

## **Sonya Morgan - BIO**

Sonya Morgan is the Broker/Owner of SJ Morgan Private Lending Exchange, a creative mortgage lending company in California. As a licensed Real Estate professional since May of 1999, she has worked in the real estate or lending industry for most of these years. She took a brief break from real estate market in 2009, after the market crash, and worked sales and recruiting at an executive interim placement company. The time she spent with these seasoned executives taught her many of the skills she would later use to open her own lending business.

Sonya was born in Bossier City, Louisiana into an Air Force family. After living in several locations across the states and overseas, Sonya's family settled in CA. She attended Biola University in Southern California as a math major, until a family emergency forced her to change her path.

Sonya grew up in a Christian home. She had a dedicated heart for the Lord at a young age, but childhood trauma and family disfunction wedged a block of mistrust and misunderstanding of God's grace and love for her.

Sonya married her first husband in 1991, had three children, raised several foster children, played piano for the church, led choir, youth group, women's bible studies, VBS programs, and was involved in all facets of church leadership available to women. Around 2000, because of unresolved issues in her life and other circumstances she could not control, her marriage came to an end. She found herself far outside the church and outside of God's will for her life.

After an arduous battle over her spiritual wellbeing Sonya eventually found that support and healing, she had desperately needed had been waiting for her all along in God's grace. The time she spent in her spiritual dessert humbled her, reshaped her life purposes, and redirected her paths.

Sonya has a heart for the broken lives in her community. She has most recently spent time dedicated to the restoration of those who have been

destroyed by sexual exploitation and human trafficking. She has stepped in as the President of the Board of Without Permission, a local anti-human trafficking organization. She understands from her experiences that only God can bind up the broken hearted and heal the wounded. She desires to be his hands and feet in this community.

Through Pinnacle Forum, Sonya has learned many of the skills that have not only strengthened her Christian walk, but have helped her become the woman Leader God has always been calling her to be. She now faces her challenges with a whole new skillset, not alone, but with an army of Godly intercessors and wise council.

Sonya has been married to her now husband Joe for 15 wonderful years. Together they have five adult children, one dog and two cats.