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Video Transcript

I went through a big change in my life. It was when I had my first child. After that, I wanted to have more children. And then I got pregnant again. My second child was a gift life gave me but my life did become uncertain from that point... Teozinho was born prematurely at 8 months. He was a tiny baby. He is a special needs child. He has Down Syndrome. I said to myself, I can be Gabi's mom and continue to work. But I am also Teo's mother, and he needs more from me. I don't think I can look after him and work at the same time. And then I panicked... The truth is I have support. This support comes from my family, my friends and my work. There was one more major setback... Teozinho was born with a heart disease... and I knew he was going to have to

undergo heart surgery. At that point I asked Accenture for help. I requested to be transferred to an area where I would have more of a fixed work routine, instead of having to move around different projects. Accenture has been fantastic. I then realized that my seemingly fragile child is actually extremely strong. He underwent heart surgery with a big smile on his face! He feels thankful about life... I've never saw someone with so much gratitude before. I was more of a perfectionist before and now that I have my son, I learned that we must try to understand everyone. Each person has a unique way of contributing to life. We can better understand what life has to offer when we begin to understand that people are unique individuals.

In recent years, I started working with professionals in India. They definitely look different from me. To be "awakened" to the NEW is to view things with an open mind, without having preconceived ideas.