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T.D. Jakes teams up with iHeartMedia to launch ‘NXT Chapter,’ a weekly podcast helping to co-author new pages of America’s collective story, premieres Nov. 14

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DALLAS, Nov. 7, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- In a cultural moment marked by social divide, shifting values, and a national hunger for clarity, T.D. Jakes, New York Times best-selling author, noted entrepreneur and one of the world's most trusted voices, is turning the page. Today, he has teamed up with iHeartMedia, the no. 1 podcast publisher globally, to announce the debut of "NXT Chapter with T.D. Jakes." Premiering November 14 with special guest Oprah Winfrey, the series will bring together some of the most influential minds in business, entertainment, wellness, and culture for intimate conversations that will help audiences not just cope but evolve. With its debut, "NXT Chapter" will offer a rare space where some of the world's most distinguished voices including Oprah Winfrey, Denzel Washington, Jeezy, Melody Hobson, Dr. Charles Amos, Sarah Jakes Roberts, Jason Wilson, and more will chart the next chapter of society's shared story. Few public figures command the level of trust and access that allows T.D. Jakes to convene guests of this caliber, reflecting the broad respect he holds across industries and generations. More than a new project, the series is both a literal and symbolic next chapter for Jakes and an invitation for listeners to explore what their own "next" will look like, and how to get there together. In each weekly episode, Jakes and a guest will explore the life pivots, setbacks, and revelations that shaped their journeys and what came after. "NXT Chapter" will offer a perspective many never heard from T.D. Jakes before but one that's been shaping the culture all along. More than a conversation, it will become a guide for the evolution of purpose for individuals and for the nation to turn the page. "This isn't just a podcast, it's a platform for perspective. I've



spent my life speaking to people's souls. Now, I want to sit with their stories," remarked Jakes. "NXT Chapter is about mapping what comes next for us, for our communities, and for the world we're building together. I'm glad to be launching into my next chapter with iHeart and have the opportunity to reach a whole new audience on this journey. America's story is still being written, but too often we speak past one another instead of with one another," Jakes added. "NXT Chapter invites us to pause, listen, and begin drafting a future rooted in clarity, compassion, and shared purpose."

A Platform for the Moment
For decades, Jakes has been known globally as "The Bishop", a world-renowned thought leader, filmmaker, philanthropist, entrepreneur, and founder of The Potter's House Church. But long before stepping away from the pulpit's day-to-day responsibilities, Jakes was already reshaping how faith, culture, and commerce intersect in modern society. From studio partnerships and real estate ventures to publishing and global philanthropy, he has consistently been a force

for innovation across every space he occupies. Now, in partnership with iHeartMedia, he turns the page once again not into something new, but into something more. "NXT Chapter with T.D. Jakes" will offer audiences a rare opportunity to experience the mind behind the movement, the strategist, the media pioneer, and

the cultural architect whose influence has quietly guided boardrooms, sound stages, and community halls for nearly 50 years. It's the brain behind the Bible. The builder behind the brand. Recorded less than a year after Jakes publicly revealed his near-fatal heart attack in an exclusive interview on The Today Show,

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iHeart's listeners everywhere to find out what might be the next page in their own personal journeys." A Strategic Alliance at Scale With iHeartMedia's unmatched scale, "NXT Chapter" will reach a broad audience from business leaders to culture shapers to everyday listeners seeking purpose. The new partnership will build on T.D. Jakes's expansive digital footprint, including millions of followers, monthly video views, and a digital ecosystem generating over 2 billion annual impressions. "NXT Chapter with T.D. Jakes" is distributed by iHeartPodcasts and will be available beginning November 14, 2025 on the iHeartRadio app and everywhere listeners get their podcasts. Follow the show at @NXTChapterPod on Instagram and watch full-length video episodes and exclusive content on YouTube.com/@NXTChapterPodcast

About T.D. Jakes
T.D. Jakes is a global thought leader, CEO, filmmaker, New York Times bestselling author, and founder of The Potter's House Church in Dallas, TX. Through his conglomerate The T.D. Jakes Group, Jakes leads brands across media, real estate, and social impact, including a

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Gov. Bill Lee and First Lady Maria Lee invite Tennesseans for Christmas tours at the Tennessee Residence, Dec. 5-14

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Governor Bill Lee and First Lady Maria Lee are inviting Tennesseans to celebrate the holiday season at the 2025 Tennessee Residence Christmas tours. This year, Tennessee’s historic home will be decorated in the

"We're honored to partner with First Lady Lee and Tennessee Serves to highlight the importance of meeting families' basic needs," said Tess Frear, Executive Director of Helping Mamas Knoxville. "This partnership shines a light on how simple acts of giving can change lives and strengthen communities across Tennessee." theme, "Light of the World." Through the festive décor, guests will experience the true Light of Christmas, Jesus Christ. "Bill and I are excited to once again welcome Tennesseans into the Tennessee Residence this Christmas season," said First

Lady Maria Lee. "It is our hope that the Christmas tours would provide a tangible picture of the glory, grace, and light that Christ brought to earth from that very first Christmas and still today." The Governor and First Lady have welcomed more than 22,000 guests into the Tennessee Residence through Christmas tours since 2019, with 5,400 more guests expected this year. This Christmas season will mark the final year of Governor and First Lady Lee’s Christmas tours at the Tennessee Residence.

The Governor and First Lady are continuing their Christmas tradition of encouraging guests to participate in giving back during the holiday season by bringing requested items to support the work of five nonprofits across the state. The nonprofits selected this year include Memphis Child Advocacy Center, Reelfoot Rural Ministries, Graceworks Ministries, Helping Mamas Knoxville, and Cumberland Children’s Center House of Hope.

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