

# Daddin': A Workshop

## *The verb of being a dad*

Moms have a verb, dads have a title....that is the problem

The book Daddin' is about moments...the moments that describe and illuminate the verbs of fatherhood. In our society, mothers mother. They care for, nurture and love their children in ways that give meaning and understanding to the verb "to mother." When we talk about a man fathering a child, the intended meaning is usually that the man sired a child. What are the verbs that describe what happens each day for a father? The verb of being a dad is now daddin', and our model is our Father. Using excerpts from the book (Daddin') and from THE book, (Bible), the workshop version of Daddin' enables participants to find the examples and the grace to live out the daily moments of being a father. Workshops are available for single session, or a ten-session series.

**Celebrate the fathers in your life, the verbs of parenting, the joys from the connections that come with children over the years. The perfect inspirational keynote for your association, organization, church group and clientele.**

***The verbs of parenting mean more to our children than the nouns of parenthood.***

"Written in an intensely personal style, Daddin is a book which will give any dad a bit of a pause and will help him evaluate his own commitment and actions as a father. Dion sets a great example of a father committed to his sons and their growing up process, even as they move out on their own to college, marriage and fatherhood themselves...I will be a better dad and a better man for having read Dion McInnis' Daddin. *Wayne Parker, About.com Guide*

"Dion adds to the resources of fatherhood his own conversation about what it means to be a dad. An important aspect of fatherhood is to teach the next generation how to live; of utmost importance to being a dad is showing the next generation how to live. This book should be on the shelf of any man who takes being a father, and most importantly who takes being a dad, seriously." *J. D. Reynolds, The FatherLife magazine*

**I have no more control over this  
Than over my heart beating or  
My lungs taking in breath.  
My boy comes into my view  
And I smile  
And swell with pride and love**

Dion McInnis, 2000

Dion McInnis has taken his love of words and images through a variety of careers, all of which have been built on listening, and then celebrating what he heard through his abilities as a writer, photographer and speaker. Passionate, enthusiastic, optimistic and hope-filled for life and living, Dion carries his messages to a variety of audiences. Hearing him will change the way you think.

Dedicated to the stories of the oft-unheard, Dion celebrates the wisdom and truth of women, fathers, children and other "silent" groups (including employees and customers), as well as inspires creativity for everyone.

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