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following \$50 million renovation*





Todd  
LOLLAR

The summer before **Todd Lollar** entered graduate school at ACU, he was in St. Louis for a ministry internship when he had a life-defining encounter with God at a local coffee shop.

Lollar – who earned his master’s degree from ACU in 2001 – was born with cerebral palsy, a disorder affecting a person’s small muscles in the hands and wrists. Fueled by his passion for God, he and his family have traveled across the nation speaking and ministering.

But in those days in the summer 1997, as Lollar struggled with his life-challenging weaknesses, his own Damascus Road experience in the Missouri coffee shop was transformative.

“I was having my quiet time with Jesus, sharing with him how difficult my weaknesses are to live with,” Lollar said. “I encountered Jesus while reading about the apostle Paul’s encounter with him.”

“My entire life changed,” Lollar recalled. “I proclaimed out loud with joyful tears, ‘Jesus! Thank you for your power through my cerebral palsy, speech impediment and every weakness humans deal with because if your power can be displayed through all this, then praise your holy name!’”

In more than 25 years since, he has made a difference in the lives of many. In 2017, the Lollars founded Mobilize Ministries, a nonprofit in the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Todd and his wife, Marissa, and their three children

then expanded the ministry among the entertainment industry in Hollywood, California. His daily devotionals on YouVersion have reached tens of thousands of people.

He condensed his core message into a best-selling book, *Weak Is The New Strong: God’s Perfect Power In You*, and he is a regular guest on podcasts and talk shows – including an early 2021 appearance on “Life Today” that was seen by more than 1 million viewers and can be accessed on mobilizeministries.com. Lollar will complete the manuscript for a second book in 2023.

“I’ve been changed by God’s power working through my deepest weaknesses,” Lollar said. “My mission is to mobilize others to do the same. Whatever weakness you live in – physical, emotional or mental – I long to equip and empower you to thrive in Jesus’ power through your weaknesses.

“My prayer and mission are that people will no longer view their weaknesses as a source of insecurity,” he said, “but as a conduit for God’s power, allowing them to thrive in their mission to share the good news of Jesus Christ. ▲

– LANCE FLEMING