

AUTHOR BIO

A [Love Greater Than Death](#) author, Dori Powledge Phillips, never dreamed of writing a book or speaking to groups large and small about God's incomparable grace and absolute sufficiency in the midst of great trial. As far back as she can remember, she longed only to be a wife and mother.



Dori's late teens and early twenties were spent raising her three oldest children, working as a legal assistant, and dealing with the dissolution of her first marriage. In 1995, Dori married Adam Powledge, an industrial worker and dad of two kids from a previous marriage. Their union produced three more children, for an exciting total of eight, and they purposed to create a God-centered, blended and loving family. For five years, Dori lived her childhood dream of being a full-time wife and mother. As the kids grew older, she returned to her legal assistant career to help supplement the household income.

In their early years together, Dori and Adam were taught valuable Biblical principles under the teaching of the late John Osteen, founder & first pastor of Lakewood Church in Houston. Dori and Adam continued to grow together through challenging inner-city missions work in Houston, where Dori further learned to serve others and grew in her ability to trust and submit to legitimate authority. Dori credits this training ground as integral to her recovery from the loss of her husband, Adam (39) and four youngest children (Jacob-12, Blake-10, Rachel-7, Isaac-6) in a 2005 automobile accident. That recovery and how others can experience the same ability to overcome their own trials, is the overarching theme of her first book.

Mere hours after the accident, Dori had the distinct realization that God personally and supernaturally was walking her through this tragedy. In retrospect, she now knows that she was being prepared to tell how He empowered her to overcome such devastation. In the months following her family's tragedy, she began writing her story and discussing the creation of Dori Powledge Ministries with her pastor. Years of work in the legal field alongside commercial litigation attorneys, expert story-tellers as she calls them, impressed Dori and prepared her in many ways to tell her own miraculous and triumphant story.

Dori's efforts since the accident that forever changed her life have included raising her and Adam's four oldest children (now adults—Patricia-26-engaged to Zack, Samantha-25-married to Brian, Amber-24-married to Dustin, and Austin-22) and developing her speaking ministry. Recently, however, she's taken time to nurture personal interests that include reading, running, cooking, and writing. Dori's second book is taking creative shape with potential for release in 2014.

Dori is an active member of Citymark Church of League City, Texas. Women's groups and entire congregations of various church denominations throughout Florida, New Mexico and Texas have heard Dori's message of encouragement and God's love for them.

Dickinson, a Houston suburb, is home to Dori and her husband of four years, entrepreneur and church drummer, Toby Phillips. Dori's family and heart have expanded to include Toby's two adult children, Dustin (26) and Kayla (22), daughter-in-law, Lawren (27), and now two precious grandchildren, Kalia (3) and Kat (2).

For more information about Dori, see www.doripowledge.com