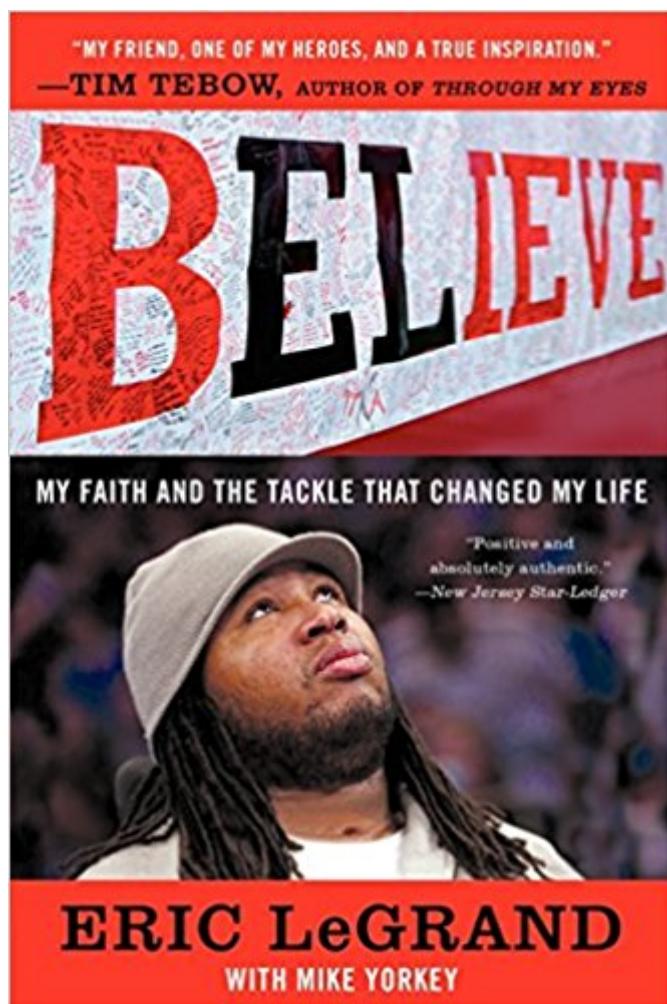


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Believe: My Faith And The Tackle That Changed My Life



Synopsis

Believe is the profoundly moving story of Eric LeGrand, the former defensive tackle for the Rutgers University Scarlet Knights football team, who suffered a severe spinal cord injury and was left paralyzed by a crushing on-field tackle during a heated game with Army. A remarkable true account of a courageous young athlete whose unshakable faith, spirit, positive outlook, and rousing motto, "BELIEVE!" would serve as inspiration to legions of fans—and as motivation in his own quest to walk again. Eric's story has received national attention, heavily covered by ESPN and Sports Illustrated. It will lift the hearts of every reader, not least of all those who were affected by quarterback Tim Tebow's bestselling memoir, *Through My Eyes*.

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The powerful story that has captivated the sports world and inspired many to believe in miracles. On October 16, 2010, during a college football game against Army, a crushing tackle left Rutgers defensive lineman Eric LeGrand paralyzed from the neck down. The months to come would be a long, grueling, and emotional road to recovery but also a remarkable, transformative journey—one so profound that Eric would call the time since his accident the best years of his life. In this moving memoir, Eric tells the uplifting story of how he is rebuilding his future with faith. Doctors said that he would never again breathe without a ventilator. Five weeks later, he astonished them by drawing breath on his own. A year after the accident, the nation watched as he led his Rutgers teammates onto the field in his wheelchair. Now Eric is on his way to graduating from Rutgers University, has a budding career as a sports broadcaster, and uses his experience to

spread a message of faith and positivity. Believe is a truly inspiring story of finding purpose in pain and facing setbacks with strength.

Eric LeGrand is a student at Rutgers University and a former defensive lineman and special teams player for the Scarlet Knights. Eric is an honorary member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and he has received the Jimmy V Perseverance Award during ESPN's annual ESPY awards show. Mike Yorkey is a veteran writer with more than seventy books under his belt, including the Playing with Purpose and Every Man's Battle series.

This is a heartwarming story of someone, who faced with an extreme difficulties, just won't give up. The story tells of his thoughts and feelings after the accident. He relates the story of those around him, their continual support even two years later. His football Coach at Rutgers who also stayed with him and to this day is still in contact with Eric. Eric also has shown great compassion for those faced with similar problems and continues to work hard so that he may someday walk again. He explains that to him this was a message from God that he has greater things for him to do than to play football. He truly BELIEVEs that his work is not done. Even when he had so many supporters at the hospital, and others had none, he shared is friends with who had few. This is truly an inspiring story of a young man faced with grave problems has triumphed over them personally. My prayers are with you Eric.

It takes a truly remarkable kind of person to face adversity with the level of optimism and joy in the way that Eric has faced his paralysis. I've followed Eric's progress since his accident, so I was already well aware of the circumstances and his progress prior to reading the book, and have always been amazed at his positive attitude. Reading about his journey of the past two years, from his perspective, with his incredible optimism, just adds to how amazed I am by the strength of his character. The book is a very easy read. It contains some cute stories from his childhood, and some very touching and tear-jerking moments from the past two years. In the end, all that's left is to bELieve, because if anyone can come back from a spinal injury that severe, it will be Eric. I was in the stadium watching the game that day he went down, I look forward to being in the stadium the day he walks back out onto the field.

The writing brings a tone of inspiration and excitement despite the constant trauma and suffering this man has been through, this books speaks in ways where no flaws are evident and there is just

gratefulness in every word LeGrand speaks, how could you not adore such a human!?

I actually purchased this book for my 15 year old son. He was on the freshman high school football team this year and asked if I would get this for him. My son has finished the book and loved it. He would discuss certain parts of the book with me. He thinks of Eric LeGrand as a true inspiration and hero. He believes that Eric will walk again one day. My son also tweeted Eric LeGrand recently and was beyond thrilled when he tweeted him back. I am a 41 year old mother and now I am going to read it also.

Through reading this book, I know that Eric is a man of many things- character, wisdom, will, talent, and tremendous spirit. He shows that we all are so much more capable than we realize, and have so much to live for. Love that man!

Just finished reading Believe, the book written by RU football player Eric LeGrand. Eric's spirit shines through this story. He is an incredible young man who is an inspiration tons many. Instead of self-pity, Eric is positive and up-beat and after reading this book, I too, Believe that he will some day walk again.

I am a Rutgers graduate and have followed Eric's progress ever since his accident. I absolutely loved this book. I loved reading about Eric's childhood and his amazingly supportive family. Eric is a true inspiration. I admire his strength, faith, and positive attitude. Any time I see him on TV, he always has a smile on face. I know that he has a bright future ahead of him. I look forward to reading more about his progress and I will always BELIEVE that he will walk again one day. Eric must get his strength from his mother. She is an amazing woman and a pillar of strength and hope.

A true and very well-written testimony of faith, love, and hope. A blessing with encouragement for any journey. Has changed my outlook to more optimism since reading it. It was hard to put down until the end. Praying for Eric and his family, and believing with them that he will be walking soon.

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