

BIO & INTRODUCTION FOR CHURCHES

She's been described as the girl-next-door with the drive of a race car, with laugh-out-loud, relatable stories. Perhaps her stories are so relatable because she's been where you are - in seasons of joy and happiness, of insecurity and guilt, and of doubt and discouragement. But it's those same seasons and stories - paired with truths from the Word - that bring laughter and aha moments to audiences all over.

While not big on titles, sometimes they matter. Allyson is a member of the internationally known John Maxwell Team, a licensed Marriage Mediator through XO Marriage, and an ordained minister. She has published 2 books with another one the way and has nearly 200,000 readers in over 85 countries on the YouVersion Bible app. With more than 20 years of corporate and nonprofit leadership experience, she brings values-focused, interactive training & keynotes to businesses, schools, cooperatives, and ministry teams across the country.

But today she's focused on you and the message she feels God has placed upon her heart. As she says, "I hope you didn't just get a pedicure... I'm about to step on some toes!" **Let's lean in & laugh together as we welcome Allyson McElroy (MAC-ul-roy)!**

Note: I tell a bit of my story in my presentation, so no need to read a longer intro. However, I've put a few points below in case they pertain or would help connect to your audience. If you'd prefer to read a lengthy, full bio, please reach out.

POINTS OF CONNECTION

- **A little about home:** Allyson and her husband, Michael, live in Oklahoma with their Maltese, Bentley. They enjoy traveling with their college son, Cole, and collecting passport stamps along the way.
- **Her career roots:** Allyson started working just one week out of high school. She worked her way from the front lines to the vice president's chair while earning her degree from East Central University, graduating with a 4.0 in the Honors program.
- **A little nostalgia:** She often jokes that she fits into many "generations." She can win any sing-off when it comes to old hymns and can belt out the latest top 10 on the worship stations. She grew up in an old school, hair-piled-high, 3-piece suit wearing church and now attends one of the largest nondenominational churches in the region.
- **Her philosophy:** While she speaks to many audiences about many subjects, her message remains the same: There's a lot to be passionate about. But until we're passionate about *com*passion, nothing else matters.