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When Leone Nunley of Washington State answered the phone, she was stunned by the neurosurgeon's words, "We have David McRae here. Is that your son?"

She said it was, but she was thousands of miles away, on work furlough with her husband and two school-age sons. What could she do? Nunley learned David had been in a motorcycle accident just

hours before. The doctor said he was in a "persistent coma and vegetative state," the same diagnosis Terry Schiavo's family would hear in a few short months. Her son was unstable and deteriorating, so the doctor advised Nunleys immediate return. Frantic, she packed, while her husband arranged for tickets, and then boarded the next plane home.

The story tells of a mother's love for her son, and her indomitable desire to move the hand of God through action and prayer. It's not only the story of her courage, but also a story of the courage and sacrifice their entire family made against insurmountable physical, medical, and financial odds.

This is the narrative of a mother who fought for what remained of her son, even when medical staff advised them to take David off life support because he would never walk, talk or function again. And it's the story of a family who sup-

ported and helped their loved one, in spite of medical counsel.

This inspirational true account illustrates the power of dedication and love, of a family's sacrifice of themselves — in the most hopeless, helpless situation possible — over a period of years.

Leone Nunley stubbornly fought for a miracle and found it through prayer, her family, many dedicated volunteers, and the ability to work one-on-one with David to retrain and re-equip him to one day live on his own again. This deeply moving experience of heartache and courage, lost dreams and brokenness, teaches it's not the situations we face, but how we face the situation that makes the difference.

This book made a profound impact on me and will anyone who reads it.

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Fighting for David, An Inspiring True Story of Stubborn Love, Faith, and Hope Beyond Reason, by Leone Nunley, with Dean Merrill,