## FEBRUARY TWENTY:15

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Avery, our youngest has been surfing about a year and a half now. It's been amazing to see her progress and to watch her love for surfing grow.

As a parent, I'm so proud of her bravery and I've fully enjoyed watching her be *her*. Though, at times I have to admit I can freak out.

I've watched her get bolder, and now she paddles out further and in bigger surf. Surf with some consequence. It can make my heart pound. If I'm not in the water with her, there are times, I'm out of the seat ready to jump in.

It's weird, cause I know that for her to continue learning...she needs to wipe out more. If she doesn't push herself a bit, she will stagnate.



She's shared how in one surf session, she can go from loving it to being scared in seconds.Watching a set come makes her nervous. Sometimes, she paddles towards it... sometimes she takes it on the head.

She can't hear my dialogue with her...my encouragements or my sadness when I can see she's frustrated or disappointed.

I often wonder what God must think watching me live my life. Seeing my fear, struggles, and successes. Encouraging me when the sets come. Encouraging me to go for it...to even wipe out more.

It's reminded me that it's often been the struggles that have led to transformation in my life. And that my changed life allows me to help in the changed lives of others.

Romans 5:3-4 says this, We are full of joy even when we suffer. We know that our suffering gives us the strength to go on. The strength to go on produces character. Character produces hope.

I don't know where you may need hope, where you need a push or what has been challenging for you, but, know that God is with you... he's out of his seat, cheering you on.

## Prayer and Praise

-We are stoked to share that we surpassed our goal for December and raised all of our start-up cost needs. THANK YOU!

-Please pray as we get ready to work with a youth leadership retreat, help with some upcoming mission team opportunities and are creating tools to transform teams that are transforming the world.

In Christ,

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