

# ***Through the Valley*** **with Darryn Botha**

Darryn Botha, a Western Cape Transplant Athlete, recently published a book titled “Through the Valley” where he tells the story of “suffering, survival and the sovereignty of God”.

Darryn was diagnosed with a rare blood cancer called Myeloproliferative Disorder in 2002 and had to have a bone marrow transplant after doctors told him that a transplant was the only cure for his condition. His brother Clint was tested and found to be a perfect match and in 2014 Darryn received a bone marrow transplant.

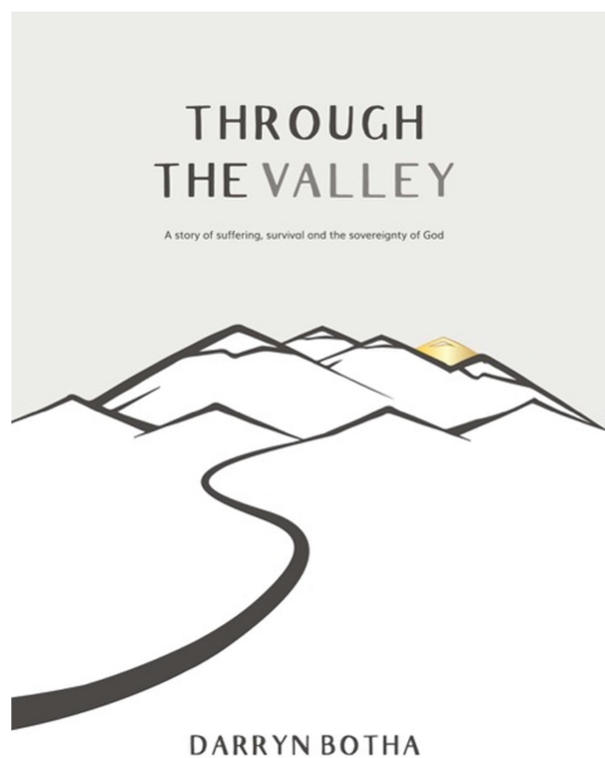
Darryn writes that a bone marrow transplant literally is a “walk through the valley of the shadow of death” and tells his story from a Christian perspective. His story will strike a chord with any person who has gone through a transplant or serious disease and many of his experiences, although unique, are part of every transplant patient’s journey.

The book is not just about Darryn’s battle with cancer and his healing process but also about practical steps to get through such a battle whether you are the one facing the disease or a family member of the patient. Early on in the book Darryn talks of the great friendships he and his wife, Kim, build while he battled with cancer. He writes that “cancer can weaken your immune system, but cancer cannot weaken your relationships”. This is just one of the many true and inspiring phrases that can be found in this book.

Darryn’s positive view of life is reflected in his writing and the Western Cape Transplant Sports Association is proud to have him as part of our team. He is one of the athletes that will

represent South Africa in June 2017 at the World Transplant Games in Spain where he will compete in the long jump event. Darryn allowed himself to dream big and can surely be proud of a well written and inspirational book.

We wish Darryn all the best for the future and hope that all those dreams that are recorded in his bucket list come true. May you walk you two daughters down the aisle, take your wife Kim on that boat cruise to Alaska and run with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain.



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***A story of suffering, survival, and the sovereignty of God.***

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