

## Gwen Goolsby Tillery

Gwen Goolsby-Tillery is an educator, award winning author, entrepreneur, coach and speaker with a passion for transforming lives, helping people develop a spirit of excellence, and inspiring people to have a faith over fear attitude. She is originally from New York, but currently resides in New Jersey. She worked in public education for over 20 years as a teacher, learning consultant, and administrator.

As a result of tragic injury, which forced her to retire early, she has now entered into a new season in her life. She is now an entrepreneur maintaining several successful businesses. She is the owner of H.O.P.E LLC, which stands for Helping Others Pursue Excellence. The company offers educational. She is the wife of Alex Tillery and the proud mother of Alexis and Briana. Alex and Gwen are the co-owners of Solid Rock Entertainment LLC, which is an entertainment company. The company provides booking services, management, marketing and consulting services. They have worked with artists such as Tamela Mann, JJ Hairston, Anton Milton and Earnest Pugh. Finally, she is the owner of Spark 2 Inspire, which was created to help women become all that God has created them to be. The mission of Spark 2 Inspire is to impact the lives of women spiritually, physically and financially and inspire them to walk in their destiny and fulfill their purpose. Her inspirational tee shirt line My Faith Ware is a significant part of Spark as she relies on the shirts to be a source of inspiration to everyone. She has had the opportunity to speak before youth groups, woman's organizations and conferences.

In 2017 through Spark 2 Inspire she launched The Transformation Experience, which is a weekend for women to come together to be inspired, empowered, and transformed by the word of God. In May of 2017 she also released her first book Finding Purpose in Your Pain, Moving from Tragedy to Triumph, which was nominated for best Faith/ Culture Book of the Year and Best Author/Writer by the Rhythm of Gospel Awards. In June of 2018 she won the Best Author/Writer category. She is a founding member and Minister in Training of her church St. John Family Worship Center under the leadership of Rev. Terrance Morrison. She also oversees the health and wellness ministry.

Gwen's formal education includes a M.S. in Mental Health Counseling from Walden University, a M.S. In Education from Hunter College, In New York City, and a B.A. in Psychology from Lehman College, Bronx, NY, and a certification in leadership from The College of New Rochelle. She is currently pursuing her doctorate in biblical studies. Gwen is excited about walking in her new assignment by using her skills, knowledge and training to inspire others to walk in their purpose by increasing their faith. Her favorite scripture is Jeremiah 29:11.