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thoughts & insights from Ordinarily Amazing®

"I have always thought it would be a blessing if each person could be blind and deaf for a few days during his early adult life. Darkness would make him appreciate sight; silence would teach him the joys of sound."

Helen Keller

"Listen Cooper. Listen to Mommy, now!"

She was cooking dinner, discussing life stuff such as bills and to-do's as her toddler was making a loud obnoxious noise with his toy. She asked him twice. He ignored her twice. The third attempt was with eye contact as she said, "**Cooper, listen to Mommy now! I said stop.**"

She turned to her husband expressing the irritation with their son's selective listening. He laughed as he reminded her, "**aren't we lucky that we can complain our deaf son isn't listening to us?**"

Cooper had been **totally deaf since birth** and just received a cochlear implant a few months earlier. **He could hear now.** He could **choose to "not listen" to his Mommy** just like every other toddler in the world. **It was an OA moment.**

The OA Twist - We are ***given gifts in our life, miracles every day.*** Yet in our very busy ordinary routines, we forget the miracles. We lose our gratitude and take the basics for granted. ***Recognize the extraordinary abilities your body has every day, like seeing and hearing. Listen for the Ordinarily Amazing in your life.***

-Kristi Turner

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