

"All I had was the
blind word of my
doctor ... and a
body which was
giving up on me. I
kept speaking
about my faith to
him... and one day
he said,
it would take a
supernatural act



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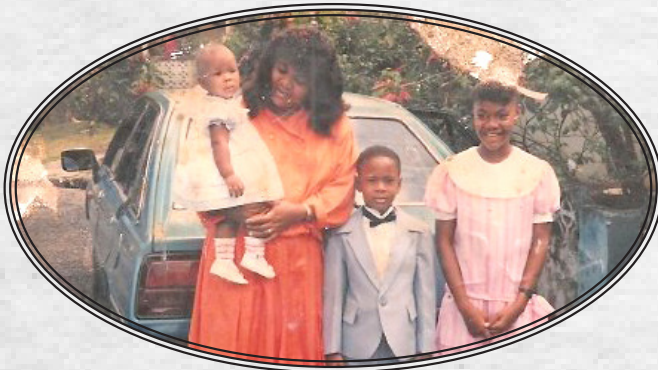


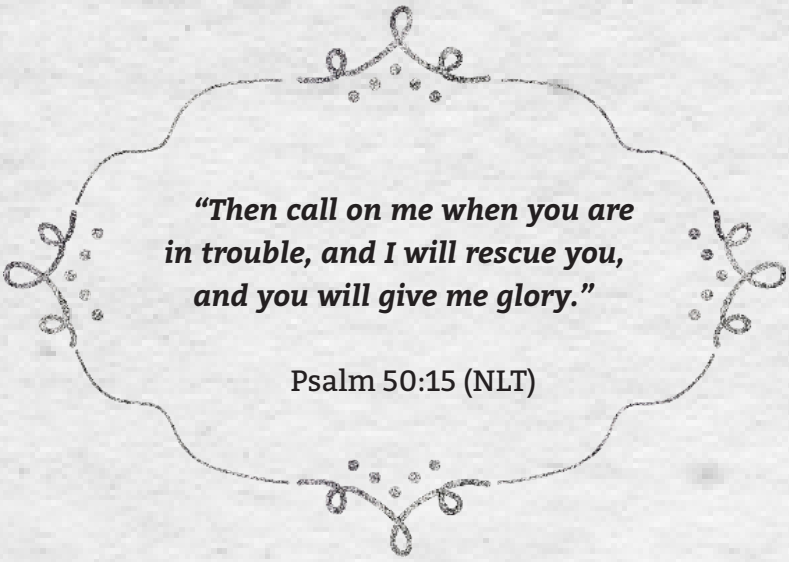
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I LOVE YOU

Thank you for the example of faith
and strength you model daily for us.

I draw from your hope for a
better tomorrow for your
children and generations to come.
Jesus has honored your journey.





***“Then call on me when you are
in trouble, and I will rescue you,
and you will give me glory.”***

Psalm 50:15 (NLT)

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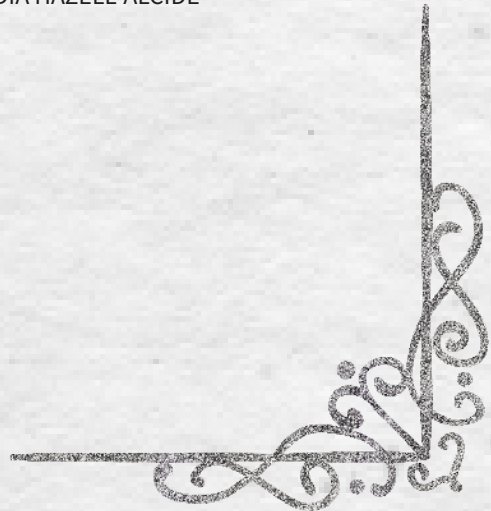


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Reviews

 This book addresses the reality of the spiritual walk. We can disconnect from God, but the good news is we are never too far for reconnection through prayer. Journey with Latoya Hazell-Alcide as she shares practical ways to help you rediscover God. He did it for her, and He can do it for you.


*Dr. Ivan Williams - Director, Ministerial Association,
North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists*

 This book is filled with the powerful testimony of a journey through emotional fires to find hope and everlasting peace in Jesus Christ. There's a word of inspiration for everyone on every page. As it is perused by hungry for hope readers, it will be like a tasty morsel from the gourmet serving of God to satisfy the soul. I highly recommend it, especially using the prayer journal for reflection at the end of Latoya's tremendous story and spiritual insights."

*Dr. Hyveth Williams - Director, Doctor of Ministry Program,
Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary*


 This book on prayer attacks the very root of unbelief. I am compelled beyond measure to have faith in Christ and believe that His Word is not true but truth! Latoya has spared no insight into how Christ has worked in her life and I believe that the same Christ wants to work in our life. This is a must read and an exciting read that causes one to reflect with deep contemplation of the things Christ is doing and has done through faith in all our lives. READ IT ALL!

*Vandeon Griffith - Associate Director Youth & Young Adult
Ministries, North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists*


 When Latoya Hazell-Alcide speaks, I lean forward to catch every word. She relays her faith journey in a manner that will convict you to not only be a hearer but also a doer. In this captivating work, you are given the principles

essential to let go of fear and embrace the courage to believe. If you long for change and are ready for the activation process, then this book is for you.


Adrienne Townsend Benton - Award winning Chaplain, Speaker, Trainer

 "I will Rescue You," Latoya Hazell-Alcide offers a breathtakingly moving account of what it looks to find solace in God's love during times of crisis. Embedded in her powerful narrative of overcoming is a blueprint for developing one's own walk with God complete with opportunities for personal reflection that invites all to contemplate where we are in our own walk and how we might grow to stand more firm in the love of God.


Dr. Yohuro Williams - Distinguished University Chair, Professor and Founding Director, Racial Justice Initiative, University of St. Thomas

 "I Will Rescue You" is a transparent and honest telling of Latoya's journey with God. In "I Will Rescue You", Latoya gives tangible, insightful, and sequential steps to begin trusting God in prayer and believing His Word. Latoya provides a much needed resource for those who are new to prayer and seasoned intercessors alike. I am sure this will bless you as much as it has blessed me.

Dr. Natasha Wright, LCSW, CCTP - Author, Minister, Entrepreneur


 Sincere, authentic and brave. In "I WILL RESCUE YOU", Latoya Y. Hazell-Alcide shares her experiences of faith from an open and vulnerable place so that we might have courage to believe.

Tricia Wynn Payne - Author, Speaker, Pastor


 If you are acquainted with pain, have an intimate knowledge of suffering, or have experienced the burden of being afraid to trust in God, then you have to immerse yourself in this story of Godly encounter, deep discovery, and personal revelation. This book does an excellent job of answering the questions: Why do we need a Savior? and Who is He really to us? It offers

practical steps to learning how to trust and dwell in the presence of God when in and out of crisis. It truly is a profound work, and Latoya's personal experiences can inspire and help you to moving from sheltered faith to a vulnerable heart that stands boldly in the presence of God.


Desiree Walker - Educator

 My sister in Christ, Latoya Hazell-Alcide outlines in her seminal book, a way that all of us can be rescued by God. If you have ever felt like you were in over your head, and you needed to be brought back from the brink of despair, this book is for you! Latoya details for us just how relentless God is in rescuing those in need.

Rev. Dr. Tyrone P. Jones IV - First Baptist Church of Guilford, Columbia MD

 Captivating stories that will immerse you into a deep prayer relationship with our sovereign God. The delicate and profound use of words by Latoya Hazell-Alcide, will keep you glued to this book. It's not about theories that should work but about her own experience and what actually works. "We have mountain top experiences but the foundation of the mountain is the valley and in that place we find flat journeys". This book can't get any more real, authentic, vulnerable and inspiring.

Bryan Nunez - Youth Pastor

 This is a fearless account of an excruciating journey of faith. The most searing truth it reveals is that God is there – even in our darkest ugliest places of pain. Not only is He present, but He is also available. If ever there was a personal narrative that can testify to these truths, it is Latoya's. In this beautiful devotional she lays herself bare allowing the reader to grapple with the truth of God's ever present never changing grace. The testimonies herein will serve as salve to many wounded hearts.

*Norka Blackman-Richards - Educator, Author, Founder and Chief
Executive Officer of 4 Real Women International Inc. (4RWI)*



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I remember when I first read the story of Moses leading the Children of Israel out of Egypt as they were being chased by Pharaoh and his army. I often thought about the last person in line as the army approached. I wonder if he or she could hear from the front, Moses shouting to the people to “Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord...” and seeing the Red Sea divide as the people walked across on dry land. Well, one does not need faith to believe whether that happens or not (although it did) because Latoya Wright’s journey is just as interesting, captivating, and believable.

She not only helps us understand God’s plan for rescue and creating a new space of peace, but her life, given the ups and downs, makes her story a cheerleader for the miraculous power of God. Perhaps you feel like God is too slow or He is not answering your prayers according to your timetable. Many do not understand God’s plans to rescue them, and give up before He can complete his objectives.

I was honored when she asked me to write the foreword for this book because I had to read the draft first. Well, let me tell you, get some popcorn and some healthy vegan snacks because this is better than the movies. To see the faithfulness of God as He honors the prayers and faith of one who had no other option but to trust Him. I pray that “I Will Rescue You!” along with the “7 Steps to Spiritual Revival Through Prayer”, will impact your soul like it did mine.

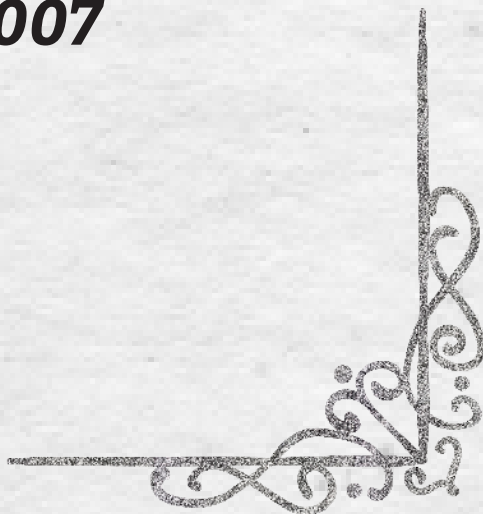
Thank you, Pastor Latoya Hazell-Alcide, for letting God have His way in your life and for your transparency in sharing the whole story.

Pastor James L. Black, Sr.
Director for Prayer and Reconnect Ministries,
North American Division of
Seventh-day Adventists





The
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Chapter 1

The Friday it all Began!

This was not how I was supposed to spend my Friday evening!

Let's rewind to a couple of weeks before this night. As a musician my normal routine included listening to music of some sort. This time a popular gospel song which spoke about trusting God was the praise of choice. I don't know if you are like me, but there are times when I keep one song which speaks to my heart, on repeat. For as long as it takes to filter through my heart. This was happening for those weeks leading up to that dreaded day. The entire song is powerful but these specific question and answer responses were what stuck in my head.

What was particular about this time were the questions the intro of the song asked. Deep inside I felt like it was an alter call or recommitment of sorts. I could not explain it then but my soul was drawn to li experiencing this song over and over again for weeks. The beginning of the song asked specific "what if" questions which challenged the listener to look at possible scenarios, then determine if

they would still trust God through it. Situations such as death of a loved one, abandonment, loss of love, hurts, pains, tears, fears, and failures. It also dared to have the listener decide if they will trust God, even when He is not felt near, is silent, or does not answer when He is called. As you can imagine, saying yes to all of these questions feel like it will take a huge amount of faith. I did not know it then but that was the point.

On this Friday, I was supposed to speak at one of the faith assemblies I attended for their Women's Ministry/ Prayer event. I don't remember what I had prepared to say, but it sure doesn't matter now. I never made it to the service because as I prepared for the event, time stood still when I bent over to pull up my skirt. I felt a sharp pain and could not feel my legs. What replaced that feeling was excruciating pain and a sense that something was horribly wrong. I was taken in the hospital and while on that stretcher, tears streamed down my cheeks.

Every emotion filled my heart. I kept replaying my movements and wondering if I did something wrong or made a move too quick or too slow but all I kept coming up with was the pain was greater than recalling the events. Miraculously, the Holy Spirit pierced through the pain and anxiety and just like a DJ, he replayed the song and more specifically the questions for me. The streams of "What ifs...will you trust me?" flooded my mind. Believe me when I tell you that it took every fiber of my soul to

call my mind to answer the Holy Spirit. I closed my eyes, grabbed a hold of the cold, steel rail of the stretcher and through the stream of tears which seemed to overflow the more I squeezed my eyes, I whimpered yes, yes I will trust you, I need you to rescue me!

Two months later I found myself facing ongoing nerve damage from a disk in my lower spine popping out on both sides and cutting those nerves. I was losing the use of some of my faculties, my speech was slurred, my left arm growing limp and other complications arising from this spinal injury. My surgeon had resisted my pleas for surgery because he wanted my body to do all that it could have done first and then he would operate. His reasoning was that I would have a better chance of bouncing back quickly from surgery if it was the last resort.

Was I praying during this time? Absolutely! Was I asking God for the rescue which he promised me? Absolutely! Did I sense it was near? Absolutely not! Did I trust Him? Absolutely! Was this trust going to transform me? I didn't know fully then but I absolutely had to put my life in His hands! There was no other place to go. I knew that only a miracle making God would rescue me from this crisis.

