It’s incredible to not only see, but understand who and what God uses to grab a hold of your attention! I am on an upward trend in age, like everyone else who has ever had a birthday, and I work for a company that is no stranger to working you to every extreme of the word! I certainly am not the young athlete I once used to be, and doing strenuous tasks these days are more difficult than earlier in life. Often I ponder the solution to this anguishing position and buy myself a little more time than the inevitable that many before me has done, “QUIT!” Though I don’t know the meaning of the word I dared myself to venture out into this territory, I mean, after all, I am not a young man anymore and would like to someday walk hand in hand down the aisle with the love of my life, IF I am able to stand up straight! At work, every day seems to get a little harder daily and I really start to focus on just leaving! Honestly, that would solve nothing but it sure would make me feel better! I would threaten to call in because I am tired even though I get plenty of rest! I really am looking at this point for a way OUT!!!

Before you go and give me a directive or tell me your theory of what I should do, let me just say that it would be like talking to a wall (that’s how stubborn I am)! I listen to God and Him alone, and I do know the difference when He is talking to me or not. So, I haven’t called in yet and every time I plan to, I don’t because usually someone already has done so, and I feel obligated to customers, because I signed a form that said I will be there when I am supposed to be. So I go and repeat the cycle of work again. Now, here is where it gets good! I was having trouble sleeping one day and found myself awake, when I should be slumbering. After all, I work at 3 a.m. and really need to sleep! As I was lying there, God prompted me to go to the computer and open up you tube. After looking at a couple of singing audition videos that were heart touching, tear jerking and inspiring, I stumble across this particular one! It was a video of a 10-year-old boy who was born with blindness and autism! I was drawn to this page because he sang a song and was good! It instantly brought me to tears because, here is this child, singing, “Open the eyes of my heart Lord, I want to SEE YOU!” You talk about conviction!!! I cried out to God begging His forgiveness for my complaining and aggravation to Him, and realized, **I** broke my body down from all the years of being an athlete, and working very physical jobs that demanded every bit of my body, even to the point of getting hit by a car, and here is this precious young man who didn’t even have a chance at life, who could not sit still because he was so pumped to give praise and honor to our mighty Father!!! I had no choice but to ask forgiveness and thank Him for allowing a video of a child to put me back in my place! I have no more excuses and I thank God for allowing me to be alive to this day to work! When He is ready for me to leave, that is when I go! But only on His terms!

1 Corinthians 15:58New King James Version (NKJV)

**58**Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

This scripture fits perfectly for when you find yourself in the very same situation as I was in! We can understand that when we are always abounding in God’s work, no matter what it is, it will be worth it in the end! We have to continue to move in His direction for His understanding and guidance! Work is honorable in the sight of God and He expects us to be a living testimony to His goodness towards us! No matter how difficult the itinerary can be, or how the trials and tribulations stack against us! I am renewed each day in Him, and others do take notice how hard I work despite that I am approximately 21 - 22 years older than everyone I work around!

Ask God today to stir your hearts and refresh you to His level of tenacity, and keep moving forward always abounding in His work! According to Dictionary.com, the word abound comes from the Latin word, *abundāre*which means to overflow. We get the word abound in the English language which means, to exist in great quantities or numbers. So if we are to work and do more each day for God, and it is coming from His Word, then we have to stop living day to day just getting by, and find our niche God has placed in us and work it out! I want you to overflow, so that Gods Blessings can overflow in your life!

Be true to yourself and don’t quit!

With love,

Coach T!