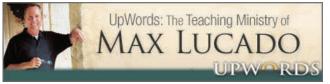
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## It's Going to Be Okay

Bill Tucker was sixteen had enough. years old when his dad suffered a health crisis and road with his dad to pick up consequently had to leave the equipment. Bill rememhis business. Even after Mr. Tucker regained his health, the Tucker family struggled financially, barely getting by. Mr. Tucker, an entrepre-

neurial sort, came up with an idea. He won the bid to reupholster the chairs at the local movie theater. This stunned his family. He had never stitched a seat. He didn't even own a sewing apparato teach him the skill and lomachine. The family scraped

It was a fine day when Bill bers a jovial, hour-long trip discussing the bright horizons this new opportunity afforded them. They loaded the machine in the back of their truck and secured it you what happened next:

"As we were driving along, we were excited, and I, like not what he said. He looked tus. Still, he found someone any sixteen-year-old driver, was probably not paycated an industrial-strength ing enough attention to my speed. Just as we were turntogether every cent they had ing on the cloverleaf to get on to buy it. They drained sav- the expressway, I will never out of the sofa. Finally, they that sewing machine, which arms you feel. Trust him.

was already top-heavy, begin to tip. I slammed on the brakes, but it was too late. I saw it go over the side. I jumped out and ran around the back of the truck. As I rounded the corner, I saw our hope and our dream lying on its side in pieces. And then I saw my dad just looking. All of his risk and all of his endeavor and all of his struggling and all of his dream, all of his hope to take care of his family was lying there, shattered.

"You know what comes right behind the cab. Mr. next don't you? 'Stupid, Tucker then invited his son punk kid driving too fast, to drive home. I'll let Bill tell not paying attention, ruined the family by taking away our livelihood.' But that's right at me. 'Oh, Bill, I am so sorry.' And he walked over, put his arms around me, and said, 'Son, this is going to be okay.'

God is whispering the ings accounts and dug coins ever, ever forget watching same to you. Those are his

That is his voice you hear. Believe him. Allow the only decision maker in the universe to comfort you. Life at times appears to fall to pieces, seem irreparable. But it's going to be okay. How can you know? Because God so loved the world. If God can make a billion galaxies, can't he make good out of our bad and sense out of our faltering lives? Of course he can. He is God.

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