

**Introduction- Brené Brown, Ph.D., LMSW
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Dr. Brené Brown is a research professor at the University of Houston where she holds the Huffington Foundation – Brené Brown Endowed Chair at The Graduate College of Social Work.

She has spent the past two decades studying courage, vulnerability, shame, and empathy and is the author of five #1 *New York Times* bestsellers: *The Gifts of Imperfection*, *Daring Greatly*, *Rising Strong*, *Braving the Wilderness*, and her latest book, *Dare to Lead*, which is the culmination of a seven-year study on courage and leadership.

Brené's TED talk – *The Power of Vulnerability* – is one of the top five most viewed TED talks in the world with over 35 million views.

Brené lives in Houston, Texas, with her husband, Steve, and their children, Ellen and Charlie.

Let's welcome Dr. Brené Brown