

A dirt road splits into two paths in a grassy field. The sky is bright and yellowish, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. There are several palm trees and other greenery in the background. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

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About The Book

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*Dedicated to my parents, my family and all the
persons who came into my life to add value.*





I believe that everything happens for a reason. People change so that you can learn to let go, things go wrong so that you can appreciate them when they're right, you believe in lies so you eventually learn to trust no one but yourself, and sometimes good things fall apart so that better things can fall together.

-Mrs Marilyn Monroe



Chapter 1

A Day Different From The Others



On turning twenty one, Noah was proud of himself as he looked back on his accomplishments; his studies were going pretty well, and he had been in college for two years. He was doing the best he could, and he felt like he was on top of the world because he believed that he had nothing else left to learn. In the last few years, he had grown and become more and more powerful because of his knowledge; maybe there was nothing else left for him to learn, at least that was what he believed. He was confident in his abilities like a bird that trusted its own wings; he thought that he was in control of everything in his life, maybe he should have really been scared of certain things! Life was like a game for him, it was all about work and pride; although he had never really enjoyed anything in his life, the only thing that made him happy was work. So, just to keep himself busy, he was working. In spite of the good life he had, he wasn't happy, maybe the things he owned or the things he had accomplished should have made him happy! But that wasn't the case. So, he always wanted more and more of

everything, maybe he was trying to fill a void in himself, a hunger that had always been there within him.

One morning, he was on his balcony, looking down and watching the people walking in the street, thinking about the meaning of his life because it was something that he used to do regularly; he couldn't stop asking himself the question, "What is the meaning of my life?", because he kept feeling that void inside him that nothing else could fill. He could only forget about that when he was busy. That was a complicated question because the more he thought about life and tried to understand it, the more he got lost; it was like trying to understand God. But he always knew that the quality of his life depended on the quality of his questions; that was the reason he wanted to know the meaning of his life and be happy.

As he was looking down, he saw three children playing. They were very happy, and he didn't understand why those kids were so happy just with simple things, and at that point he remembered something he had read in the Bible which said that we all have to be like children, and he just couldn't understand how he could be like a child. In addition, that line confused him even more, so he went down and asked those kids that what made them so happy and they answered, "Everything". Though he thought "Wow", he just couldn't get it; it seemed like the more he looked for happiness, the more he got lost. After that, he went back on his balcony and said to himself, "I don't need that anyway because I am okay just the way I am, I guess that makes me happy," and he gave up on his quest for happiness and chose to stop asking questions.

Eleven days passed since he gave up the idea of looking for happiness. He returned back to his daily routine and found a way to shut down the desires of his heart even if he felt that it was time for a change in his life; a time to move on from the routine he was

following because he couldn't keep living the way he was living; his thoughts did no longer match with his lifestyle. He had been in that situation long enough and outgrew it, but he didn't have the courage to move on. For him, change was something scary and painful; he just preferred to live the life he knew to be comfortable instead of walking through a door that leads to the unknown.

If you are in a bad situation, don't worry it will change.

If you are in a good situation, don't worry it will also change because the only thing that is sure about life is that it is going to change.

He didn't know that life is not an exact science; life is unpredictable and it has got surprises, and you never know what is around the corner. You have to always expect the best but be on your guard and prepared for the worst because when you are on top, the only way to go is down.

When you have got nothing, you don't have anything to lose, but when you have got something, you have something to lose.

One Saturday, it was a day like any other but different from the others. After an exhausting week, he was riding on his bicycle, a routine he used to do on the weekends. He was so used to his bike that he became one with it, and he had never suspected that one day he could fall from it. As he was crossing a road, he saw a car just a few meters away from him, but it was just too late for him to do anything; he didn't know what to do. He couldn't avoid the car. He got hit by the car and fell on the ground. Falling was something that had never happened to him since he became a grown man, but now he had fallen because he just didn't see the car coming; what could he have possibly done to prevent that? Maybe he should have been more careful but he just couldn't go back in time, it was a hit on the blind side.

Life moved on him because he didn't have the courage to move on; he was stuck in his daily routine, a place he didn't belong to. It would have been better for him to move on before life decided to move on him because when it does it always chooses the hard way. Life wanted to help him get the character he needed to have what he was looking for, but life used a strange way to help him; he was looking for something that he wasn't ready to receive; he was anointed for happiness but he wasn't appointed for it, he wanted it at the wrong time.



Chapter 2

Why me



When he woke up, he was in the hospital bed; he tried to move but he couldn't feel his limbs. He felt like his arms and legs were being tied and put in a bag and thrown in the sea, drowning and struggling to breathe without being able to save himself. When the doctor came to see him, he asked him that what happened to him, and in reply the doctor said that it was a temporary paralysis; he didn't know how long it will take to recover because it was caused by the trauma, moreover the doctor added, "you were really lucky because not a single bone had broken but how much time it will take for you to recover depends only on you as I am already doing everything that is in my hand; the rest is up to you."

The major key to your better future is you.

-Mr Jim Rohn

When he heard that, his world fell apart. He felt like an earthquake shook and destroyed everything he had built until then in his life. All the dreams, all the plans he had made for the future, everything turned dark in seconds.

He had to start everything from the scratch again. Moreover, that was when he cried for the first time in his life since he was a grown man; he thought that life was

unfair, “Is this the gift for my birthday that life has given me?” he said. At that point, he remembered one of the phrases his father used to tell him.

Be aware of the thing that makes you cry because that is where your treasure is.

As he was growing up, he loved to listen to his parents, and he knew few things about life. He knew that it was possible to win and be happy, but sadness and frustration were the things that he had never experienced in his life even if he knew the definition of those words. The reason behind it was that he had been brought up in a safe environment under the wings of his parents and family.

Now he was in his bed looking for the light, but he didn't see the light in the house of his heart. It looked as if the light had gone and had given way to sadness in his heart, overwhelming sadness. It was like a lemon in his heart and acid boiling in his stomach. He couldn't find happiness, he couldn't see the light at the end of the tunnel. Until then, he had always been able to move freely and go wherever he wanted to go, but now he couldn't move. It was frustrating, being stuck in the bed as he couldn't feel his limbs, and dependence was something he had always run away from because,

When you depend on someone else, he will take you where you don't want to go.

All he had always aimed for in his life was independence, and he wanted to reach that goal as soon as possible, but the accident kind of grounded him again on the ground because he was already flying. He felt like he was stuck in the traffic, he didn't even understand how he reached there. It was still a shock for him when he asked himself, “What am I doing here?” and he didn't know how he was going to get out of that situation. He was hoping that somehow everything will soon go back

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