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when I made a choice about life instead of reacting to life. Several years later, I heard that Jerry had done something you are never supposed to do in the restaurant business: he had left the back door open one morning and three armed robbers walked in, and 1) held him up at 2) gunpoint. While trying to open the safe, he got nervous and his hand slipped off the 3) combination. The robbers got nervous and blew a hole through his hand and then three right through the middle of his 4) abdomen. He lay there on the floor dying as the 5) paramedics were called. They rushed him to the local 6) trauma center and he was in 7) surgery for 18 hours and intensive cares for weeks, and finally emerged from the hospital a month later with fragments of the bullets still in his body. I saw Jerry about six months later. When I asked him how he was, he replied, “ If I were any better, I'd be twins. Wanna see my scars? ” I declined to see his wounds, but I did ask him what had gone through his mind when the robbery was happening. “ The first thing that went through my mind, ” Jerry replied, “ was that I should have locked the back door. Then, as I was lying on the floor, I was thinking that I had two choices: I could choose to live, or I could choose to die. I was choosing to live. ” “ Were you ever scared? Did you lose 8) consciousness? ” I asked. Jerry continued the story, “ The paramedics were great. They kept telling me I was going to be fine. But when they wheeled me into the emergency room, I got really scared when I saw the expressions on the doctors and nurses faces. They all looked like I was a dead man. I knew I needed to take action. ” “ What did you do? ” I asked. “ Well, there was a big,

9)burly nurse shouting at me, Jerry, are you 10)allergic to anything?

‘ Yes, I shouted back. What? she asked. The doctors and nurses stopped and waited for my reply. I took a deep breath and yelled, Bullets! They all started laughing, and I told them, Look, I am choosing to live. Operate on me as if I am a living man, not a dead man. "Jerry lived in part because of his doctors, but in large part because of his 11)indomitable attitude. 100Test 下载频道开通，各类考试题目直接下载。详细请访问 [www.100test.com](http://www.100test.com)