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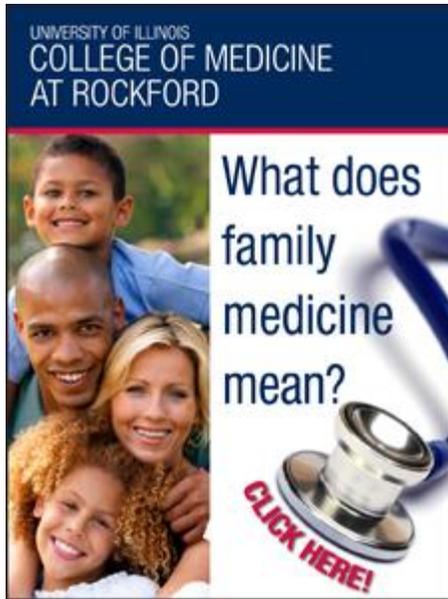


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**Rockford classmates collaborate on faith-based novel  
series**



Gracie Hill and Patricia Haley-Glass were neighbors on the west side of Rockford and attended Guilford High School some 34 years ago. Now the two friends have collaborated on a faith-based novel series named "Redeemed."

The four-book series is a modernized saga loosely based on the attributes of the Apostle Paul, his spiritual transformation and struggles he encountered with churches in the New Testament. The first book, "Relentless," will be released November 1.

The two friends never thought they would be writers. Hill, an entrepreneur who attends Promise of Life Ministries in Rockford, said she enjoyed reading and was a good English student in high school.

While sitting in church one Sunday in 2008, the title of her first book, "Where the Brothers At?", came to her. For the last eight years, she has been a published author with four titles to her credit.

Hill said she couldn't write from any other genre than faith-based.

"It was never my dream to be an author," she said. "However, God gave me the title for each of my books. And with the titles came the faith-based content meant to encourage and aim the reader toward a problem-solving God.



This is the only genre I feel comfortable writing. I believe an author gives a gift to the world by providing an opportunity for the reader to experience a myriad of emotions through the power of words. I want my words to allow readers to ride the waves of their imagination to be entertained while God is being magnified."

A chance meeting with Haley-Glass reunited the longtime friends. Several years ago, Hill went to a book signing in Chicago for Haley-Glass.

Haley-Glass, who is a senior project manager and attends World Overcomers Church in Bartlett, has been a published faith-based author since releasing "Nobody's Perfect" in 1998. She has penned 12 novels and two anthologies, all of which have been either a bestseller or award-winning. After discovering Hill's talents, Haley-Glass asked if she would co-author a book project. The "Redeemed" series was created.



Patricia Haley-Glass/Photo Provided



"I asked, she accepted, we prayed and then began the work of writing 'Relentless,'" Haley-Glass said. "Together, we prayed over the project, wrote and encouraged one another. This has been a blessed collaboration with not one harsh word, anger or disagreement between us. This has truly turned out to be an example of what can happen when we wait on God to put the right people together for a common purpose. To God be the glory."

The authors hope that when readers finish "Relentless," which also speaks to the power of forgiveness, they will be entertained, inspired, encouraged and waiting for the next novel due

out in November 2015.

For more information about the book, visit [patriciahaley.com](http://patriciahaley.com) or [graciehill.com](http://graciehill.com). It is also available for a pre-order discount through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [bn.com](http://bn.com).

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