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

Yet the story doesn't start with those first steps Michael Hill took into that Atlanta elementary school. It starts with Antoinette Tuff, a woman who faced her own pain, hurt, and rejection, yet held onto grace, faith, and hope. 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.

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. And 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.

"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* 

"She is a reminder of what Christian courage looks like: She didn't need a weapon, just her faith and a willingness to love the unlovable and to share her own pain, failures, and struggles, knowing that the rest was in God's hands."--Eric Metaxes, *BreakPoint* 

"She was a real hero in all of this. She just did a stellar job. She was cool, she was calm, very collected, maintained her wherewithal."--*Fox News* 

"... an amazing illustration of calm and brinkmanship ... "-- The Guardian

"The fascination at the heart of Tuff's tale, the reason it's riveting, is the way she used compassion and empathy to disarm a mentally ill man intent on killing."--Salon.com

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