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## AUDIO BIBLES FOR THE BLIND

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**“If you want to see your son alive, you better get here.”**

The words every parent prays they never hear became a reality for one mother. Her son, Josh, was comatose and barely clinging to life.

One night, when a party got out of hand, Josh fell from his friend’s balcony and hit the concrete 25 feet below. He should have died that night. At least, that’s what the doctors and nurses said.

Josh spent more than 3 months in a coma on life support. Time and again, the doctors tried to convince his mother to “pull the plug.” Josh was completely unresponsive, they said. There was no hope.

As Josh’s mother agonized over what to do, she heard, deep in her heart, the promises of scripture:

***“Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed” (Romans 4:18, NIV).***

***“So, too, am I giving you hope,”*** was the whisper in her heart.

What happened next was the first in a series of miracles the Lord would use to save Josh. *As a faithful friend to Audio Bibles for the Blind, you are a part of Josh’s miracle.*

In the final hours before Josh would have to be removed from life support, the unthinkable happened: he opened his eyes. Hope against hope, Josh was alive. But surviving was only the beginning. He would need to learn to live again.

After the fall and the coma, Josh’s body had shut down completely. He’d suffered multiple strokes and heart attacks. His brain and body were severely damaged. From his ABC’s to taking his first steps, Josh would have to relearn everything.

When Josh was finally stable enough to go home with his mother, reality—and despair—set in. Yes, he was alive, he thought, but barely.

Josh’s left wrist was broken, his right arm was curled up from strokes, he was in a wheelchair, and his left eye had been removed.

“I was moping,” Josh said. “I said, ‘I’m nothing. I can do nothing. I can’t even feed myself. I can’t bathe myself. I’m nothing.’”

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But once again, Josh's mother had faith beyond imagination. "First and foremost you're God's child. You've been redeemed by the blood," she told Josh." Secondly, you're my son, you're a brother, you're an uncle, you're a friend. Why don't you just be the best that you can be?"

From that moment on, that's exactly what Josh has done.

**Before long, Josh contacted us at Audio Bibles for the Blind and requested a copy of God's Spoken Word.** The accident had taken away his left eye and most of his vision in his right eye. Holding a book was nearly impossible after the multiple strokes. And still, Josh longed to delve into scriptures and learn to be the best that he could be.

"It's so much easier now," Josh said of having his very own Audio Bible. "I'm so grateful."

**God miraculously saved Josh's life after the tragic accident at his friend's party. But the real miracle is how God restored life to Josh's heart and soul. Through God's Spoken Word, Josh has found "hope against hope."**

You are a part of that hope.

**When you contribute to Audio Bibles For The Blind, you restore life to the hearts and souls of the blind and print handicapped. You give hope to those who have surrendered to despair.**

Each and every day, we have more and more stories pouring in, stories just like Josh's where young men and women suffer a tragic accident and have their whole world shattered. We need your help to meet their needs, and to mend their broken hearts with promises of God's Spoken Word.

From the heartfelt cries of the Psalms to the eternal hope of the Gospel, every single Audio Bible holds the salve to soothe the deepest wounds.

Josh did lose everything the night he fell. But today, he is God's beloved child, sealed as Christ's own because you ministered to him through the gift of an Audio Bible.

You can do it again when you give today.

Thank you for your faithful giving, but most of all, thank you for the "hope against hope" that you make possible through your valuable support.

Serving with you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joe Aleppo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "A".

Joe Aleppo  
President/Executive Director

P.S. Please share this ministry with family, friends or even your local church. **We cannot imagine having to turn away hundreds each week who need God's Word, but we are reaching a critical time at Audio Bibles for the Blind.** Please keep this ministry in your prayers during these tough economic times.