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Not a day goes by that I don't stop and thank the Lord for my precious family! In a world where families are falling apart, I realize that it is only God's amazing love and the prayers of my parents, that binds us so closely together. When I walk back over memory lane and remember the sacrifices my parents made just to keep us connected with Jesus, my heart overflows with gratitude for them! Dad and Mom provided a *Christ-centered* home, and faithfully led our family in morning and evening worship. They also encouraged my brothers and sisters and me to have our own private devotions and to depend on Jesus for everything.

Dad and Mom didn't have the money for church school, but God honored their faith by opening the bank of heaven and providing the means for all five of their children to receive a Christian education. Before leaving the house each day, we would all kneel in a circle, hold hands, and pray for God to keep us close to Him and for us to be a witness to all we met. Dad ended every prayer with "Lord, may our family be gathered together in heaven when You come in those clouds of glory, and may there not be one lost!" That prayer has never left me and has now become not only my prayer for my family, but for all of God's precious people. I long to see the work here on earth finished so that we can all live eternally with Jesus! May the promise in Acts 3:25 be fulfilled in each one of us . . . *And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.*

My precious family, I love you with all my heart and I'm dedicating volume five of *Miss Brenda's Bedtime Stories* first and foremost to our precious heavenly Father, and then to each one of you. I love you with all my heart and it is truly my deepest desire to spend eternity with you in heaven . . . without one missing!

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ABOUT “MISS BRENDA”



Brenda Walsh is a vivacious, loving, and generous Christian with a heart for ministry and a burning desire to share the love and joy of Jesus. When she started praying, “Lord, use me in a special way,” God did! And the resulting, amazing miracle stories have been an inspiration to thousands across the world who have heard her dynamic presentations or read her attention-grabbing books. Her message is one of encouragement and hope to those who want to be used by God. Hearing Brenda is truly a life-changing experience whether it’s at a women’s ministries retreat, a prayer conference, a church-based weekend event, or a children’s ministries seminar.



Miss Brenda & Maxwell

Brenda is best known as “Miss Brenda,” the producer and host of ***Kids’ Time***, a popular daily children’s program on Three Angels Broadcasting Network (3ABN). She is also a frequent guest on the 3ABN *Today* program, cooking and singing with her sisters, Linda and Cinda. Together they have authored vegan vegetarian cookbooks and recorded several gospel CDs. Brenda also has her own solo CD, ***My Wonderful Lord***.

Brenda is the author of ***Battered to Blessed***, her life story of being a victim of domestic violence, and ***Passionate Prayer***, which features her own personal stories of answered prayer. She has also co-authored several books with her friend, Kay Kuzma.



Miss Brenda, Jimmy Rhodes, and the *Kids’ Time* Singers

In addition to ministering to others, Brenda is a registered nurse, interior decorator, and floral designer. Brenda is married to Tim Walsh, has two grown daughters, Becky and Linda Kay, and two grandsons, Michael James and Jason Patrick.

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INTRODUCTION

Stories can have power to touch us and change us. They can help us understand what another person is feeling and help us see things from a new perspective. They can help us understand “Why?” and see the reasoning behind “Be careful!” They can help us learn lessons without having to suffer from making mistakes! That’s why Jesus taught by telling stories. He knew that stories help us understand.

This book is full of stories told for the same reasons. So much effort, love, and prayer have gone into collecting and preparing *Miss Brenda’s Bedtime Stories!* Based on true stories contributed from people around the world, each one has been written especially for Miss Brenda by beloved and best-selling authors (and some written by Miss Brenda herself!). They are sure to be loved by children and treasured by parents and grandparents and all who read them.

Brenda has shared these stories to help kids everywhere develop strong characters, understand important lessons, and most important, learn to be a good friend of Jesus. These pages are full of stories that are heart-touching, soul-searching, fun-filled, adventurous, and meant to be shared!

May these stories bring laughter to the eyes, wisdom to the mind, and understanding to the heart of everyone who hears them. And may there be a double blessing of peace and joy to each grown-up who takes a few precious moments to share them with a child.



Be sure to collect all five volumes of
Miss Brenda’s Bedtime Stories!



The Freak Wave

It was an exciting time for Seth because he, his brother, Aiden, and their dad were going to attend their church’s Thanksgiving campout. They would be camping on the beach for four days listening to stories, singing, eating good food, and having fun with their friends.

This was a first for Seth. His mom was not interested in religious things, so he seldom went to church. But now that he was living with his dad, church was a very important part of their lives.

“What will we do at the campout?” Seth asked.

“I think we’ll do a lot of praising the Lord for the things He has done for us this year. Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday. And since so many of us aren’t able to travel to the mainland where the rest of our families live, we’re going to celebrate with our next best family—our church family.”

Seth was so excited about the campout that he could hardly wait. Every morning as he got ready for



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school, he would ask his dad, “When do we leave for the campout?”

“Soon,” his dad would say. But to Seth, it seemed like *soon* would never come. At last, the day finally arrived.

Seth and Aiden had a hard time deciding which part of the church campout they liked best: camping out in their tent, the yummy food, or the daily afternoon hiking adventures.

On Thanksgiving morning, Seth and Aiden joined the others for worship. They especially loved singing songs about Jesus. Then came the most delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Seth had never seen so much food in his whole life. People came from all over the Hawaiian island of Kauai bringing stir fry, ginger and sesame seasoned noodles, sticky rice, purple sweet potatoes cooked in coconut milk, papaya, bread fruit, taro, and so many yummy desserts!

After lunch, Seth’s friend, Malachi, suggested, “Let’s go hiking on the Anini Beach trail.”

Everyone thought that was a great idea, so Seth, Aiden, and their dad joined the group of hikers as they took off on the rocky trail that skirted the ocean front.

Seth was having the time of his life. He was jumping from one lava rock to another and then racing over the sand stretches to the next rock outcropping.

“Wow!” Dad commented to his friend who was hiking with him. “I can’t believe the ocean is so calm back at Anini Beach and here it looks like a raging sea.”

Just then, Seth ran past his dad and jumped down to the sand. “Seth, slow down. You’ve got to be careful on these rocks. They could be slippery. You could



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trip and I could never rescue you if you fell into the ocean here.” Seth paid no attention. In fact, he acted as if he hadn’t heard a word his dad had said.

A little farther up the trail, they met a couple of hikers who were camping on the beach not far away. They mentioned that the waves in this area could be treacherous. “We had to move our camp farther away from the ocean the other night because the waves were so high.” Then, pointing to Seth, they added, “And watch that kid, especially in the sandy places between the rocks. The tide’s coming in and if he doesn’t stay on the trail through the bushes, he could get washed into the ocean.”

With that warning ringing in his ears, Dad caught up to Seth and had a serious talk with him about the dangers of the ocean—specifically telling him that when he hit the patches of sand to stay on the alternate trail up by the bushes.

“OK, Dad.” Seth acted as if he understood the message his dad was trying to get across to him. But a few minutes later, he ran ahead and, without thinking or even glancing toward the ocean, jumped down to the sand and ran to catch up with Malachi, who was on the other side of the sandy patch. As he jumped, Dad yelled, “Seth, stay on the trail by the bushes!” but the pound of the surf was too loud for Seth to hear—and the words too late.



Suddenly, a freak wave reared out of the ocean bed, crashed on the rocks, and pounded the sand with a *thud*. The wave was so high it hit Seth in the chest, knocked him over, and began to drag him away. All Seth had time to do was scream, “Help!” at the top of his lungs. Malachi had seen the wave coming and was already in the process of running toward Seth. Instantaneously, he grabbed Seth’s arm and yanked him to safety. Even one second later would have been too late as

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Seth almost certainly would have been sucked into the deep churning water.

As the group hiked back to Anini Beach, Seth thought about his prayer at worship that morning. *I prayed for God's protection and even though I didn't listen and pay attention like I should have, God still saved my life. He must love me an awful lot!* ■



*My son, pay attention to my wisdom;
lend your ear to my understanding.*

—Proverbs 5:1, NKJV