

2020 Lavinia Masters

Sexual Assault Advocate & Legislative Trailblazer

Sexual assault survivor, Author, Survivors Coach, and Founder of Hope S.A.V.E.S. (Sexual Assault Victims Empowered 2 Speak), **Lavinia Masters** has over 25 years of sexual assault advocacy experience. After being sexually assaulted at 13, Lavinia endured an invasive and extensive examination, lasting several hours, only to be told the remnants of her attacker's DNA would be processed. That rape kit remained on police shelves for 21 years.

But not only hers, but hundreds of other sexual assault victims. Partnering with **Texas State Representative, Victoria Neave (D)**, the two worked tirelessly to present **House Bill 8 -The Lavinia Masters Act**; landmark legislation presented and passing in the **86th Legislature** dealing with 'the criminal statute of limitations for certain sexual offenses and the collection, analysis, and preservation of evidence of sexual assault and other sex offenses'.

She now **coaches survivors** into their newfound, outspoken purpose so that they can regain their sexual identity, recoup their sexual rights and reclaim the innocence of the sexual purity that was stolen.

She is the **recipient** of the:
Crime Victims Special Courage Award, Dept. of Justice, 2020
Real Life Hero Award, Texas Trailblazers/Family Place, 2019
Points of Light Award, Points of Light, 2019

She's written two books:
'Breathe Again: How Rape Brought A Girl From Misery Into A Woman Of Ministry' and 'Genie In A Bottle: Poetry Inspired By Sexual Assault'

She's the **mother of two** adorable **sons** and is happily **married** to **Pastor Ricky Masters**.

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