

A basket of pearls

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What does it mean to be resilient in the face of great change and life's difficulties?

With an ongoing pandemic, it is a time where us humans go back to our old ways of living in caves and surrounding ourselves with darkness. Even a single thought of the CoVid-19 diminishes any hope of life, any laughter, any happiness. It makes many people return to their homes, stay with curious premonitions such as: 'What will happen next? Can our society go back to normal living? How long must we live in confinement?' These were our thoughts when the pandemic started. During the pandemic some people want to think differently, want to show a new definition of the human condition. Humans with a high level of intelligence, high emotional quotient, and high level of residency tend to think differently and want to make the best out of every situation. Some people like my classmates and I thought this different way. We thought we must prepare for the aftermath of the pandemic, or maybe for the other pandemics ahead. We wanted to show a new definition of what could be accomplished in these times. We wanted to tell a new story of people that learn new tools. While most people sit and watch the news and mindless videos online, some people like us decided to change our fate. With all our fearlessness, strength, and courage we knocked the education door, and we got to the class: Online English class. We didn't have any idea: Where are the classes held? Is there a real class? A class with a teacher, some tables, some chairs, and classmates? Yes, our class had a teacher, table, chairs, and classmates. However, it had more than that. It had individuals who had a story to share, a tale to tell us. We started to know each other, every person from all over the world, with different languages and accents. First day, we all went into the dark like Hansel and Gretel.

“ In the horizon of the line, we didn’t see any light, or star. It’s very hard to understand what’s going on, what should I do? Where is my lantern? Believe me, it’s a very scary day. In our age, learning how to use new technology, besides you have to ask your question or problem with the other language and struggle with the meaning of answers until you understand it’s long process. Which keys connect to school or teachers, even your classmates? Here is where our fearlessness started: speaking English. Our fearlessness with our weakness, as well our courage and strength. Please God help me.

Our fearlessness is logical. “I am too old to be a student.” My thoughts everyday before starting school. In online class, our teacher turned on the keys and our way was shining, we enjoyed and learned new lessons about technology and language. Don't be afraid about anything. We can do that. In the first days we walked like a child but after past days we run and move faster. We learn how to use new technology then stay to the class and connect to each other. With the English structure, we learned how to use our flexibility in English aspect. We learn from each other. We understood to continue to see each other in small groups, discuss and solve the different English structures. We learn who we are, what we want and which tools we need to gain our goals. Once I learned to put away my irrational fears, my true nature, my fearlessness showed through.

Weakness is inside of everyone. . We are weak not physically, rather in our mind. We have too many thoughts, nerves, and many questions in our mind. All of these make our body weak, with now an even bigger enemy Co-Vid 19. Our class shows us how to fight with our weakness. We learned how to control our weakness and how to change it to power. Our teacher turned on keys in our future ways and we passed our weakness in the past. We got our power

with our resiliency. When we change our weakness to our power, we kiss our victory cup. Our strength made us put forth our weakness and fears, and made us put our education first.

All of us started our first day with immense courage. We all opened zoom with hesitation and fear, however our courage helped us through with ease. Our courage made each day of those ten weeks easier. We have too much work, so now we decided to advance our english to a higher level. Can we do that? What did the other people say? Our courage stopped these thoughts. it only allowed us to think about our goals, and to better our lives. In every minute of our class, we learned new experiences from each other, and our teacher opened an umbrella to protect us from any negative energy. The universe sees us and gives a rainbow of positive energy.

After ten weeks, we changed our fate and destiny. We fight with our fearlessness, our strength, and our courage. We could change all these negative disadvantages to positive signals like more ability, love, and influencing. More ability to push to the future, more capacity for love, and more influence in the other lives' people. We had and passed a revolution in our fate and now in our new destiny we have a basket of pearls. In our new destiny we can do anything we wish, and we can do that. Now everybody in our families and friends wants to be in our chain. A pearl chain, very strong, flexible and very beautiful chain. This is our resiliency story during the pandemic.