

A portrait of Lauren Jacobs, a woman with dark hair styled up, smiling warmly. She is wearing a white textured blazer over a gold sequined top. She is seated in a wooden chair with a cream-colored upholstered back. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

Lauren Jacobs

PUBLIC SPEAKER AND AUTHOR

*We lend our voices to those who
cannot speak but only until they
have found their own*



Biography



Lauren Jacobs is an award-winning author, who focuses on empowering women, amplifying women's voices and creating change within societies where oppression of women in its various forms, is still a reality.

Through careful research and compelling story telling, Lauren pieces together the forgotten stories of history's women. To date she has written three titles and currently has four published books on the shelves. Her debut book *Yehudit Chosen by God*, won the coveted Desmond Tutu – Gerrit Brand award in 2017, for its strong stand for justice and its revelation that women were leaders from the very beginning. Her second historical novel *Shelamzion Queen of Israel*, was published in September 2018 and garnered national media attention for its

unique storyline about Ancient Israel's 2000-year-old queen. It won the Next Generation Indie Book Award in the USA in 2019. IN October 2020, Lauren released her first children's book *Bold Bible Girls*. It was a finalist for the Murray Prize and is a bestseller, she is currently at work on a follow up. Lauren was the editor of a collaborative work featuring 12 global women's stories of hardship and trial. Their stories combined, were published in book format and the profits garnered, was donated to female education in Egypt and to an organisation fighting gendercide in China. She has performed poetry at events, and even featured as the key poet at the Kings and Queens of Africa Summit in 2014. Alongside her career as a professional print author, Lauren has dedicated the past 13 years to social justice pursuits. From social justice journalism,

to conference speaking, radio interviews and collaboration with international organisations, she has frequently written and spoken about issues facing the global community of women. Her work has appeared in magazines, journals, curriculum, anthologies, newspaper columns, weekly online columns, editorials, art exhibitions and blogs. Her voice flows with intensity and strength as she speaks about women abuse, gendercide, equality in theology, and female education. With a degree in psychology coupled with four years work experience as a trauma counsellor and women abuse therapist, her work is built on personal experience and a heartfelt passion for change.

Lauren is now a radio journalist at Cape Pulpit in Cape Town, South Africa where she hosts a drive time show called Voice of Change. Her show focuses on the controversial, the current and the necessary. Voice of Change broke ground as the first scholarship nominee for the Gracie Awards in 2021. Lauren studied for 10 years across disciplines, with a B.A in Psychology and English, she continued her studies in the area of criminology, and thereafter she obtained an honours and a master's degree in divinity. Her masters work was ground breaking, as it addressed a topic not

spoken about before – the reality of abuse in the lives of affluent South African women, regardless of race. Half of her thesis was dedicated to researching the work of the church in the lives of abused women and how the church should take a more active role in leading healing for abuse. She worked as a non- profit woman abuse counsellor for a crisis centre, and became their woman abuse campaign leader. For the past decade, Lauren has dedicated her time to theology and in 2021, she won the International Michael Brown Change Agent Award, as well as a Women of the World award for her ground-breaking work as a female theologian. She also received a positive role model award from Accenture Gender Mainstreaming Awards in 2021. Lauren has been a keynote speaker at dozens of events globally, and as a speaker she believes in moving the audience to dig deep in to the layers of their hearts and the recesses of their minds as they connect with the subject matter. She can speak on just about any topic, but prefers speaking on topics that are relevant to our current generation and to women globally.



RADIO AND MAGAZINE INTERVIEWS





Conferences

From across South Africa, to West Africa, the United Kingdom and even the United States, Lauren has travelled across the globe to speak at domestic violence conferences, gender equality conferences and women's empowerment events.

As a prolific speaker, Lauren collaborates with organizations, individuals and non – profits to impact global change for women. She hosted Cape Town's first gendercide in China conference

in drawing women together to unite against gendercide and raise awareness and funding for this human rights issue.

Lauren continues to raise her voice on issues of social justice, empowerment and the need for women's stories to be told in this current generation. It is within her DNA to speak out on these issues of importance in the current times.

**REVD NOBUNTU PENXA MATHOLENI
– STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY. RSA
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IN THE ACADEMIA WORLD.”**

Extract from BELLA

Describing Lauren as
a wonder woman and
inspiration!

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Sag, maar doelgerig, streef Lauren daarna om daagliks haar doel hier op aarde te vervul. Oktober is Domestic Violence Awareness Month en Lauren is 'n inspirasie vir BELLAS. Sy is Suid-Afrika se eie *Wonder Woman* wat in die voorste linies van die oorlog veg, vir iets wat nie noodwendig eers haar battle is om te

fight nie. Sy verskuif grense vir gelykheid en bied 'n veilige hawe van hoop vir vroue wat mishandel word.

DIS IN HAAR DNA...

“Toe ek klein was, was ek al sensitief vir dinge rondom my wat ‘sleg’ was in die wêreld. Ek



SPEAKING AT

TED^x

In November 2018, Lauren was a speaker at Africa's largest Ted event, Tedx CapeTown. Her topic “A Forgotten History, where are our Women?” addressed the need for action to preserve and retell women's history.

As a historical fiction author, Lauren delivered her Ted talk with zeal and confidence, evoking deep emotion in many of the audience members.

"LAUREN JACOBS CHANGED THE MOOD WHEN SHE SPOKE ABOUT THE 'BLANK PAGES' IN HISTORY WHEN IT COMES TO 'WOMEN'S CONTRIBUTIONS, POWERFULLY STATING THAT 'IF GIRLS CAN'T READ ABOUT WOMEN IN BOOKS, WE ARE TELLING THEM THAT THEY ARE WORTH LESS'" – CAPE CHAMELEON MAGAZINE

WHAT EXACTLY IS TED^x ?

Ted is a non-profit devoted to ideas worth spreading. These ideas are shared in short, powerful to the point talks on various subjects covered by various individuals all over the world. Ted itself began in 1984 as a conference focusing mostly on Technology, Entertainment and Design

(the 3 letters themselves make up the word Ted). Today, Ted is hosted in cities all over the world in more than 110 languages. A Tedx event is part of the global Ted community, but it is hosted independently by a particular city or community.

WHAT LAUREN GOT UP TO IN 2020

- Radio Pulpit 657AM Interview: *Featured Interview on being a contributor to the book Die Liefdesboek*
- Featured Interview on Creative & Kind Podcast (Women and Business)
- Global Women's Empowerment Summit: *Keynote Speaker on Female Gendercide*
- Featured Interview on Kingfisher FM
- Medicine Mommy Conference: *Keynote Speaker on Women's Empowerment*
- Featured interview on What's Her Name History Podcast
- Margaret Hirsch's Women of Worth Breakfast: *Keynote Speaker*
- The Women's Table Conference: *Keynote Speaker*
- S.A Women Fight Back Gathering: *Panel Speaker*
- New Book release October 2020: *Bold Bible Girls*
- Featured in Baba & Kleuter and Baby & Child
- The New York Women's Conference: *Keynote Speaker*
- Featured Interview on Radio Disa
- Featured Interview on Charlotte Reader's Podcast
- Featured Interview on Shouting about the Silence Podcast

WHAT LAUREN GOT UP TO IN 2021

- National African American Mission Council Annual Conference: *Panel Speaker*
- Featured interview on Noggin Notes Africa
- The Womxn Show on Cape Town T.V: *Featured Interview*
- Featured Interview on Relate Your Research podcast
- ACDP Women's Month Conference: *Keynote Speaker (Economic Development of Women)*
- 180 Degrees Radio Interview: *Featured Interview*
- Heroine Workshop Facilitator for D.M Logistics
- Social Media Feature on Cora Project: *Period Poverty*
- Featured Interview on Ethnikids
- Good for You Feature Interview on Cape Town TV.
- Social Media Feature on Strength and Honour Clothing
- ACDP Conference M.C. (Women's Empowerment)
- Featured Interview with Liomee on Leef: Cape Pulpit 729AM.



SPEAKING AT *Religious Events*

As an ordained minister, with over a decade of ministerial experience and a master's degree in divinity, Lauren ministers at religious events both large and small.

Her messages are always from the heart for the heart with the purpose of sharing a message of challenge and hope.

She has been invited globally to share the Word of God, it's one of her favourite things to do.

A number of Lauren's teaching videos on YouTube have blessed thousands of women. Her very first video teaching ever, a sermon on Proverbs 31, received over 30 000 views within its first few weeks of going live!


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**— MARLIZE VAN DER
MERWE**



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