as large or as small as it needed to be, and it was available to me.

Sometimes you need it so much more, and you need to feel it so much more. It is still with me, though not in the same way. When you're walking in the peace of God and your security isn't threatened, you don't need that protection in so strong a way.

In the Bible, God says He'll be a husband to the husbandless and a father to the fatherless. How is that possible? It's the mystery and the sufficiency of grace! He gave me security and comfort – everything I needed, exactly when I needed it.

Q: What is your message to those living in the rush of life?

DP: Everything that had bothered me the day before wasn't even a concern on the day of the accident. We get so busy in life that we don't slow down and enjoy our loved ones. My first ministry has always been the care of my husband and children. I lost sight of that occasionally, but what my experience showed me, and what I hope others stop and remember, is that from one day to the next, the value of life and the people you love is so much more important than getting from here to there. Slow down ... it's all about balance. Take the time to live.

Q: What important "take-aways" do you hope readers receive from your book?

DP:

1. Understand they can be close to God and that His plan for their lives is to be successful, even when horrible things happen.
2. We live in a fallen world where bad things happen to good people everyday. Jesus came to set us free and to heal our broken hearts regardless of any situation we face.

Q: It's been five years since the accident. Explain how your life has changed since then.

DP: The moment the accident happened, life as I knew it was completely different. I have walked through the process of healing and overcoming. I am now remarried and moving forward with a different purpose. Although my first priority is my marriage and children, my focus is now pointed towards full-time ministry to help others in their walk with Jesus Christ and in being an overcomer.

Q: Has God revealed anything to you over time about that situation that you didn't expect?

DP: Yes, I have come to understand that God is not bound by time, and that He will bring us along to complete healing if we'll let Him. If we rest in Him, cling to Him, day by day we'll get a little bit better until we're fully recovered.

Q: Are there other books or projects in the Dori Powledge Ministry works? If so, can you elaborate?

DP: I have begun work on a second book titled Matters of the Mind, as well as a study guide for A Love Greater Than Death and I hope to have them published in 2014. Matters of the Mind will address the fact that our thoughts literally control our daily lives and will set out the importance of taking control of those thoughts so that they line up with God's Word. When this is accomplished, we can take control of our destiny and live out God's plan for us.

Q: Where can your book, A Love Greater Than Death, be purchased?

DP: On my website, www.doripowledge.com, and through every major bookstore and reseller, including BarnesandNoble.com, Borders.com, Booksamillion.com, Amazon.com, and probably even smaller, privately owned stores. Just make sure you have the following ISBN number: 978-1-61739-279-5 when you request the book.

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