

A professional portrait of Pastor Kim Stubbs, a woman with short, wavy blonde hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a white clerical collar. She is smiling slightly and looking directly at the camera. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

**PASTOR
KIM STUBBS:**

Helping Others Rise

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Interview by Ronald Hale

Long before she became known as Pastor Kim, she was simply Kimberly... the youngest of eleven children growing up in a busy household built on service and discipline.

Her father served as a Corporal in the U.S. Army in Tuskegee, Alabama, where the historic Tuskegee Airmen were based, while her mother was a beloved nurse. From them, Pastor Kim learned early that a life of purpose is rooted in serving others.

Today she is more than a pastor. She is a devoted wife, a loving mother of seven children, and the author of two published books. But beyond the titles and responsibilities, those who know her best describe her simply as someone who cares deeply about people.

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Pastor Kim’s story begins in Roxbury, a historic neighborhood in Boston known for its rich culture and strong sense of community.

Her early years there taught her something that would later guide her entire approach to ministry: how to connect with people from all walks of life.

“Growing up in Roxbury, there was a little bit of everything,” she recalls. “You had people who were Jewish, Caucasian, Spanish, Mexican... many different cultures all in one place. It taught me how to interact with anyone, no matter where they came from.”

Those experiences helped shape the way she sees people today.

“Don’t look at someone just because they look different or talk different,” she adds. “You can learn something from each person just like they can learn something from you.”

That mindset would later become a cornerstone of her ministry.

During her youth in Boston, Pastor Kim also spent much of her time at the Roxbury Boys & Girls Club. It was there that she formed friendships with other young athletes who would later go on to play professional sports at the highest levels. But at the time, none of that mattered.



They were simply friends growing up together... sharing basketball courts and dreams about the future.

Looking back, Pastor Kim says those relationships taught her something she still values today: never underestimate the power of connection and community.

Yet the path toward ministry did not happen overnight. Like many callings, it came through seasons of reflection, resistance, and growth.

She first began sensing a call into ministry in the late 1990s. But at the time, accepting that call was not easy.

“I kept asking God, ‘Why would you want to use somebody like me?’” she says. “I came from the inner city of Roxbury. I didn’t see many women in leadership in ministry back then.

At the time, many churches were still predominately male-dominated, and stepping into leadership as a woman required courage and faith.

Still, the calling would not go away.

“The more I tried to resist it, the stronger it became,” she admits. “Eventually I realized I had to stop the tug of war and submit to what God was asking me to do.”

Walking in purpose, Pastor Kim explains, often requires letting go of things you once held onto.

“You don’t always realize what needs to change until God begins to deal with you,” she explains. “Sometimes the sacrifice is simply learning that life isn’t always about what you want to do... it’s about helping others.”

Today, Pastor Kim leads with a strong sense of humility and accountability. She believes one of the most important parts of leadership is staying grounded.

For her, that grounding begins with her relationship with God.

“I talk with God the same way you would talk with someone in a relationship,” she admits. “You learn their heart. You learn their ways.”

Even with a demanding schedule, Pastor Kim remains intentional about protecting time with her family. As a wife and mother of seven, she believes leaders must keep their priorities in the right order.

“First God, then family, then ministry,” she says.

Too often, she notes, people in leadership reverse that order and suffer the consequences.

“You see it all the time... ministry growing but families falling apart,” she emphasized. “That’s not how it’s supposed to be.”

Setting boundaries has become essential.

“It’s okay to say no,” she chuckled. “You have to take time for what matters most.”



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One of the most powerful messages Pastor Kim shares with others comes through a simple but powerful metaphor... **the eagle**.

In her book *Eagles Rise & Soar*, she observes that while many birds can fly, some never realize their potential because they stay surrounded by birds that cannot.

“Sometimes people are like eagles, but they’re hanging around chickens and turkeys,” she says with a smile. Eagles, however, face storms differently. They don’t fight the wind... they soar above it.

“When the storm comes, the eagle rises higher,” she continues. “It doesn’t fight the storm. It rides the wind.” For Pastor Kim, the lesson is clear: challenges aren’t meant to destroy us... they’re meant to strengthen us.

A Life of Service

“I just want to be remembered as someone who was a servant. Someone who cared about people, encouraged them, and helped them move forward.”

Today, Pastor Kim leads ***Power Books Ministry***, an outreach-centered ministry based in ***Arizona and Rhode Island***.

Unlike traditional church models that focus only on gathering inside a building, her vision centers on meeting people where they are.

“We’re not just about four walls,” she notes. “Sometimes outreach means sitting down over coffee, going to a community event, or simply having real conversations.”

To show that in action, Pastor Kim adds, “I might show up in sneakers and jeans, or on the basketball court. I’m not coming in like I’m walking into a church service.”

The goal is simple: connection.

Beyond spiritual guidance, Power Books Ministry also focuses on practical support: helping people learn financial literacy, prepare to buy homes, improve their credit, and build better futures.

“These are real issues people are dealing with every day,” she says.

Her vision for the future includes expanding outreach programs, hosting workshops and seminars, and continuing to write books that inspire others to rise above limitations.

At the heart of everything she does remains a simple purpose: encouraging others to recognize their own potential.

“I want people to know that they can rise higher,” she says.

When asked what she hopes people remember about her life, Pastor Kim keeps her answer simple.

“I just want to be remembered as someone who was a servant. Someone who cared about people, encouraged them, and helped them move forward. After all, sometimes all someone needs is a voice that believes they can rise.”

Her life proves that true leadership is measured by the lives you touch, not the titles you hold.

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