Identify a theme in the story and article, and show how the author develops that theme

In the story “Sometimes a Dream Needs a Push”, a parent shifts from centering his own disappointment in ways that are hurtful to his child to becoming a more supportive and encouraging father. A father dreams his son will excel at basketball lives with disappointment until his goals shift and he finds an unexpected way to achieve them.

Was supportive at end, but subtle. Discouraging at first.

Parents dream dashed then fulfilled.

Son didn’t want to push so it partly was the son’s dream too. Both were pushed.

Dream in son, Son gets hurt – dream crushed, Dream recalibrates with help of coach

Goals can shift and new possibilities that we didn’t see before can suddenly appear.

Dad’s goals shifted, How to weave in the article well?!

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| Chris centered | Jim Centered  Even though “I” narrates and mom talks, we go inside Dad’s head |
|  | Hope springs eternal. Thought all hope lost, but regained it with some help |
| Would not be walking again  Didn’t like, but learned to live (accept)  **Joyful:**  Awesome to see kids my age  Chairs whizzing around  Couldn’t wait  **Acceptance**  Didn’t want Dad’s feedback if didn’t like  Tried to make sense – but I wanted to play  Says ‘hey’ to mom – feels ok, but not great  Heart sank that Dad called school (unsure why)  Joyful:  Excited dad going to practice – day flew by  He didn’t miss once (admires)  Dad missed – Chris reassures him its ok  Missed, but Dad was fine (no mumble)  Collison derby joke – Mr. Evans laughed  Dad said we’re improving  Sad, but dad says we can catch up “we”  Everyone felt great about how we played  Dad showed us we could play (gave son’s dream a push!)  Made me feel good  I didn’t want to push (push dad – dad’s dream or his?! Both?)  Figured dad respected how he could play, but dad wasn’t clear (joyful)  Universal  Dreams need a push – when others give support and encouragement, you can reach your goals  Life can be difficult but if we keep pushing through anyway, you can still find joy | Loved bball  **Hoped (goal)** son would play  **Devestated**  Took it hard – never same, talked less  Put chair out of his mind (did not accept)  Mumbled when son wanted to play  Withdrawn at game  Dad grumbled, Mom’s lips tightened  Dad left message for coach (launch)  Gets hope – other team not good  (Dad’s dream gets a push here)  Went to practices and coached  Tried out chair  Stops mumbling  Said they were improving (hopeful)  “**We can catch up”**  Attends practices  Admits son is better!  A dream may seem impossible, but if we switch how we think, we can change what we dream and reach that still  Life can throw a curve ball, but if we are open to see the world with new eyes, we may see other ways to reach or modify a goal and still achieve joy |