

Dr. Noah L. Washington, D.Min

FULL BIO:

If you know Pastor Noah Washington, you likely know that he never meets a stranger. And for as much as he enjoys making people laugh, he also feels called to help them push past their comfort zones.

Pastor Washington knows a thing or two about pushing past difficult times. Some years ago, he contracted Lyme disease. His experience with the disease was near fatal and though there are some lingering effects, that experience revealed his reason for existing. Part of that reason is to guide others beyond their limits and deeper into understanding God's will and purpose for their lives. That's no small feat, but Pastor Washington has gladly accepted the challenge. His concern for those who struggle to settle into the fullness of their lives runs deep. So, he founded *Inspiring Purpose*© with a mission to help them live more intentionally as individuals and in their relationships.

His work as a people pusher is delicately balanced with ministerial duties and educational pursuits. He has completed a Doctor of Ministry in Family Ministry, with his dissertation titled: An alternative to American dating practices for young adults. Likewise, his thoughts are never far away from the people who trust him as their spiritual head. Dr. Washington has held ministerial positions including Pastor at the Bladensburg SDA Church in Bladensburg, MD; Lead Pastor at Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church in Columbus, OH; and is currently Associate Pastor at Emmanuel Brinklow Seventh-day Adventist Church in Ashton, MD. Regardless of his placement, he is focused on maintaining active worship and outreach experiences that bring people closer to God. He believes in grassroots efforts designed to meet people where they are and propel them forward. Not surprisingly, Dr. Washington does not feel burdened by the load he was built to carry. Instead, he finds inspiration in having the privilege to witness people's journeys of difficulty to triumph.

Even with almost 20 years in the ministry, and all that he has accomplished, the published author and adjunct university professor, has his eyes set towards much more. His motto is that "your greatest place of pain is your place of purpose" and he's intent on helping others see the beauty in their struggles. Because he understands that there's no one clear path to get there, Noah uses a range of techniques and practices including seminars, counseling, and coaching to help people identify their own missions. His two books, *Encouragement for Today*, a 40-day devotional, and *5 Keys to Break Out of Dating Dysfunction* serve as additional resources.

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