



Peak Encounter Monthly Reflection

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# All Weather Journaling

Allowing God to come close.



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Back in 1994, early in our marriage, Dave and I went to Puerto Rico during one of his Navy assignments. Being the nature and adventure lovers that we were, we had to find a rain forest! We found La Mina Waterfall, in El Yunque National Forest, where you could swim! I was excited, yet fearful since the waterfall seemed so powerful. At times, when I swam underneath it, I was afraid the force of the waterfall would push me under! Pressing past my fear, I swam to the backside. When I did, I experienced the immense beauty of this God-created waterfall from a rare view.

Fast forward to two weeks ago. We had a meeting with the directors regarding our 21year old son, Nate. He would age out of supportive services through the Department of Education at the end of this school year. To create the highest level of supportive independence, he would need this consolidated waiver, nearly impossible to receive. The dreaded news came in, nothing available. This was discouraging, to say the least!

From past experience, I know discouragement can be one of the enemy's greatest tactics to separate us from God. I began asking friends and family to join us in prayer for a breakthrough!

A week went by, and I headed to Encounter Ministries School of Prophecy. Prophecy is a charismatic gift, given to us by the Holy Spirit. It is a way the Holy Spirit can divinely accelerate our faith to those open to receiving it, reminding us that our future is in God's hands.

On the last night, we broke out into Prophetic teams to give and receive words.

When it was my turn, a person shared an image. In this image, our family was together with Nate in the middle. In front of our family was a fortified dam. Behind the dam were legions of angels stacked up, eager to pour grace onto our family, but something was stopping them. He had a sense that the Lord wanted me to punch through the dam. With all my might, and tears flowing, I punched several times in front of me, pleading for a breakthrough.

Four days later, early in the morning, one of those directors called me and said..." you are NOT GOING TO BELIEVE THIS...but the state announced that Nate's name came up for the consolidated waiver!" The case workers were in utter shock...initially I was too...wondering if this was for real. I received this confirmation and immediately dropped to my knees thanking Jesus for this breakthrough! The dam broke, and the waters of grace were released. As the directors continued to be astonished by this extremely rare circumstance, I felt led to share about God bringing about the impossible.

May this testimony of Christ fully alive and present in today's world. Like the graces on the other side of the dam, sometimes we are asked to walk BOLDLY in faith, to punch through a proverbial dam in prayer with courage, and ask for a breakthrough.

#### **Invitation:**

1. Consider a time when there seemed like the challenge ahead of you seemed insurmountable.
2. What was that like for you?
3. How did God pull you through it?

#### **Prayer:**

*Dear God,*

*You are the God of the impossible. Thank you for the breakthroughs you have already given us in our lives. May we walk in faith, hope, and in courage, that you care and love us even more than we love ourselves. I allow you to lead me in the destiny you have already prepared before me, believing in firm confidence, of your providential care. Help me to be humble enough to ask others to pray for us*

*when we need it, remembering in Matthew 18:20, that “when two or three are gathered, there You are in the midst.”*

*We praise you and we thank you, Lord!*

*Amen*



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