

FAMILY FIRST BY DANYELLE SCROGGINS

As a child, I could never understand why my biological dad was not actively participating in my life. Oh I remember as far back as age four when he came and took me to McDonalds. I screamed and hollered so until my aunt who was in her first year of college had to go with us. This man who affectionately called me "Sweet Pea", only came around once a year and I guess you can say I really felt like they were forcing me to be with the very person they warned me about, a stranger.

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Now, this is not a bash your dad read. I would like to encourage fathers by saying, "Take care of your children." Women, you need to allow them to be there for their children, even when the money is not there. See, I since discovered that just as much as some men desire the opportunity to spend time with their children, some women are so caught up in hatefulness and spite (cause he is with another woman or holding on to their past relational situations), that they block the special relationship between a father and his child.

No matter what, Family must be First. When I divorced my children's father who you see on the picture to the far left, I determined that because he was their dad, I would give him every opportunity to father his children. My new husband stands far right and every smile is real because we realize our family came first.

It was not about why my ex and I divorced, but it became how we must still actively participate in the rearing of our children, together. Divorce may move you from the constant company of your ex, but when you have children, you are connected for life. The reality is every great occasion happening in the lives of your children deserves family!





New people come into the equation, and our children are grown but we realize they still need us. What shocks me the most is, people finding our relationship as strange. How have families become so dysfunctional that when exes get along, the church and the world thinks it is crazy? You would definitely be surprised at the so called "Christians" who are full of evil when it comes to their ex spouses. Just as I had to get over the hurt caused by my dad, I had to get over the hurt caused by a failed marriage.

You may fail your spouse and marriage, but you do not have to fail your children!

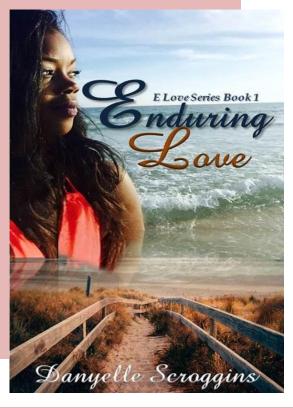
Someone may be wondering, what ever happened to your relationship with your Dad.... I realized how our YES to God should be the direct link to how people see us and how we treat people. There are just some things in your life that should or should not be when you tell God YES. Like, forgiving has to come easy to those who say YES to God. Why? We realize if we don't forgive others, He won't forgive us. I forgave my dad and I determined God knew exactly what it would take for me to be totally committed to Him. God desired that I would look to Him like a daughter looks to her daddy. So I hold no judgment or ill feelings towards my dad. God has orchestrated my life to perfection and I understand things better every single day of my life.

Sometimes you have to forgive, to actually be free! Sometimes you have to determine, all things work for your good!

Because I chose to be free, I am able to totally embrace all the love handed to me from my aunts, uncle, and cousins. Not that I'm love starved, because truly God has given me a strong maternal family & friends that stick closer than a brother, but because I understand the power of family and the blessing of connections. Whatever is hindering you from connecting or embracing your very own family, fix it. You will never understand the magnitude of generational blessings until you recognize the responsibility of putting *FAMILY FIRST!*



Coming Soon



Enduring Love in the first book in the E Love Series!

This awesome book gives you a glimpse of the life of a business woman who not only has a plan for her business, but one to leave her husband.

Priscilla is a no non-sense type of girl who discovers many are the plans of man but it is definitely the Lord's plan that prevails.

I am so excited about this book because I know it will bless my readers! Hope you are just as excited.

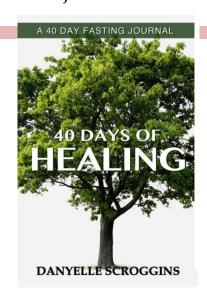
The Book Corner

The place where I give you some good reads and music

Secret Places by Paulette Harper
A Family Dilemma by Waletta Mason Dunn
The Resetter Series by Brenda Barrett
(This is one of the greatest series I have ever read.)



The Music Corner
I'M BLESSED by LaCanjala Nicole



40 DAYS OF HEALING by Danyelle Scroggins



A Love Complete

Coming Soon a Spin off From Destiny's Decision...



Destiny thought she heard the sounds of the twins. She shrug out of the deep dream of she and Roderick walking on the beach. The beach never won her affection or even made the list as one of her favorite places. However, whenever she walked hand in hand with her very own Prince Charming, whether on the beach or at the church, it became one of her favorite moments. Destiny rolled to her side, swung her legs over the side of her bed on top of her bed stairs, then dropped her head for prayer. Lord thank you for waking me this morning. Thank you for my family, friends, our church family, and for another day to walk in the purpose for which I were created.

She no longer heard the sounds she awakened to but instead the soft sounds of gospel jazz flowing from the house surround speakers. Destiny dressed, went downstairs to find the kitchen table set for two and the man of her dreams standing with a bouquet of red roses in his hand.

"Good Morning, my first and only lady love," he said as he walked towards her, placing the roses on the table, grabbing and wrapping Destiny securely in his arms.

"Uhmm Good Morning, my leading man, provider, and covering," she replied embracing for the kiss she would be rewarded for her morning greeting. Pastor Roderick Prince Strong kissed his wife as it were his last time. He kissed her until he was sure of the certainty of his love. He kissed her until she began to swarm beneath his body and then he gently pulled away from her lips but kept her in his arms. He allowed her back to rest in his one arm as he used his free hand to rub across her cheeks. Looking deep into her eyes he said, "God has given us a love complete and each day I realize how grateful I truly am."

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Happy Valentine's Month