

Essay from the bold pastor #40 - Oh Lolo Jones -

Long 4 years have come to an end for Lolo with a regrettable fourth place in London. She was raised as one of the 6 siblings by her mother, Lori. Her father had been serving in prison, and their lives were difficult. When she was nine, they got kicked out of their home and lived in a church basement.

Despite the hardship, Lolo grew up to achieve a lot in high school. Not only was she an honor student and an excellent Cello player in orchestra, but also she broke a state record in “her expertise”, women’s 100-meter hurdle. With the love from her mother, who worked day and night for her children without showing any bitterness, and the help from the friends who believed in her talent, Lolo slowly built her career while working part-time and training. Finally she became the fastest female hurdler and made her appearance at Beijing Olympics.

The final race started. Everyone expected her to win the gold. Lolo, herself, expected the gold. She was leading the race, and her victory seemed concrete to everyone’s eyes. Then, she tripped on the 9th hurdle right before the finish line. She lost her speed and ended in the 7th place. Lolo cried her heart out. “Why? Why?” She came this far wanting to give her mother a gold medal. Lori replied, “You know why? This happened for you to get over a hard time!” Bible says,

“ My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.”

2 Corinthian 12:9, NIV

It is inevitable for the world to give losers and failures the brush-off. But the bible teaches you that what is important awaits on the other side of weaknesses. Thanks to God, Lolo stood back up.

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