

Dalene Reyburn (BA, Hons, HED, MA)

Profile and platform

I am a writer and speaker, sharing weekly at www.dalenerayburn.com. I'm the author of *Prayers for a Mom's Heart*; the bestseller, *Walking in Grace – 366 inspirational devotions for an abundant life in Christ*; *Dragons and Dirt: The truth about changing the world - and the courage it requires*; co-author of the children's novel, *Flight to Fabuland*; and a contributor to various online magazines and devotionals.

I do about twenty speaking events per year: ladies' camps, preaching and other ministry events, leadership and relationship training (for teens and adults), keynote addresses (valedictions *et al*), and staff development.

My most requested topics relate to identity; finding your calling and living out your potential; coping with suffering; leadership; marriage; womanhood; motherhood and special needs parenting.

I have an online footprint of around 100 000 readers and followers. Nothing excites and energises me more than offering truth, courage and hope within the warm-bodied and cyber communities God has placed me.

My Gallup StrengthsFinder top five strengths are Communicator, Positivity, Winning Others Over, Maximizer, and Belief. I'm vibrant, loyal and disciplined. I have a good sense of humour, but I take people seriously and love to inspire. I can plan and organize – decisively and creatively. I have gained valuable professional experience through teaching, leading a department, travelling, editing, writing, public speaking and being a mom.

Sad adverts make me cry (in a good way). Pinterest makes me break out in a cold sweat. I totally love *Madam Secretary*. I am (very happily) wife to Murray (an optometrist) and mom to Cameron and Scott. I am forgiven.

Education

I matriculated from Willowridge High School as Dux Scholar and Top All-rounder (academics, sports, culture) with 6 distinctions. I studied a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Pretoria (UP), majoring in English and French and graduating as Top English Student. I went on to read for my English Honours at UP, simultaneously completing a Higher Education Diploma through UNISA. I then read for a Masters in Applied Languages (UP).

Experience

As a student, I taught Mathematics through Project Literacy's adult education programme. I was a Tutor and later a Junior Lecturer in the English Department at UP. After graduating I worked as a Classroom Assistant in London, then launched my teaching career at Cornwall Hill College where I was an English teacher and Head of French for six years. I taught English at Dallam School (Cumbria, UK) for six months, before returning to South Africa and starting an editing and translation business. I was called back into teaching in 2006, heading up the English Department at St Alban's College for four years. I stepped back into the role of regular teacher in 2011 in favour of more time with my sons. Apart from teaching at St Alban's, I was involved in conference speaking, resource development and IEB Oral Moderation.

In 2013 I embarked on a new career season as fulltime mom, writer and speaker. I've written for various publications and blogs, done freelance editing, marked for the UNISA English Department, adjudicated public speaking events and completed a certificate course in spiritual leadership through Regent University (USA).

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