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Mr. Jay Platt,

I am the Human Resource Director for Placer Electric, and I was invited to your seminar last week at the Air force base, and I just want to say thank you so much, my life has been very touched.

I was 30 min late getting there and almost went back home, but then I decided that I should go (not really caring at this point if I would miss the first part, I had no idea who the speaker was anyway). When I got there I sat down just in time for the speaker to begin his story and "OH MY GOD", I had no idea what the evening had in store.

As I sat there and he introduced himself I got goose bumps, I could not believe I was amongst Nando Parrado, one of the most admired men in history of my generation. He represents everything I do wrong in my life; I live for tomorrow never thinking of the moments that I miss everyday.

I can almost remember every word he said, he is a miracle and thank you so much for giving me that evening. I spent Saturday on my porch writing a letter to myself, entitled, "how I would spend today if it were my last". After I was done I realized that I almost gave up on that evening and then I thought about all the other times in my life that I almost gave up and missed the message.

I know this may seem a bit over the top, but I just want you to know this evening made me realize that life is short and the journey is going to happen today when we least expect it.

Thank you for that, my oldest son graduates June 1st and this is just what I needed to let me realize, I am not loosing my son, I am gaining a new journey.

Sincerely,

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