

Kareem Rogers

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Kareem Rogers is a native of Philadelphia, PA and the eldest of two children. While growing up in Southwest Philadelphia, he attended Bodine High School for International Affairs and graduated in 1993. He immediately enrolled at Philadelphia College of Textile and Science (Philadelphia University), where he was very much involved in the Black Student Union (and later elected president). In 1997, he received his B.S. in Applied Mathematics.

Rogers joined “Teach for America” while doing his post graduate studies at Saint Peters College in New Jersey. In August of 1997, he began working with the Jersey City School District and received a Provisional Teacher Certification. In 1998, Rogers received a standard Teacher Certification that allowed him to teach in any educational setting for grades K-8. He later became a Middle/High School Administrator, teacher and coach at Blair Christian Academy (Philadelphia, PA). Presently, Rogers is a math teacher with the Philadelphia School District.

While launching his career in education, Rogers began to teach, lead, and motivate youth from all walks of life to fulfill their purpose and achieve their goals. This is done through teaching, training, motivation, and employment opportunities. He takes this vision to community centers, schools, and other local organizations that deal with targeted groups.

While a youth pastor at Impacting Your World Christian Center, Rogers is filled with passion and love for the Lord and is motivated to be a loving person both in and out of the church.

A dynamic motivational speaker and teacher, Rogers conducts goal achievement workshops, seminars and training throughout the Philadelphia metropolitan area, and has appeared on shows such as “Good Morning America!” His powerful presentations include: “Father Time”, “The Choice Is Yours”, “Greatness Is in You!”, “Communicating for Results”, “Who’s the Man” and many others. Some of his clientele include: Philadelphia Advocate Program, Darby First Baptist Church Youth Ministry, Philadelphia Community College, New Choices New Options, Impacting Your World Christian Center, and A.C.S.I. (Savannah, GA). He also provides job opportunities and leads for individuals through his forming of non-profit and for profit organizations.

Rogers is founder and president of Greatness Is in You, a Philadelphia-based program comprising arts and entertainment, community service, business development, and real estate development. The organization provides leadership training, with an emphasis on youth leadership development; promotes artistic expression; and facilitates entrepreneurial networking in urban communities. Rogers adopts a multimedia approach in his empowerment programs, and uses artistic venues to teach life transforming and affirming principles.

Rogers wrote, produced and directed his first production in 2006, which debuted on Philadelphia's renowned Avenue of the Arts. "Pigtails and Baby Dolls" tackled the issue of teen pregnancy in dramatic form, while providing a forum for area teens to receive practical training on self-esteem and self image. Although funding for this work came from supportive family and friends who saw great potential, and the public initially didn't even want free tickets for the show, God showed Himself faithful. By the end of the weekend, more than 900 people were in attendance!

"Preyer", Rogers' second production, was held at Philadelphia's historic Freedom Theater.

"Black Eye Love" is Rogers' most recent work and first touring production. About the production, Rogers states: "This story addresses an issue that I found myself exploring what can best be described as a lack of love and unholy competition within the Church." "Black Eye Love", explores these and other various dynamics including male/females relationships. The play premiered in Philadelphia at the Painted Bride Art Center where three out of four performances were sold out. Audiences were able to witness this riveting expose of Christian life in Roanoke, VA (Jefferson Center), Washington, DC (ATLAS Performing Arts Center), and recently in Boston, MA (Roxbury Center for the Arts). The next tour destination is Greensboro, NC at the Carolina Theatre.