

Farewell

To

Islam

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- 1) Quranic verses are from Yusuf Ali translation unless noted.
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- 3) Scriptures taken from the New King James Version.

This book is the result of my own experiences, as well as research done by reading and listening to many resources available on line, along with books, as a support to my own knowledge and teachings. The contents of this book are all true. However, I have changed the names of those who had any part in my rescue for their safety.

No part of this book is meant to disrespect any person or religion. It has been an eye opening experience for me, as I hope it to be for you. If you are a Christian reading this book, I hope that you receive more encouragement and knowledge, and that this book would strengthen your faith even more. If you are a Muslim, or of any other faith reading this book, I pray that this might encourage you to seek for yourself what it takes for a person to spend an eternity with his creator, knowing that good works alone will not get you there. Muhammad **never** gave any promise or assurance of heaven to anyone by just performing good deeds.

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Over the years that I have known him, I have come to realize that Saiid is a remarkable man. His enthusiasm for life is both amazing and contagious. His curiosity is endless. His ability to adapt to a culture totally different from the one in which he grew up is extraordinary.

What really sets Saiid apart from most is his hunger for GOD. He is one of those all too rare individuals who has found God and yet seeks Him still, for he knows there is more to know of God than he has yet discovered.

In the pages that follow, you will read about part of his journey with God. I can tell you firsthand that the experiences he describes have changed him and his family and friends. May God use these pages to help change you as well.

May you understand more fully through real problems and real faith THE GOD who is faithful and true.

Rev. Joe Pressley

Dedication and thanksgiving:

I would like to dedicate this book, as a way of giving thanks, to my dear wife Ursa, who has been by my side all the years of our life together. She has not only been my wife by God's approving hand, she has been a great mother of our three daughters: Crystal, Alyson, and Elizabeth. And now she is enjoying being a grandmother. She has stood by me as my best friend through thick and thin, sickness and in health and the difficulties that life has to offer. She has a meek spirit that makes people around her easily love her. Her humble attitude promotes peace by allowing others to be first. She has not learned these qualities from others, or by reading books, but from God as her spiritual gifts. Though she will tell you that she is far from perfect, she always desires the perfection that our Lord has hidden in her heart. She always thinks of others before her own needs. I am blessed to have her as my wife and helpmate.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank family and friends from all over who were there for us during this challenging time. The support that we received was overwhelming! It came in the form of prayers, phone calls, visits, emails, cards, and financial help. Our church family, and especially our Sunday school class, showered us with love and support! I want to especially thank my daughters and their families for being there for my wife when I could not be. I am truly blessed to have three loving and beautiful daughters who love the Lord!

This book is the story of my life up until now. God saw me long before I realized who I was and He planned my future without me knowing where I was headed. Now I look back and see the hand of God all over my life, and I want to give Him all the praise and glory that is due to Him. All of the things that have happened, and the people I have come to know while on this journey, were not by accident. They were all part of God's divine plan.

Saiid