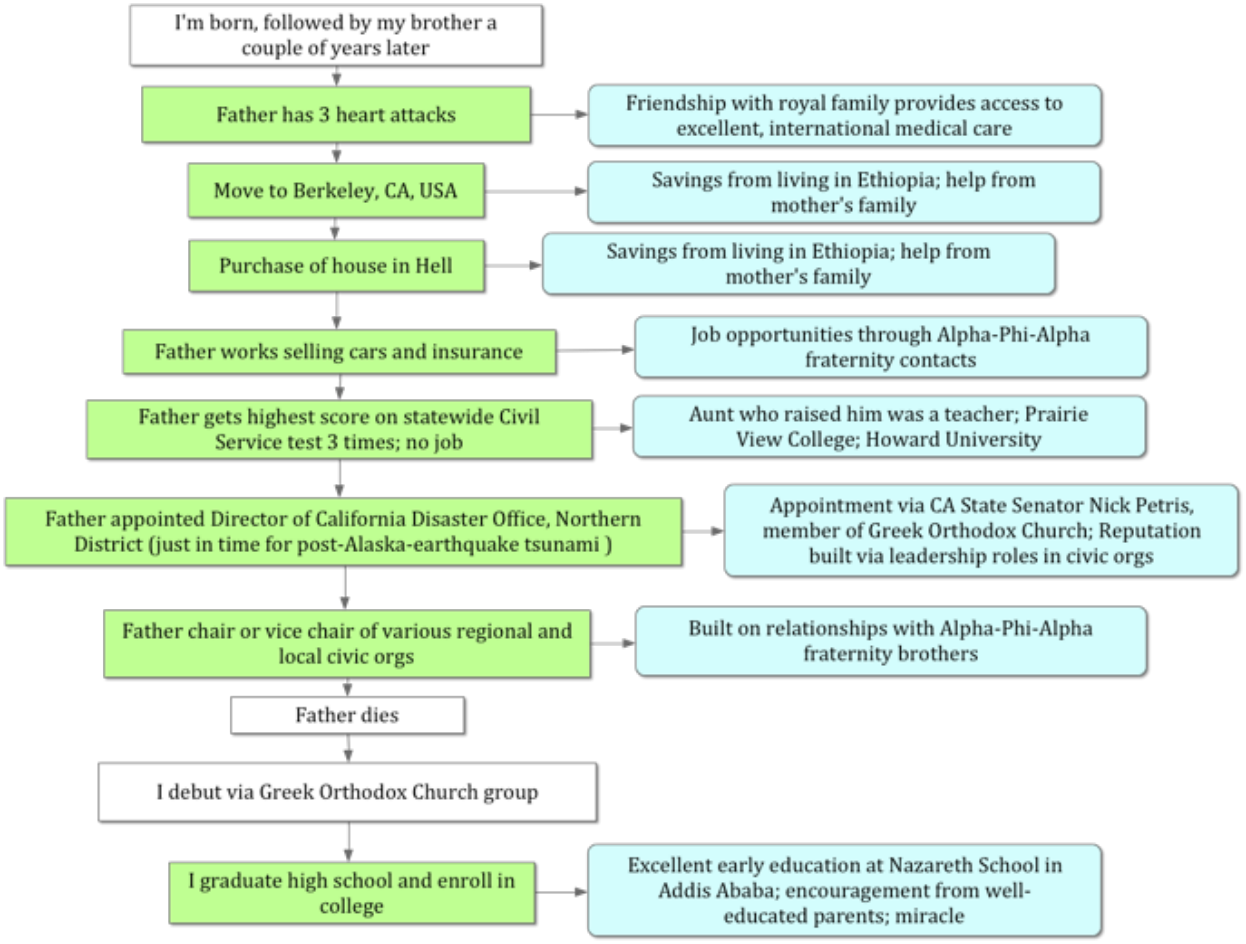
I'm born, followed by my brother a couple of years later
Father has 3 heart attacks
Friendship with royal family provides access to excellent, international medical care
Move to Berkeley, CA, USA
Savings from living in Ethiopia; help from mother's family
Purchase of house in Hell
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Father works selling cars and insurance
Job opportunities through Alpha-Phi-Alpha fraternity contacts
Father gets highest score on statewide Civil Service test 3 times; no job
Aunt who raised him was a teacher; Prairie View College; Howard University
Father appointed Director of California Disaster Office, Northern District (just in time for post-Alaska-earthquake tsunami)
Appointment via CA State Senator Nick Petris, member of Greek Orthodox Church; Reputation built via leadership roles in civic orgs
Father chair or vice chair of various regional and local civic orgs
Built on relationships with Alpha-Phi-Alpha fraternity brothers
Father dies
I debut via Greek Orthodox Church group
I graduate high school and enroll in college
Excellent early education at Nazareth School in Addis Ababa; encouragement from well-educated parents; miracle