

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Josh,

Remember from the start that you can do all things through Christ who gives you strength. I give strength to the weary and increase the power of the weak. When you were pushed back and about to fall, but I helped you. I am your strength and your song; I have become your salvation. Though your Mom is not there with you I have put people in place to help you grow in me and given your Dad the strength of Angels.

You have gone through school and are now a high school senior and you will be a Christian competitor. You are made to strive, to strain, to stretch, and to succeed in the arena of competition. You will not boast about your abilities or believe in your own strength. Rely solely on my power. Your sweat is an offering to me, and your soreness a sacrifice. I have blessed you that you give your all-all the time, you will not give up, you will not give in, and you will not give out. You are my warrior and little do you know the trials I am about to put you through because cancer is not easy for anyone. Do not fear for I will be with you, but my will must be done. Your grandfather taught you the importance of school and has instilled in you the patience of Job and I have given you a servant's heart. I have prepared you to take care of your grandmother because a man stands at his tallest when he stoops to help another. Your greatest test is when you are able to bless someone else while you are going through your own storm. You must love her as you love me with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind. You will be tried and tested for taking this role, but your reward greater.

I see your tears, I hear your prayers, and I will grant you the serenity to accept things you cannot change, courage to change things you can, and wisdom to know the difference. Go forth to College for I have shown you its importance, but stay close to fulfill your promise to me. You must now also take the gifts that I have given you and apply them to the people I send to you through the weight

room without charge. You will play many roles in these people's lives and I will help you understand what role you are called to play on your sport, your team, your family, and in your friendships. You are a role model no matter if you want to be one or not so you might as well be in my likeness. I have taken 3 lives from you in a matter of months. Why? Know that there is no mistakes and my will and understanding is perfect. You served and impacted these girls lives as I have asked you to but you now know that sometimes when I put these people on your heart you only have one chance to make that impact because we are not promised tomorrow.

For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. I have set a place for you to grow in me even more and it is time for you to go there. You must trust in my timing and not of your own. Trust my leadership besides trying to force an outcome you wanted. I have put these teachers in your path for a purpose. It is here where I will develop your WHY and show you that you had one all along.

I need you to start the healing of Dr. Gracias mother. Though I have not given you a miracle, I am going to make you the miracle for someone else. Remember I have said that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Though work seems uncertain, I have a plan for you but first your grandmother needs you one more time. I will give you transportation and make your way safe. Go to her bedside and take the hand that once held you and sing a song that I place on your heart.

You now are in a place to share your story with other students and show them that anything is possible. Show them the place and people I have placed in your life, but know that not everyone is there to come to school because I will lead them where they must go, but they are in front of you for my reason. When they ask how? Show them what it takes to become a CHAMPION and that is Character, Heart, Attitude, Motivation, Passion, Integrity, opportunity, and Now. Though your brother has made his claims, remember I am showing you that your wife comes before everyone but myself. Everything is going to work out you because I am in control. Continue to Love because only Love will save. Keep sharing your story because the best is yet to come.