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## THE BEAUTIFUL MOM ISSUE





# DR. FAITH OLIVER- ROBERTSON

LIVING UP TO HER  
NAME & EQUIPPING  
WOMEN FOR  
GREATNESS

There is significance and power in a name. Dr. Faith Oliver-Robertson, affectionately known as “Dr. Faith,” lives up to the meaning of her name. Her passion to transform others inside and out shows in everything she does. From her work as a makeup artist for Faces by Faith to her award winning dental practice to her new book, *Speaking by Faith*, Dr. Faith helps others realize a higher level of faith that shifts how they think and speak about themselves and their lives. If you can change the way a person perceives themselves, you can change the course of their destiny,” Dr. Faith says.

CEOMOM had a candid conversation with Dr. Faith about her recent transition into full time ministry and why faith is not about what you understand, but what you do.

## Who is Dr. Faith Oliver-Robertson?

My nickname growing up was Chocolate Drop. I still see that young girl who grew up the youngest of nine children and the product of a praying mother who always told me I could do anything and be anything.

I believed her. I am very passionate about people. I am a servant by nature. It comes easy for me, it is in my DNA. I am a woman who has her own share of scars, who has made her share of mistakes. I have been lost in the hustle and bustle of life but I am so happy to say that I have recently found myself and found my freedom. As far as what I do, I am multitasked. We all have so many layers to us. There's my practice, my makeup and my speaking, which is all to better somebody else. I am more than a title. I am more than positions. I am more than degrees on the wall. I am chosen.

**In *Speaking by Faith*, you take readers on a journey of self discovery through 30 declarations. Describe a few of those declarations and how important they are to self-reflection.**

**Forgiveness** - This one is extremely important. That is something that is suffocating us and keeping us from walking in freedom, not forgiving others that have wronged us, not forgiving ourselves for not making the best decisions. You have to let those things go for you, not for someone else. Forgiveness is for you so that it doesn't turn into resentment.

**Prioritizing** - We are so busy in this microwave society. We want drive through prayers, but we have to get back to communion with God. We have to carve out that one on one time. We have to get away from being too busy for God. You also have to prioritize yourself. The book caters to women because we are so busy taking care of everything and everybody else that we are having health issues. We can't sleep. We are stressed. Put yourself as number one on your to do list. The world benefits from a better you.

**What was the defining moment that led you to write *Speaking by Faith*?**

I had to look back over my life at everything that I have done that has touched other people. A seed was being planted in me. Someone saw something in me and said, you need to put something together like a prayer journal. People need something tangible. It started out just being a prayer journal with some positive scriptures and blank pages, and evolved into *Speaking by Faith*.

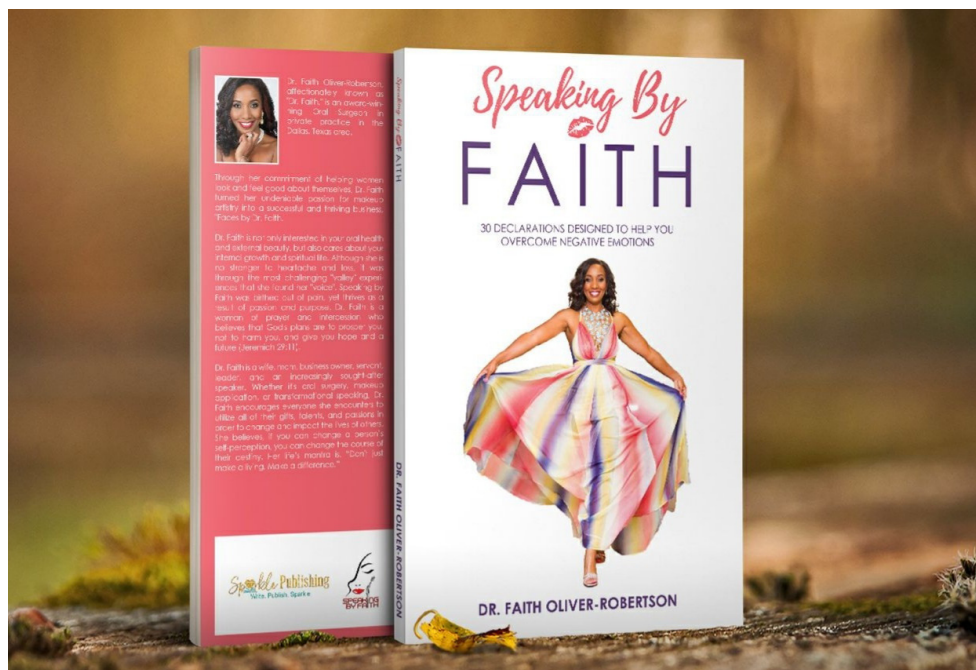


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The book was created to change your mindset and what comes out of your mouth so you can have a different outcome.

**How has *Speaking by Faith* empowered you as a woman, mother, wife and ministry leader?**

It has caused me to be accountable because there is no way that I can put this out there and not walk the walk. I am more cognizant of what people are saying. I am more cognizant of negativity. It has caused me to set up boundaries in my home. I handle conflict differently. I listen with intent rather than to retaliate. I watch what I speak over my children. It has changed the way I navigate through the world. In *Speaking by Faith*, I include scriptures that cause you to walk in a certain amount of confidence, knowing you can have what you say. You know what you are entitled to because you are speaking his promises. It changes your whole person.

**You have a diverse career as an author, oral surgeon, speaker, makeup artist, entrepreneur and more. What do you want your legacy to be for your children?**

I look at my son who is 20 and I look at my nine year old daughter. What I want for my daughter more than anything is to know who she is. That way the world can't put a label on her. They can't define her. We have started saying everyday, I am Angelica. I am strong. I am brave. I am intelligent and I live my life for

God. More than anything what I want to instill in her is her identity. She is already a natural born leader. My job is to guide her in the right direction. She is going to take wings and fly.

**You recently made a huge career transition by closing your private dental practice to work in ministry full time. Congratulations on this new venture! What words of wisdom do you have for someone who wants to take the leap of faith to pursue God's calling?**

It's still very fresh and I still go, wow! I went from dentistry to ministry. I did not see that coming. People are saying congratulations and I am like hold up, this is no cake walk. Oh my goodness. I knew that it was time for me to shift. I had been in practice for over 20 years. When it started to feel like work it was time to do something else. I saw God opening other doors for me. I saw the shift coming. I was waiting on him to say, now is the time. Was it my timing? No. I wanted to get things in order. That is where the faith move comes in. You won't see the whole plan. I did it and I have had about 20 meltdowns since then. My word of advice is definitely go but get ready for doubt and fear to come at you like a Mack truck. Stand flat footed and know that God told you to do this. You will never be able to fulfill your true calling without making



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that bold and scary step of faith. You don't have to understand it but you have to be obedient to it.

#### **What is next for Dr. Faith?**

I feel like after closing my practice that the limits have been taken off of me. I have time to move and breathe and travel and go and do those things that I have always wanted to do. My knees are shaking but I know that he called me to nations, not just locally. I want to do what I do which is encourage people, speak life over them and pray. I recently had an idea that I was tossing around with my girlfriend. I want to host a small group of women where we talk and get to the matter of what is going on in our lives. Just that idea has opened doors to bring Heart of the Matter to places like Los Angeles and Australia. That has blown me away. I connected with a pastor in Australia through social media. She follows me and said, "I wish I could come to one of your events. I said, "I am coming to you." God opened that door.

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I am still in disbelief that I am going. They are forming a conference around Heart of the Matter. It's a two or three day conference. They have asked me to do a day of prayer. I feel inadequate but I know that God will equip me. I know that when it is time for me to step foot on that soil he will give me everything I need to do it. The deal I made is, if you don't speak, I don't speak. The platform is getting so huge. I just wanted to do this for 12 women at an Airbnb. God clearly had other plans. Getting to The Heart of the Matter is literally going around the world. I'm excited about every door that he is opening for *Speaking By Faith*. It only gets bigger and better from here.

To learn more about Dr. Faith and order your copy of *Speaking by Faith*, visit <https://www.speakingbyfaith.com>.