

## Radio Tour: Antoinette Tuff, February 11-13

### True Story of How One Woman Talked a Gunman into Surrendering and Saved an Atlanta School Under Siege

On August 20, 2013, a gunman walked into an elementary school in suburban Atlanta armed with an AK-47. But he didn't get far.

While 870 children waited in fear as their school rushed into lockdown mode and the nation faced yet another story of tragedy, one woman rewrote the ending.

But the story doesn't start when the shooter, Michael Hill, entered the school that day. It starts with Antoinette Tuff, a school clerk who faced her own pain, hurt, and rejection, yet held onto grace, faith, and hope as she talked him into surrendering. A hope that anchored her in the most high-stakes moments, a grace that allowed her to empathize with a hurting young man, and a faith that gave her the courage to love him back from the brink.

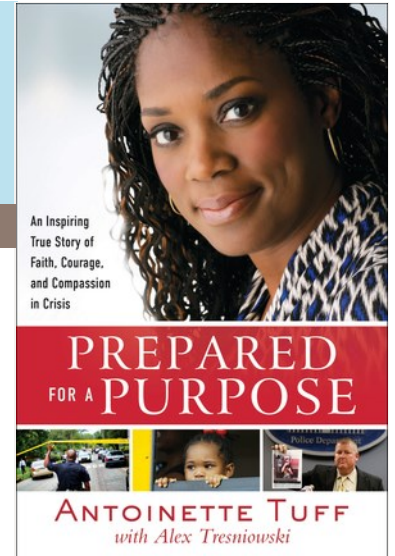
Antoinette shares her journey—from childhood to that fateful August day—in *Prepared for a Purpose: The Inspiring True Story of How One Woman Saved an Atlanta School Under Siege*.

This is more than just the amazing account of tragedy averted. It's the evidence of what we can do when we allow ourselves to be used by God. It's a story of how God uses *all* of our life experiences—the good and the bad—to prepare us for our own moment of divine purpose.

#### Bio:

**Antoinette Tuff** is a picture of courage, leadership, and heroism at its best. But before she made headlines, she was a woman who faced and overcame her own pain and hurt. Publicly recognized by President Obama for her courageous act, today she speaks around the world, spreading hope and sharing her inspiring message of how our lives prepare us for our own moments of purpose. She founded the non-profit organization "Kids on the Move for Success" and has two children of her own.

"Everything I had done in my life up to this point, prepared me for this moment. Being alone with a gunman, his 500 rounds of ammunition and an angry promise to kill everyone, including himself, with his automatic weapon, an AK-47; seemed unbelievable." -**Antoinette Tuff**



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#### BOOK DETAILS

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### News tie-ins & core messages:

- Specific tools and techniques Antoinette used to talk the gunman off the ledge of despair and violence
- How she chose to *use* judgment—not pass it—when confronted with a life-threatening situation
- Identifying and remaining open to your divine purpose

*"Not only did she make Michelle and me very proud, but she probably saved a lot of lives."*  
—President Obama

*"We should use her example to teach our children's leaders—any of our leaders, really, and all of our children—the value of compassion and the power of empathy."*—*The Washington Post*



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