RUNNING THROUGH TRIALS TO TRIUMPH

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SEPT. 11TH 2001

MANY MEANINGS

* Death
* Destruction
* And it looked like God had abandoned us

RELATE TO AUIDENCE: Sept. 11th 2001 was eleven years ago, but I can still remember in vivid detail the way many of you can with any tragedy and the way many of you still can too, exactly what you were doing when you heard of the traumatic event. The recollection of that day brings back some of the worst feelings of sadness and doubt in God ever.

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CREDIBILITY STATEMENT: EVEN THOUGH I KNOW NOTHING OF the pain that the victims’ families FELT IN THE WORLD TRADE CENTER. I DO KNOW HOW SEPT. 11TH HAS AFFECTED ME, AND I AM THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN TELL YOU MY STORY.

Preview Statement: My story is the lessons my earthly and heavenly father worked together to teach me.

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THESIS: September 11th 2001 has taught Americans many lessons, but the life lessons obtained through the trials of that tragic day in history did fully hit me until 10 years later . On Sept. 11th 2011 MY DAD taught me the most important lesson of my life: Even though we RUN into trials, we should rejoice, because GOD, ALWAYS!, leads us to triumph.

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TRANSTION STATEMENT: **CNN REPORTED!!!!** 130 LIFE CHANGING 911 CALLS WERE MADE on Sept. 11th 2001

But ten years later I made the 911 phone that changed my life forever.

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MY Dad collapsed right after he got down from shingling a roof.

I called 911 on the way to the hospital

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I had to see people take care of the man who had been providing for me my whole life.

He was a frightening sight.

He was lost the ability to speak.

He was pale.

He was about to die.

He was a stroke victim.

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WE DID THE ONLY THING WE COULD. WE PRAYED AND WE PRAYED HARD.

My family was in a room for families that were too emotional or big for the normal waiting room.

Well we fit the bill!

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WE had the pleasure of welcoming 50 people into that room with us over that nights’ time.

My mom was the only one allowed to see him.

I prayed CLINGING TO MY brother for hours. I clung to him as tightly as I did my Dad when he gave us piggy back rides up the stairs every night.

I was terrified. And in my fear I did not pray a pleading prayer, but I thanked GOD

I thanked him for giving me a Dad I would be this scared to lose.

It seemed like everyone that knew my Dad was praying for him.

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GOD heard our prayers.

THE next morning my Dad was fine.

One doctor said the second day my Dad was in the hospital that my dad was healthier than him.

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God healed my Dad!

My dad was supposed to be a paralyzed mute.

That could not have been farther from what he was now!

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Everyone in my Family runs!

So that is what my Dad did.

He ran to God and out of deaths grip

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On September 24th 2011 my family woke up bright and early to see my Dad and my sister Sarah run the Quad Cities Marathon.

My Dad taught me many lessons through his run.

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Never complain about your feet hurting, because at least they work.

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Having Someone to run with makes everything belter

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VICTIM

IS JUST 26.2 MILES AWAY FROM VICTOR!!!

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And most importantly

GOD IS GOOD!!! (*Smile! ☺)*

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God showed his goodness by giving me a marathon running miracle of a victor for a Dad.

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God Showed his goodness by letting my Dad see me graduate high school

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God showed his goodness and let my dad officially be old! He turned 50 on Oct. 1st ☺

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God showed his goodness by giving us possibilities for my Dad to teach me lessons

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God is truly good in all he does.

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Transition Statement:

I have been blessed with a Dad that I can run with and a Heavenly father that can move mountains.

Thesis: . On Sept. 11th 2011 MY DAD taught me the most important lesson of my life: Even though we RUN into trials, we should rejoice, because GOD, ALWAYS! leads us to triumph.

My Dad had a stroke on Sept. 11th and he ran a Marathon on Sept. 24th all because God is good

Closing Statement: My family’s life verse is Romans 5:3 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.

Relate back to Audience: I would like you to remember: No matter how much things hurt we can all start taking the steps to move from victims to victors!