



ZORO

A VOICE FOR THE GENERATIONS

"Zoro's heart, discipline, and passion are what propelled him to greatness...His music and life lessons are about using your God-given talents to the maximum."

—Lenny Kravitz
Grammy Award-winning recording artist and actor

Known by musicians around the world as the “Minister of Groove,” Zoro is an internationally-renowned rock star, one of the world’s most respected and award-winning drummers. Throughout more than thirty years of his career, Zoro has been consistently voted the #1 R&B drummer and clinician by the premier music industry publications *Modern Drummer*, *Drum!*, and *Rhythm Magazine*.

Zoro has toured and recorded with some of the most famous legends in the music industry including Lenny Kravitz, Bobby Brown, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, New Edition, Jody Watley, Philip Bailey of Earth, Wind & Fire, Angie Stone, Vanessa Paradis, Sean Lennon, Lisa Marie Presley, Tommy Walker, Lincoln Brewster, Paul Baloche, Phil Keaggy, Barlow Girl and more.

But Zoro breaks the “rock star” stereotype. More than a drummer, he’s a man after God’s own heart and is compelled to use his platform to reach everyone with the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

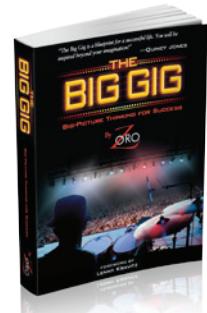
With his deep passion for teaching, inspiring, and guiding others to follow their own dreams, his star-studded musical career has catapulted him to a different stage...as a Christian motivational speaker, dynamic storyteller, and inspirational author, sharing his practical biblical wisdom that empowers people to cultivate the greatness that lies within and live out God’s dreams for their lives. A kinetic bundle of human energy and enthusiasm, the Minister of Groove captures audiences and readers with his engagingly winsome spirit, sense of humor, and signature hip style.

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Growing up fatherless as one of seven children, Zoro got a glimpse of life’s harsh realities at an early age. He was raised an immigrant mother who faced financial, physical, and cultural hardships, yet instilled in him a deep and genuine faith in God.

In his unique voice—direct, clear, powerful—Zoro easily translates his

spoken gift to the written page. He has written two critically-acclaimed books, *The Big Gig: Big-Picture Thinking for Success* (2011, Alfred Publishing) and *Soar! 9 Proven Keys for Unlocking Your Limitless Potential* (2016, Emerge Publishing), which both provide articulate, hard-won wisdom and messages of purpose, passion, and perseverance that light the way for others to reach for higher ground.

In 2013, Zoro was invited to the White House where he was honored as part of the “White House Fatherhood Champions of Change & Convening of Engaging Men and Boys.” Zoro was among a select group recognized for promoting responsible fatherhood and mentoring of boys. He is also a spokesperson for Compassion International and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

In 2009, Zoro established Zoro International Ministries (ZIM), a nonprofit organization that equips young adults with the essential tools needed to harness, develop, and share their gifts in order to live a life of intention, impact, and creative adventure.

A husband, father, and ordained minister, Zoro is a powerful and purposeful communicator who connects with people from all walks of life across the generations. His impassioned words have inspired the inmates at the infamous San Quentin State Prison in the same way he invigorates young children in the villages of Ghana, West Africa, and college students across America.

Wherever he goes, Zoro leaves an indelible mark with his words, music, and life and has a profound impact on people who often credit him with changing their lives both personally and professionally. Zoro takes it all in stride, with humility and groundedness, not because he has “been there, done that,” but because in being there and accomplishing so much, he is a role model for others to live their highest vision of who they are.

“Zoro reminds us of the potential for greatness that lies inside each of us and shows you step by step what it actually takes to achieve excellence in all areas of your life.”

—Kathie Lee Gifford

Cohost of NBC's *Today Show* and former host of *Live! with Regis and Kathie Lee*

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