

# Review: Ready to Rise

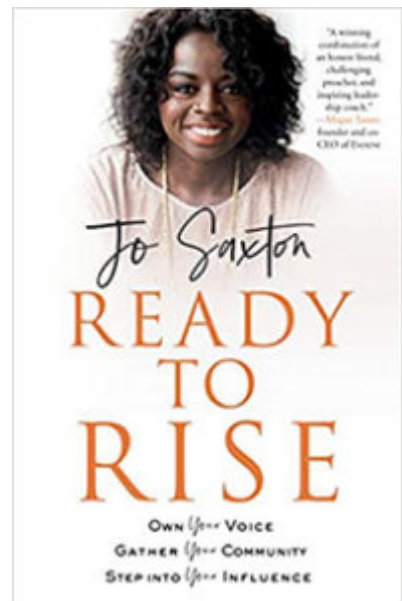
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## *Ready to Rise: Own Your Voice, Gather Your Community, Step into Your Influence*

**By Jo Saxton (WaterBrook)**

Jo Saxton writes, speaks and hosts podcasts as a leadership coach committed to encouraging and empowering women to reach their God-given potential. In [\*Ready to Rise: Own Your Voice, Gather Your Community, Step into Your Influence\*](#), Saxton—a Londoner born to Nigerian immigrants—explores her honest experiences and hard-earned expertise as she guides women to “make a positive impact” on their worlds.

In the first chapter, the author shares the women in her family tree who shaped her. The balance of the book takes six women through months of conversation, Bible study and charting personal leadership journeys. The group explores such topics as unseen and uninvited harassment, loneliness as “the only woman,” down-playing accomplishments, leaving gifts unwrapped and talents gathering dust, and churches where women’s service and resources are welcome but not their voices or vision. They also discuss growing grit, building personal villages around leadership and resting and remembering to play.



On church staffs and as co-pastor with her husband in Minneapolis, Saxton has faced her share of disempowerment and discouragement. Her honesty and practicality, along with the stories of Bree, Rachel, Kate, CeCe, Angela and Amber, provide coaching at its best. However, these leadership principles don't just come from real-world experience, they also arise from Scripture—the way God used women, the way Jesus saw women and the way the Holy Spirit gifted women.

*Ready to Rise* offers spiritual support and successful strategies for women to show up, step up, and do something significant. Jo Saxton urges, “Now in response to His commission, it's time to own our God-given voices and rise into our influence ...” Let's do it.

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