



Dr. J.R. Thicklin is the Lead Servant and Influencer of **Transforming Grace Ministries** and President and CEO of **Destiny By Choice, Inc.** where he is *empowering lives and shaping destinies* of lives impacted by domestic violence and related abuse. He is considered a **subject matter expert**; his vast knowledge, passionate and charismatic delivery has made him a much sought-after conference speaker, lecturer, presenter, trainer and consultant statewide and nationally in both the Faith and Secular Communities.

Born and raised in the historical city of Selma, Alabama; Dr. Thicklin brings into ministry a unique combination of fervency and humility. Pastor Thicklin has evangelized, preaching and teaching across the country. Thicklin carries an anointing and great burden for families and hurting people and those that are bound and afflicted and has served in ministry for over 38 years. He has had very successful Radio Ministries such as “Moments of Destiny” as well as his current Social Media Ministry “Moments of Transformation” and has appeared on TBN and other media platforms. Thicklin has

seen hundreds and of souls saved through his ministry. Dr. Thicklin Ministry transcends the Four Walls of the Church. He is indeed a Market Place Influencer, Community Advocate and Transformer being able to reach people in all sectors of society.

He has worked with the **Safe Return Domestic Violence Program** with incarcerated men within reentry correctional facilities, transforming their lives addressing Purpose, Manhood, and Fatherhood. He is a Certified Cultural Competency Trainer, Anger Management Specialist, and Domestic Violence Specialist, Mental Health First Aid Facilitator For Adults & Youth, Certified 24/7 Dad Trainer and Dr. Dad and 7 Secrets of Effective Fathering with the National Fatherhood Initiative and National Center on Fathering as well as Triple P Facilitator. He is the Founder of the programs “**Father’s Lifelines**”, **Man Up Stand Up Against Domestic Violence and Destiny Changers: Raising Boys To Men**. Thicklin is an standout spokesperson addressing “**End The Demand**” of **Human and Sex Trafficking** as well as **Project CEASE** addressing HIV, PrEP and the **Intersection Between Domestic Violence & HIV**. His passion runs deep inside of his Social Justice work in “Dismantling Racism and the Role of Clergy. He has volunteered and worked for over **25 years** with grass roots social services programs addressing parenting, mentorship and bridging the gap between Faith Communities, Domestic Violence and Mental Health.

Dr. Thicklin currently serves as the **President of the Palm Beach County Clergy Alliance** and is the **Lead Director** of the **African American Domestic Peace Project** West Palm Beach Chapter, and is the co-author of “**Speaking of Faith: Domestic Violence Programs in the African American Church**” in which he collaborated with the **Institute on Domestic Violence in the African American Community out of the University of Minnesota** and co-authored the recent released book **Chosen: Find Purpose Man Up**. In addition, he has developed and framed **The Clergy Toolkit on Domestic & Sexual Violence** in his collaboration with Palm Beach County Sexual Assault Response Team (**SART**).

Dr. Thicklin received his Bachelor of Ministry from **Southeastern Theological Seminary** and an Honorary Doctorate Degree (DD) from **Logos University in Jacksonville, Florida**. He studied Psychology and Sociology at South University and the University of Phoenix and is currently in pursuit of his Doctorate in Philosophy.

He has received many commendations including but not limited to The **Governors Peace At Home Award**, the **Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award-Barak Obama**, **Palm Beach County Democratic Party Community Leadership Award** and the **African Diaspora Leaders & Unsung Heroes Award**.

Thicklin resides in West Palm Beach, FL is the Proud Father of 5 Adult Children and 3 Amazing Grands.