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One Magical Pass


On January 8, 2012, after four quarters of football, the Denver Broncos and the Pittsburgh Steelers were tied, 23–23. **Overtime** would decide the winner of this playoff game, and only one quarterback would lead his team to victory. Would it be Pittsburgh’s great **veteran**, Ben Roethlisberger, or Denver’s young star, Tim Tebow?

When overtime began, it was the Broncos’ star who shined brightest. On the very first play, Tim launched a pass straight downfield to **receiver** Demaryius Thomas. Demaryius sped into the **end zone** for the game-ending touchdown. Tim’s magical pass seemed like a miracle!



Tim Tebow looks to pass the ball to Demaryius Thomas on January 8, 2012.



A photograph of Tim Tebow, a Denver Broncos player, celebrating a victory. He is wearing a dark blue jersey with orange and white accents, featuring the number 15 and the word "BRONCOS". He has a joyful expression, with his mouth open in a smile and his right arm raised. The background shows a large stadium filled with spectators under bright lights. A camera operator is visible on the right side of the frame.

Tim celebrates the win against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

In NFL overtime, the game ends if one team scores a touchdown. Tim's touchdown pass ended the game after just eleven seconds of overtime play, stunning the Steelers and giving Denver a 29-23 win.

Miracle Boy

Tim seemed **capable** of miracles from the moment he was born. When Tim's mother was pregnant, doctors told her that she had a serious medical condition. The pregnancy could put her life in danger and her child might not be born healthy. Yet somehow, both Tim and his mother survived the pregnancy.

Tim grew up healthy and strong. He loved sports, and always tried his best to keep up with his four older siblings. His earliest years were spent in the Philippines, a country in Southeast Asia, where his parents worked as **missionaries**. In the early 1990s, when Tim was three years old, the Tebow family moved back to their home in Jacksonville, Florida.

Tim was born in the Philippines, but grew up in Jacksonville, Florida.





Tim with his parents in 2007

As a child, Tim didn't go to a regular school. He was **homeschooled** by his mother along with his brothers, Robby and Peter, and sisters, Christy and Katie.

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As a Denver Broncos rookie in 2010, Tim Tebow had been a backup quarterback. Then in his second season, Tim got a chance to start and Denver won seven of its next eight games. Tim's incredible skills gave fans plenty to cheer about. Off the field, he has given them a reason to cheer, too. Tim has spent much of his life helping others. In college, he held football tournaments to raise money for causes such as Uncle Dick's Home, an orphanage for children that his family had opened in the Philippines. Today, he helps many different charities through the Tim Tebow Foundation. Follow Tim through the biggest moments of his career on and off the field to see how this champion makes a difference.

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