



## **INTERVIEW TOPICS**

- Foster Care to Adoption
- Childhood Trauma + Resilience
- Youth + Family Advocacy
- Spiritual Development

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## **SHARLENE PROVILUS**

WRITER. SPEAKER. ARTIST & ENTREPRENEUR

Sharlene Provilus is a writer, speaker, recording artist, and entrepreneur. She is the founder and CEO of Write Speak Inspire, LLC, and co-founder of The Guild Conference.

For nearly two decades, Sharlene has been inspiring audiences with her story. She has led workshops, delivered keynotes, and shared her most vulnerable moments through spoken word performances with tens of thousands of people. Sharlene talks about the power of adoption, having had the rare experience of being adopted twice in one lifetime. She's passionate about sharing her lived experiences through her work as an artist and speaker.

She's had the opportunity to share the stage and collaborate with some of the most dynamic contemporary Christian singer/songwriters, producers, and spoken word poets, including Antoine Bradford, Chris Webb, Ezekiel Azonwu, Jess Ray, Mission House, The Verses Project, and more.

Sharlene uses the performing arts to advocate and bring awareness to issues that impact the most vulnerable in our community. She leads, creates, and speaks from a deep place of authenticity. Her ability to capture audiences on stage as a performing artist gives her a distinct advantage as a speaker and trainer. She is by far one of the most captivating communicators of her generation.

Today, Sharlene continues to coach student leaders and professionals around the country while working on the manuscript for an upcoming book project and the release of her first album.

## **SUGGESTED QUESTIONS**

- Why is foster care and adoption such an important topic?
- How are you using the power of your words to change the world?
- Why are the stories we tell ourselves and about ourselves so important?
- How has your faith journey been impacted by trauma? What encouragement, if any, do you have for others?
- In what ways can someone develop resilience mentally and emotionally after experiencing trauma?
- Do you believe childhood trauma is impacting the way you show up in the world today? If so, how?
- How can art/creativity be used as a resilience tool?
- Why is "owning your story" more powerful than running away from it?

