

Essay from the bald pastor

#78 - A Dancer from Boston -

There was an explosion at the Boston Marathon at 2:45 p.m. on April 15. The marathon is a traditional event with the longest history next to the Olympics. When the explosion occurred, Adrienne H. Davis was enjoying her day off with her husband, Adam, only 2 blocks away from the incident. She is a 32 year-old professional dancer as well as a dance teacher, and Adam is an Air Force lieutenant who had completed his mission in Afghanistan and returned home two weeks earlier.

Having heard the blast, they looked at each other in fear. As uneasiness crawled up in their heads, the second explosion happened right behind the couple, just 10 seconds after the first one. By the blast as powerful as to shatter the third floor windows of the Boston Public Library nearby, their bodies got thrown over three feet before hitting the ground. Not comprehending what happened, Adrienne looked over to her feet and found her deformed left foot covered in blood and Adam hysterically trying to stop the bleeding despite his own injury.

When she woke up in a hospital the next morning, her mother was by her side. Adrienne asked, "Mom, something is wrong with my left foot. What's going on?" Her mother replied, "Honey, they couldn't save it..." Her mind went blank. "What do you mean? I'm a dancer!" While beating her left leg in fury, she thought that her life was over.

However, she couldn't give up on dancing and made a decision that surprised everyone around her. She announced that she would run in the next Boston Marathon and dance again. When she started her physical therapy, a TV program interviewed her and told a story of her challenges after the incident. The broadcast inspired many people. Among them was Derek Hough, an actor who has been on "Dancing with the Stars." To Adrienne's astonishment, he offered her to join the show. Feeling ecstatic, she began a grand journey toward participating in the fierce dance competition among celebrities.

**"They may trip seven times, but each time they will rise again. "
Proverbs 24:16, NLT**

There is a famous Japanese saying that goes, "Even if you fall seven times, get up on the eighth try." This originates from the above Bible verse that was written 3000 years ago. The number "7" is considered a perfect number and referred to "eternity." Thus, the meaning of the verse is that the righteous people get up again and again no matter how many times they fall. The savior, Jesus Christ, won't neglect those who endeavor to get up from the ground.

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