
MEDIA QUESTIONS

PREPARED FOR A PURPOSE

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1. Antoinette, your story doesn't begin—or end—with the events on August 20. Can you fill us in briefly on what was going on in your life when you walked into the school that day?
2. In the midst of this crisis, you say you felt an “anchoring power of hope.” Can you explain?
3. The gunman came in the school and said “We are all going to die today?” What was your initial reaction to that?
4. It appears the gunman chose to trust you and communicate to the police (and the rest of the school) through you. Why do you think he did this?
5. What was the one prayer you continued to pray as the gunman remained in the reception area?
6. How did you know what to say to him? Were you surprised by how calmly you were able to talk to him?
7. At one point you had a chance to run away from where the gunman was. Why didn't you?
8. While he was shooting at the police through the front door, why did you tell him to stop shooting and come back into the room? What happened next?
9. What did you discover you had in common with the gunman?
10. You have practiced the discipline to spend time each morning listening to God. How do you think that prepared you for that critical day in August?
11. You say that you never saw the gunman as your enemy. Can you explain why?
12. Could you share one or two experiences in your life that the Lord used to prepare you for the day the gunman walked into your school?
13. How has this experience changed your life?