



Dorina Lazo Gilmore is an accomplished writer, speaker and blogger. She specializes in grief recovery, helping women who've suffered loss to chase God's glory. In addition, Dorina has traditionally-published three multicultural children's books and a collection of poetry. Her book, *Cora Cooks Pancit*, received the Asian American Librarian's Association Picture Book of the Year. Dorina and her husband Shawn have recently written a devotional/training journal for runners called *Walk, Run, Soar* with Bethany House/Baker Publishing group, releasing in Fall 2020.

Having successfully blogged at *Self Talk the Gospel*, *AlohaGilmores* and *Health-full* for more than a decade, Dorina recently shifted her efforts to her own site, DorinaGilmore.com, and is already seeing great results. Dorina is a regular contributor at (in)courage with an audience of more than 60,000 subscribers. A former reporter for the *Chicago Tribune*, *Arizona Republic*, and *Fresno Bee*, Gilmore's essay on grief "This is a story I never would have written for myself – ever" was recently picked up by twenty national newspapers. Her articles, "Permission to Grieve" and "Standing at the Intersection of Fear and Faith" received the top hits at *Self Talk the Gospel* in 2014 and 2015. Dorina attended Calvin College for a bachelor degree in English Literature and Journalism and Hollins University for a Masters of Fine Arts degree in Children's Literature.

Dorina is passionate about helping women from diverse backgrounds flourish in their God-given callings. Raised in Chicago, Dorina was transplanted to Fresno, California in 1999. She considers herself a California girl now as she raises three daughters to love the cultural diversity, beautiful landscapes and unique food of the state. In 2016, Dorina married a long-time friend, Shawn Young. They still consider themselves newlyweds dancing in the beauty that rises from ashes. When Dorina is not writing or spending time with family, she's out on the trails running marathons and chasing God's glory.

Dorina chases God's glory as a mama, foodie, runner, and a weaver of words. Her essays have been published at (in)courage, *Kindred Mom*, *For Every Mom*, *The MOPS* blog and in more than 20 newspapers. She specializes in helping people navigate grief and flourish in community.

Dorina is passionate about raising up women from diverse backgrounds to thrive in their God-given callings. For more than 12 years, she has been leading Bible studies and developing leaders. Her gift is delivering authentic, Biblically-sound messages that engage audiences through story. She has published two Bible studies, *Glory Chasers: Discovering God's Glory in Unexpected Places* and *Flourishing Together: Cultivating a Fruitful Life in Christ*.

With an MFA in Children's Literature, Dorina has published three multicultural children's books and a collection of poetry. Her book, *Cora Cooks Pancit*, received the Asian American Librarian's Association Picture Book of the Year. Dorina also has experience teaching college students, speaking in elementary schools, and coaching youth.

Dorina is the granddaughter of Filipino-Hawaiian and Italian immigrants. Raised in Chicago, she was transplanted to Fresno, California in 1999. She considers herself a California girl now as she raises three daughters to love the cultural diversity, wonder-filled landscapes and unique food of the state. After her husband died from cancer in 2014, Dorina married a long-time friend, Shawn Young. They still consider themselves newlyweds dancing in the beauty that rises from ashes. When Dorina is not writing or spending time with family, she's out on the trails running marathons and chasing God's glory.

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