

# **THE PATH TO MY DESTINY**

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# THE EVENING I'LL NEVER FORGET

**WHEN I WAS IN 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE, MY PERSPECTIVE OF EDUCATION CHANGED FOREVER. MY GRANDFATHER, AFTER STRUGGLING WITH HEART ISSUES, HAD A HEART ATTACK JUST AS WE LEFT AFTER VISITING HIM. MY GRANDMOTHER CALLED 911 AND THEN MY FAMILY AND I RUSHED TO GET TO THEIR HOUSE. I VIVIDLY REMEMBER STANDING AT THE END OF THEIR LANE, FLAGGING AN AMBULANCE TO GET HELP FOR MY GRANDFATHER. HE WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL WITH ME AND MY FAMILY RIGHT BEHIND THE AMBULANCE.**



# THE NIGHTMARE THAT FOLLOWED

**WHEN WE FINALLY ARRIVED AT HOLY SPIRIT HOSPITAL, IT FELT LIKE WE WERE THERE FOR DAYS WAITING FOR THE NEWS FROM THE DOCTOR. OUR WORST FEARS WERE CONFIRMED WHEN THE DOCTOR CAME OUT AND SAID, "THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO AT THIS FACILITY." THE FOLLOWING MORNING, HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO HERSHEY, UNDER CRITICAL CONDITION IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT. THE DOCTOR SAID THAT HE HAD TO HAVE OPEN-HEART SURGERY DUE TO BLOCKAGES IN HIS HEART.**



# WAITING

**THE FOLLOWING DAY, WE DIDN'T LEAVE THE HOSPITAL FOR ABOUT EIGHT HOURS, WAITING FOR THE SURGEON TO COME IN FOR MY GRANDFATHER TO UNDERGO SURGERY. WE DECIDED AROUND 4 O'CLOCK TO LEAVE THE HOSPITAL. 15 MINUTES AFTER WE LEFT THE HOSPITAL, MY GRANDMOTHER GOT A PHONE CALL SAYING THE SURGEON HAS ARRIVED, AND THE SURGEON WAS GETTING READY TO BEGIN SURGERY. WE RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL SO WE COULD SEE HIM BEFORE HE WENT INTO SURGERY.**



# THE TURNING POINT

**WHEN WE REACHED THE HOSPITAL, WE WERE ABLE TO WISH MY GRANDFATHER LUCK BEFORE HE WENT INTO SURGERY. AFTER ABOUT 3 HOURS, THE SURGEON CAME OUT OF THE OPERATING ROOM AND TOLD US MY GRANDFATHER MADE IT THROUGH AND HE WAS GOING TO BE OKAY. WE WERE OVERJOYED AND AFTER THE HOSPITAL STAFF SAID WE COULD SEE HIM LATER THAT DAY, WE COULD NOT HIDE OUR EXCITEMENT. FROM THAT DAY ON, I'VE BEEN INSPIRED TO CHANGE THE WORLD BY HELPING PEOPLE.**



# REALITY

**TO THIS DAY, I STILL FEEL INSPIRED TO HELP PEOPLE AND CHANGE THE WORLD BY DOING SO. AS I GOT OLDER, I REALIZED THAT BEING A CARDIAC SURGEON, LIKE THE SURGEONS WHO SAVED MY GRANDFATHER'S LIFE, HAVE TO DEAL WITH DEATH A LOT. THEREFORE, I DECIDED THAT MAYBE I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE A CARDIO SURGEON BECAUSE I WOULDN'T WANT TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH DEATH A LOT, BUT I COULD HELP PEOPLE IN OTHER WAYS. FROM THAT DAY INTO THIS DAY, I'VE BEEN MORE INTERESTED IN BEING AN ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON. AND I REMEMBER ALL THE TIME THAT IF IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN FOR THE NIGHT THAT I'LL NEVER FORGET, I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO FIND THE PATH TO MY DESTINY.**

