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National Podcast Host, TV Commentator, Author, and Speaker

Television Commentator Diane Canada hosts the national “Lady Up America” podcast on Salem Media, speaks for conservative women's organizations, and trains a growing community of conservative women through her virtual book club, www.ladyupamerica.com.

Diane was the 2020 Republican Nominee for the Tennessee House of Representatives, District 56. She is a graduate of the Heritage Foundation's Political Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C., and is the former Nashville Political Advocate for the National Association of Women Business Owners. Diane was recently honored with the Tennessee State Legislature's extraordinary citizen award. Along with Kathie Lee Gifford, Senator Marsha Blackburn, Dr. Carol Swain, Riley Gaines, and other great ladies of service, she received the “She Leads Tennessee” or government and community service award for her “Lady Up America” movement. She has served on the Mayor's Minority and Business Advisory Council in Nashville, and currently serves on the boards of the American Bible Project, and the Tennessee Immigrant and Minority Business Group.

Before entering politics, Diane founded a consulting firm specializing in launching women's businesses and resuscitating businesses in crisis. She is also a professional songwriter whose music has been used in films and television programs. Her TV show, “Nashville Unleashed,” has been syndicated in 100 million US households and three countries. Diane's first book was *Lady Up + Don't Quit: How To Look Any Leadership Challenge In The Eye and Give It A Little Wink* in 2020. Her second book, *Lady Up America: Training Christian Moms For The Toughest Spiritual Battleground of Our Lifetime* was released in early 2024.

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My dad was in his Junior year at the University of Florida with a guaranteed job waiting for him in broadcasting at NBC upon his graduation. He met my mom and was saved in her church, where he was so moved that he switched to Florida Bible College to become a Pastor.

After they married and started a family, we were constantly on the move as he was planting churches before ultimately leading congregations of his own. We were the dutiful Pastor's family, adhering to strict rules, but I can't say that we knew what a "relationship with the Lord" looked like. It was all just so formal with expectations to represent my dad well.

When my Dad left my mom, my sister, and me for another woman, our family and faith were shattered. How could a Pastor abandon his family? How could a loving God let this happen? A million questions went unanswered for many years as we struggled to find our way. My life became a series of fumbles in the dark, making life-altering mistakes that hurt deeply, and having no concept of what a victorious life was supposed to look like.

I received an unexpected visit from a Pastor in my living room one evening. He asked, "Has the world beaten you up enough out there yet? Are you ready to come home? If so, this is God reaching out His hand and hoping you'll take it tonight." I surprisingly grabbed the Pastor's hand without understanding why. I just knew, somehow, that I needed hope. I now see that God has the best "drip campaign" ever. He guides us slowly out of the dark, gently into the light, and begins to heal the broken pieces of our hearts. God draws us into a relationship, not just rules to follow.

I've been walking and growing with the Lord now for over 30 years, and I see the evidence of Jesus in my transformed life. I see now that people may hurt people, but God can heal our hearts and repurpose the pain. I see that hope is found in nothing that this fleeting world can offer us. I see that happiness is based on what "happens" to us, but joy is an inner knowing that no matter what "happens," we are at peace in God's arms. I now know that peace is our inheritance from God, but forgiveness and obedience are the keys to that peace. God designed us for relationship, so we never walk alone. God has walked with us into every room we have ever entered, been in every vehicle we've ever driven, and held us during every worry-filled midnight hour. God is real and so close to us every minute. When I surrendered my life to my Creator and asked for help in navigating this spiritual battleground of life, that's when I finally learned what victory means.