

BISHOP HEZEKIAH WALKER

Gospel singer, composer, and choir leader **Hezekiah Walker** was born December 24, 1962 in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in the Fort Greene housing projects. He formed his first gospel group, the Love Fellowship Crusade Choir, when he was in his twenties and serving as a Pentecostal minister. Walker and the choir released a pair of albums in 1987 and 1990 before Walker turned to a solo career, releasing *Focus on Glory* in 1992. A year later, he released *Live in Toronto*, which proved to be his breakthrough, and the album hit the top of the gospel charts. Forming another choir, this one called the Love Fellowship Tabernacle Church Choir, Walker continued to release albums recorded live on the church circuit, including *Live in Atlanta at Morehouse College* in 1994, *Hezekiah Walker Presents the LFT Church Choir* in 1998, *Family Affair* in 1999, and *Love Is Live!* in 2001. Along the way, Walker brought many young people to gospel and choir music, and has shown he has no problem using modern vernacular and recording techniques to expand his fan and worship base. *Souled Out* appeared in 2008, followed by *Azusa: The Next Generation* in 2013, both from Verity Records.

Bishop Hezekiah Walker is the visionary, founder and Senior Pastor of the Love Fellowship Tabernacle Churches in Brooklyn, New York and Bensalem, Pennsylvania. Pastor Walker shepherds a growing and multi-cultural flock of members varying in age, race and socio-economic backgrounds. Born and raised in Brooklyn in the tumultuous Fort Greene public housing projects, he has risen to build and lead one of the greatest ministries in the Northeast.

Love Fellowship Tabernacle was birthed in November 1993, located at 2425 Pacific Street. The cradle of the Tabernacle's humble beginnings began with only eight members. The church, located in the East New York section of Brooklyn, focused on the young adolescents in the community. As a result, many young people turned from a life of drugs, crime and sin because of his ability to preach, teach and "rightly divide" the Word of God without fear or reservation.

The need for souls to be saved was always a priority on the heart of Pastor Walker; so on Easter Sunday 1996 Love Fellowship Tabernacle relocated to 464 Liberty Avenue. What had begun with only eight members had quickly blossomed to over 1,000 members.

The vision God gave to Pastor Walker was founded on the three "P's:" Prayer, Preaching and Praise. As he led the people of God into prayer and praise, he labored diligently in the preaching of the gospel to ensure that people of all ages received Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. His ability to motivate, inspire and empower through the Word of God drew people from all walks of life to the Tuesday night prayer and Bible study, now known as the "Prayer Capital of New York City." Presently, Pastor Walker and the church family are

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awaiting the construction of their new mega-church facility (The Kingdom Cathedral) to accommodate the overflow of souls.