

People of Faith

FaIth Matters

***What’s Your Choice?***

“Homemade” that’s what the girls on the school bus called Nicole C. Mullen. Every morning as she made her way to school she would hear it – “Homemade”. While family life was good, store-bought clothes were not the norm. So Nicole would wear clothes made for her by women at her church. "I wasn't cute," she says, “but I remember thinking, 'God still has a plan for me that these girls cannot touch.' I came to the conclusion that it really wasn’t up to the perpetrator to determine how I was going to turn out. It was up to me. The choice was mine. I could choose to forgive, and allow the Lord to heal the hurt, or I could choose to be a victim. I chose to forgive those girls, and because of that, God has changed me."

Nicole has become a successful Christian recording artist and the first African American artist to win the Dove Award for Song of the Year. "The world is looking for *someone* who believes in *something*," says singer/songwriter/choreographer/actress/youth advocate/mentor Nicole C. Mullen. "What do you believe in? I believe in Christ. And for that I will not apologize."

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.” *Romans 1:16*

[](https://openclipart.org/download/212491/the_pencil_thumb.svg) Write about a time when you chose to forgive someone?

[](https://openclipart.org/download/178410/EDU-Moodle-icons-Discussion-final.svg) Do you think we grow more from challenges or success?