

Rannaree Sirireugwipas
Kanjanapisek Wittayalai Nakhon Pathom School
(Prathumnak Suankularb Mathayom)
Age: 17 years old.

How Far I Will Go.

Since I was born, I have met many messy things called 'troubles' and I believe that you are not different from me. We have found problems in education, health, security, finance, travel, and relationships with other people. In our lifetime, there are going to be very painful moments that will change our entire world forever. What matters here is everyone has a different way to solve a problem.

Some people choose to stop the things that they are doing, some people choose to share their problems with someone they trust, some people choose to give up, and some people choose to face all their problems. From my point of view, when we find troubles while living, it is like when we step on the rock while we are walking then fall to the ground. Some people choose to crawl instead of standing up, some people ask others to raise them up, some people decide that they will sit there permanently, and some people choose to stand up and walk on.

I have ever faced with one of the worst moments in my life. I had a chance to be one of two school's representatives to take an examination for earning the scholarship to study in Wisconsin, the United States of America for 3 weeks. Studying abroad has always been my dream. So I tried so hard, I prepared myself many weeks before the examination. I borrowed many English books from the library to read and do the exercise. A week before that examination, I had the mid-term test but I still tried to read my textbooks and English books at the same time. I was sort of sure that I would pass so I just waited for them to call me back. I could remember that I looked at my mobile phone all day and waited for a call. But I did not receive one. I could not explain that how I felt. My heart was still beating but my hope had already shattered into tiny pieces.

It is deeply hurt when you think that you can do something well but the result did not turn out like you think it would be. I was so disappointed in myself.

Then I realized that we can't win every single battle, sometimes we have to lose for us to grow. Losing doesn't mean we are weak, it means we have something to learn more about. Some people say that failure should not be an option but I don't see it that way. In my opinion, failure should be an option because when you fail, you will try again. You fail then you try again. Actually, give up should not be an option but failure should be because someday this pain will be useful for you.

We are humans, we make mistakes, we are flawed and we all are. Sometimes the worst thing that happens to you, the thing that you think you can't get through it, is the thing that makes you better than you used to be. Just because things are bad now, it doesn't mean that they are going to be that way forever. Every end is the new beginning, what is coming is better than what is gone. Don't regret the past, just learn from it and don't carry it to the future with us.

One of the worst moments which become my inspiration is giving a speech for the first time. When I gave my first speech, I forgot half of my script. That was a terrible moment for me, I was standing in front of the room with all eyes on me and I got nothing in my head. So all I could do was pick up my script and read the remainder out. After that, I decided that I was not suited to give a speech but when my teacher persuaded me to join the next competitions, I always said yes. I just wanted to try again, I only thought of doing my best. I thought that I don't have to be better than anyone else, I just have to be better than I used to be. My awards include gold medals, a silver medal, and even honorable prizes but at least it's better than doesn't get anything at all. I studied in bilingual school for the first time when I was 11 years old and that was such a hard time for me. I did not understand what my teacher said while others did, I could not answer my teacher's questions while others could. But eventually, I get over that situation. I tried to remember as many vocabularies as I could and I translated all of my textbooks. Now I have come a long way from where I began. No one knows the future but the best way to predict the future is to invent it. So only me, myself and I who know that how far I will go.

I believe that everybody has his own role model and so have I. That person is my mother. Wonder woman got nothing on her.

I am never ashamed to say that my mother is a single mom because my parents divorced 6 years ago. So my mother has been working hard to take care of

me and my little sister. In my way of thinking, that burdens are more than a normal woman could handle but she could. There is no reason to be ashamed of her but there are a million reasons to be proud of. I really want to be as strong as her, I want to be able to move forward like her.

If we can move forward then we can push our family, friends, community, country, and the world to move forward with us.

Like one of my idol 'P' Toon Bodyslam'. He is a lead vocal of the music band 'Bodyslam' and he just finished cross-country charity run for 11 hospitals all over Thailand. This is one of the best examples of moving forward for other people.

For what it's worth, it's never too late to be whoever you want to be. I hope you are living a life which you're happy with. But if you're not, I hope you have a strength to start over. If we are afraid, we will never get through it. If we are not brave, we will never move forward. When we are brave enough to move forward for ourselves, we will be brave enough to move forward for other people.