

# Dalene Reyburn

(BA, Hons, HED, MA, CGS)

## Profile and platform

I am a writer, speaker and teacher, sharing regularly at [www.dalenerayburn.com](http://www.dalenerayburn.com). I'm the bestselling author of seven books: [Apples of Gold](#) (with Dr Michael Mol), [Breathe Between the Lines](#), [Traveling Light](#), [Prayers for a Mom's Heart](#), [Walking in Grace](#) and [Dragons and Dirt](#). I also co-authored the children's novel, [Flight to Fabuland](#), and I contribute to various online magazines and devotionals, including [YouVersion](#). To date, my books have sold over 60 000 copies worldwide.

I do about twenty speaking events per year: ladies' ministry events, leadership and relationship training (for teens and adults) and keynote addresses (valedictions *et al*). I'm honoured to be part of the preaching team of [Capital City Church International](#) (3Ci).

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, and I'm a Three on the Enneagram. I'm vibrant, loyal and disciplined. I'm funny (ha-ha), but I take people seriously and love to inspire. I can plan and organize – decisively and creatively. I've gained valuable professional experience through teaching, leading a department, travelling, editing, blogging, public speaking and being a mom. I was born in 1977, and I identify as a *perennial*: flexible, and comfortable to connect an assortment of generational dots.

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

## Education

I matriculated from Willowridge High School, Pretoria, as Dux Scholar and Top Allrounder (academics, sports, culture) with six 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 (PGCE equivalent) through the University of South Africa (UNISA). I then read for a Masters in Applied Languages (UP), and completed a Certificate of Graduate Studies in Spiritual Formation through Regent University (USA).

## 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, Pretoria, 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 English Oral Moderation for the Independent Examinations Board.

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 and adjudicated public speaking events.

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