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## *Deepwater Horizon*

My choice was the oil rig explosion of 2010. There was a malfunction in the machines causing it to shoot mud out of the pipe that sucked up the fossil fuel. Then it made a gas that went into the vents making it over power and burst into flames, killing 11 people and injuring 17. Luckily there were people that cared about more than just themselves and risked their lives for others. I want to tell this story to remember those brave people.

### **April 10th, 2010 in the middle of the Pacific Ocean**

Mike Williams was on Skype with his wife when the lights were turning brighter than day and pop, the light bulbs exploded. Then the computer turned off. He didn't see his wife any more and "boom" the door exploded, knocking Mike to the ground taking ashy dust with it. He was pinned down to the ground and still confused of what just happened, yet he didn't know that the worst was yet to come.

It was the year 2010. At 5:11 in the morning, Mike Williams was in bed with his wife. He told her how he was going to miss her and his daughter since he was leaving for three weeks. He had breakfast with his wife and daughter, said goodbye and was on his way. He went to the airport and there he saw his colleagues. He signed in and said he was heading to Deepwater Horizon. He got on a helicopter with some of his colleagues and headed off.

When they arrived there they saw that the other people that were there were leaving early due to some parts of the rig being damaged. When he went to his private headquarters he saw that they misplaced all his stuff so his first priority was to put everything back where it was. Then he went to go see his colleagues. He went to the meeting his boss was at with the supervisor. The boss said that there were lots of things broken then he asked Mike to list some of the problems. He used all his breath listing a bunch of things that were broken so the boss suggested they take a test run to make sure everyone was all right. They went to the main center where they turned on the drill and took three tests. The numbers were supposed to be at the same rate but they were way off. The supervisor didn't care. He wanted to get started and Mike went back to his room. so they started it up again.

Everything was going swell when all of a sudden the machines started shooting mud everywhere knocking and blinding everyone with confusion! When it stopped everyone took a breath of relief thinking it was over but then another storm of mud came out fiercer than the other, pushing everyone to the walls. When they thought the worst had already come the mud

was making a gas that went into the vents building up way too much pressure while Mike was on Skype with his wife. Then the lights turned brighter and brighter when “pop!” the light bulbs exploded. The computer turned off. Mike was left in the darkness still confused when, “boom” the door came off knocking him to the ground! Once he moved the door from on top of him he knew that something had exploded since there was smoke and ashes everywhere. It was dark but he could still see so he left his room. As soon as he left he saw his boss on the floor from the explosion. Mike carried him over to where they could call for help. They had called for help but they couldn't make it there on time before the whole place came down. They came up with an idea to cut the pipe that was sucking up everything. In order to do this they had to turn on the emergency power. Mike and another colleague volunteered to go.

When they got there Mike tried to open the door and burnt his hands. His colleague gave him his glove and opened the door, They turned on the power and they tried to cut the pipe but the seal just broke. Now they only had one choice. They had to escape by boat. When they all got out they saw that the crane was banging on the top of the tower and while everyone was panicking another colleague climbed to the top of the tower and stopped the crane. As soon as he stopped the crane, a piece came off the tower knocking the guy off of the crane and into the ocean. He was dead. He had saved hundreds but at the cost lost his own life.

Next, they all went to the life rafts and got in until there was one left. the boss got in next and once he got in the wire snapped leaving Mike and the operation monitor behind. There were no more rafts and they couldn't jump from where they were. There was fire. Mike had an idea! They had to jump from the helicopter landing into the water. When they got there his operation monitor didn't want to jump. He tried to convince her but she still didn't want to jump. Mike was going to jump without her but knew if he did he couldn't live with himself so he grabbed her and threw her into the water. Then he jumped! When he fell into the water a piece of medal hit him in the head but he knew it wasn't time to worry about that. He looked for the operation monitor. She popped out of the water and a lifeboat came to save them.

When they got to where everyone else was, the boss was calling names seeing who was alive and who was dead. He called the first few names. They were there but the next few nothing, the next few nothing, the next and the next and the next, nothing. The boss gave the supervisor a look telling him that it was all his fault. When they got back to Texas there was a hotel for the survivors. When he got there a man grabbed him and pushed him to wall asking for his son until security came and stopped him. Mike went to his room washed up and collapsed to the floor, his head still hurt from the hit he got at the oil rig. He still felt he was there until his family came and he finally felt at home.