

"I Would Never Forget ..."

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There are many unforgettable moments in our lives. First of all I want to ask you all a question, what makes a memory unforgettable? Think about that for a while.

Chances are you are probably thinking about a happy moment in your life. Probably a time when you have experienced so much joy with your friends or family. Now hold on to that thought and think about what makes it so unforgettable. Think about public speeches, one that may be serious, from an international organisation, or other speeches that may be fiery, from politicians. Or it could be a humorous and enjoyable speech. These are speeches that convey different moods and have impacted you and have become an unforgettable part of your life. And why is that? Because these speeches, these moments have moved you emotionally as the listener.

Unforgettable memories are moments in our lives that teach us a lesson. An unforgettable life lesson is one that changes what the world around us is and alters the way we think about our lives. Here is an example. Let me tell you a story, back when I was in Secondary 1, I used to come to school to have fun and mess around believing I was special. And truth be told it was one of the best years of my life and I had countless great memories with friends and teachers alike leaving zero regards to my academics - until I saw my results.

I remember when my teacher walked up to my desk during a class. I remember when he flipped my paper and said, "One whole chapter, completely incorrect!". His words rocked me to my core. In an instant, my entire world came crashing down. I realised how I've lied to myself believing I was special, and I finally faced reality - that I had failed. What the teacher continued to do there was to add insult to my wounded pride, with just the plain truth. I felt lost and humiliated for being naive. In an instant I discovered that to rise in a cruel world, I had to accept that I had failed and needed to do better.

Just the truth and it destroyed me. Yet I could never thank him more because he had taught me not to lie to myself and today, I embrace the truth and fight hard to be a better person today than I was yesterday. In summary, every new day is a new chance for me to learn and make positive memories.

What makes us uniquely different as a sapient species in that we have the ability to adapt, grow and develop our understanding of our world. That one lesson I had with my teacher was truly unforgettable.

If today you don't understand or remember anything I said, just remember one quote from a Character by the name of General Iroh, a character from Avatar, a favourite show of mine. **"Good times generate good memories, but bad times provide great lessons."**

It has been a pleasure to be here and thank you for your kind attention.