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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 1<sup>st</sup> 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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