

SITUATIONS

*A look at situations that we find
ourselves in over the course of our
lifetime and possible lessons we
derive from them.*

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FOREWORD

When God gave me a talent he had many reasons. One of the reasons was to teach and also learn. For that reason I have been learning and it is time I also give back to the society I have been learning from.

Although it takes time to come up with even just a few words that make sense it is necessary to share the lines that result from the words. As I sat one day I thought of certain situations I have come across and others that I have seen people in. From those situations I tried to derive meaningful lessons and later ended up getting a series of situations. It is my hope that this collection of situations changes someone's life and there will be testimonies in the long run.

SITUATION 1

Pause.

There is no other way round. You were hopeful that today you would pass by and reach your desired destination. However, the same bulldog is sitting by the roadside and you have no alternate route.

Fortunately, to your best interest one old guy comes from behind you and stands beside you. He looks at you and you are sweating and nervous. Deep inside the mind is wrestling to make a decision and you almost spoiled your pants with fear.

He asks you, "Young man, what's wrong?"

Politely you answer "Sir I have no alternate route but past that dog and I am afraid it might prey on me. for days now I have postponed my journey because of it."

The old chap grabs your hand and takes you down the road. When you draw closer to the dog he says to you, "Look son, this vicious looking bulldog is harmless. It has no teeth."

Morale:

Do not be intimidated by your situations always Some are toothless bulldogs that have no way of destroying you

SITUATION 2

EXT.STREET.MORNING

You are approaching the street corner and see another sleeping dog. You then remember situation 1 and decide to be a man. However, you are still afraid and try by all means to keep your distance and walk so softly. You just don't want to disturb the dog because that might be the end of you. Unfortunately, someone calls you on your G Tide. We all know how noisy that phone model can be, as noisy as a P.A system.

You don't like what happens next. The dog raises his head and eyes you. You are set to either run away or just run for your life.

Surprisingly that same dog seems like there is nothing he is going to do. The eye he gives you says something else. Most probably he is like, "mxm, hey human you are making noise with that toy of yours. Someone is trying to

sleep here." He groans a little at you and returns to his sleep.

Astonished you draw closer to him and laugh louder than your Gtide phone.

Actually you are laughing at yourself.

How could you have not noticed the belt around his holding to the pole and won't allow him to anywhere. That is

when you start modelling across the road looking at dog like you don't care.

You will now be like, "you are no better that a dead than a dead Lion. No

harm"

Morale:

Some of our threats in life are not even able to pursue us. Let's not be limited

where we go and how we go about our business

SITUATION 3

Pause.

You find yourself faced with two challenges. There are two roads and you are confused. Down one path is a Lion lying flat and facing your direction.

No, no, no. Why risk your life, you decide to take the second path where there is a dog. You assume maybe it is the dog from situation 1 or situation 2.

Confidently you take second path.

My brother, you regret the day you were ever born that moment. The dog is not tied to any pole and has the most sharp canines you have ever seen.

This world is not fair at all.

Listen what happens next. Furious, you are chasing the wind and the dog is behind you barking like it's out of its senses. By this moment you are not thinking and you run towards the sleeping lion. Just three to four paces away from him you come back to your

senses but it's impossible to stop immediately. You make the first, second and third paces and then left with just one to step on his head. Fortunately, you swerve aside and miss the but hardly step on his tail. Huh! You just on a lion's tail but you are still alive. My dear it's not a miracle, the Lion died yesterday and there is no way he was gonna attack you.

Morale:

Some challenges seem so big but they are dead. The worst mistake we do is run away from dead challenges and face small but destructive challenges. Learn to face even the bigger challenges

SITUATION 4

INT.BEDROOM. MORNING

The six o'clock alarm rings and you gradually skip from dreamland to life. It's now the future of yesterday. You make a huge groan like yawn.

Fortunately no fly staggers into your deep hollow but you even feel it that your teeth miss toothpaste.

Beside your bed is a portable FM radio. You grab it and lazily twist the volume knob and the same old familiar voice is live. All of a sudden she is cut and one automatic sounding voice announces, "Breaking News!!" You listen attentively as it warns of a huge cyclone heading for your town.

Carelessly you say, "I can't cancel my trip because of a storm. Never!"

Fortunately when you are done preparing outside it is very clear and sunny. No sign of a storm.

Fade In.

EXT.CAR. MORNING

As you approach the exit of the town seems wrong. In your Jeep you turn on the radio. Once again the breaking news broadcast is live. Disgusted, you turn off the radio.

Ngrrr! Ngrrr! Your phone rings.

You: hello

Caller: hello, where are you

You: I'm on way out of town

Caller: man did you not hear the news

You: where are you

Caller: I'm home

You: go outside and tell me if there is any storm

Caller: yes man it's clear right now but...

You: I have to drive now. Catch you later.

Hang up the call.

Pause.

Slowly, you open your eyes. By the road side your Jeep lays in a wreck. You can't afford to at it for the second time. Luckily you were on insurance,

the car will be compensated.
Surprisingly, nobody seems to notice you. Your white shirt is covered in blood. You are bare barefoot but cannot feel the ground you are stepping on. You turn around to your car again. Shocked now, you see the paramedics zip you up in a black bag. The truth of the matter is, you are dead and gone. The cyclone caught up with you and did it's best to destroy you, your car and your dear future.

Morale:

Some risks are not worth taking in life.
Learn to value life over money.
Material things can be insured and replaced but you only live once(Y.O.L.O)

SITUATION 5

Pause.

Take time and contemplate on your past.

There is always a certain time in life when you are compelled to just say I'm sick and tired of this and that.

EXT.MARKETPLACE.MORNING

In your slippers, tiny shorts and t-shirt you are walking down the pavement.

You are moving from one shop to the next and it's getting on your nerves now.

Everyday you come and get everything in one shop but the

experience is different today. One shop

has the other and it doesn't have the

other. You buy the other in one and

have to move further down the chain

stores looking for the remaining items.

You are tired and last night you did not

get any sleep. You were thinking of

how everything in your life has hit a

dead end. You decided that today you

will not go to work because it is not helping anything. The salary they are giving you cannot even sustain you. It's better they fire you rather than keep wasting your energy for guys who cannot appreciate your input.

Walking down the pavement you begin to question God:

"How long should I suffer in your presence? It's been years but you don't want to give me the right job. I am sick and tired of this one and you know that too but you don't seem to care."

Right there in front of you stands some weird looking man. He keeps staring at you. His gaze is locked and won't dislodge his hollow eyes from your figure. You look at him also but you are confused.

You: sorry do I know you

Him: do you know me

You: no, I don't

Him: I also don't know you. But I understand you

You: What are you saying

Him: why are you not going to work

today

You: (shocked) what!!

Him: what (he smiles at you)... Come over here

You: what do you want

Him: just come

You: okay (you follow him down the pavement)

You delve into a discussion that you don't even understand but he just won't stop talking. You get to the other shop and buy what was remaining on your list.

Standing beside you, the strange man says, "Are you not late for work?"

You check your watch and shout

"OMG" and bid farewell to the guy.

You reach home, skip breakfast and rush to work. The wife is surprised with your sudden change of mood. She shrugs her shoulders and just slips a lunch box into your satchel.

INT.CHANGEROOM.MORNING

You just got at work and you are about to slide into your work suit. All the other guys are already set for work except

you. The manager walks in and shouts your name.

You: "Yes sir! I'm here sir!"

Manager: in my office right now

You: coming sir

Manager: and take off that work suit

You: ...

INT.OFFICE MORNING

Manager: grab a seat

You: thank you Sir

Manager: you seem surprised

You: I am Sir

Manager: No need, keep calm. There was an audit yesterday and it was noted that we have been underpaying you for the past two years. Also the job you are doing is below your qualifications standard.

You: I don't understand Sir.

Manager: the thing is the company owes you 50% of your salary over a period of two years and the board has decided to promote you from general labour to supervisor of the ground works.

You are short of words and all of a sudden you drop a tear. The same tear is followed by a stream of tears.

Imagine the joy of being promoted and the thought that you almost missed work today.

Pause.

How did you change your mind? Oh yes! The strange man worked it all but he is nowhere to be found so that you will thank him.

Morale:

That moment you feel like giving up, there is that person or voice that asks why? Pay attention to that voice and follow its lead. It's going to lead you to your promotion and breakthrough.

SITUATION 6

Pause.

You and your friend have known each other for six years. You understand each other but there is one problem. For the whole six years all he has brought into your life is trouble. He doesn't have any constructive ideas. Fast forward.

One morning you wake up and start contemplating on your life. You have one friend that you love and he loves you too but he isn't benefiting you as you would expect. You have a feeling that you need to find someone who is constructive in their mindset; Someone who is ready to grow mentally. This is the thing, your current friend is from a rich family and has everything. He doesn't have any vision on being someone who expands his area. He rather spends most of his time enjoying

life than take it so seriously. On the other hand you are a petit bourgeois who always wishes to create your own legacy and rise to the top of society. Fortunately you reach your desired conclusion and start avoiding your old friend.

Fast forward.

After going around looking for friends you had a clear observation. You simply cannot find another friend that is like your old friend. Why?

Initially the two of you belonged to different social classes, one rich and the other poor. Your friend did not consider this for the whole six years. However, when you were looking for new friends the experience was different. These are the three different kinds of people you met:-

1. Rich and risky;

This one was ready to be your friend but there were consequences that drove you away from him. Nothing he did was lawful, he was very good at breaking rules and was used to doing

the wrong thing. At one point you almost went to jail because of him.

2. Rich but self-centred;

This one wanted you to worship him.

Because he was rich then everything should be all about him. Even your success he should receive the glory because you are his friend.

3Poor but lost;

This one was in the same class as you but was so different from you. He wanted the easy way to prosperity and had turned to crime.

At the end of the day you realised you have only one friend. It only took your sincerity to discover the truth.

EXT.PARK.AFTERNOON

You: I'm sorry my friend I have not been a good friend

Him: what do you mean

You: for the past few months I have been trying to find myself a new friend.

Ours didn't seem to be leading us anywhere

Him: but why? I have learnt a lot from you. Ask my parents and they will tell

you that I have changed because of you

You: what do you mean

Him: I never had any friends when I grew up. I just lived life for myself alone but when you came into my life suddenly I changed. I then understood what a friend is. Someone who can show you what life really is and cares for you.

Fast forward.

Back home now you start thinking to yourself. If you were a lesson to your friend, why is it you wanted to desert him. You were only thinking of yourself not considering him. He took you as a friend when all the rich guys despised you because of your social status. They all wanted to use you but he wanted to learn life from you.

Morale:

Life is not all about learning from others or benefiting from them. You also need to be a lesson that can be copied into someone's life. Don't be

self-centred and think about yourself
alone. Think of those around you.

SITUATION 7

You know rich and arrogant people don't know what is good for them.

Pause.

Once upon a time there was a funeral on the block. In this block there lived a rich man who always wanted to distinguish himself from everyone else. On the last day of the funeral he showed up in his white tuxedo hoping to show off his new piece. This he could have achieved if he only had adequate knowledge.

There was this other man, he had mental challenges (we will call him X) and not everyone took him seriously. He sat there, outside the house looking at all the men sitting around him. Around them all were chairs and benches and only one sofa which was not occupied by anyone. One man came and wanted to sit on the Sofa.

X: excuse me sir

The man: yes, any problem

X: I would advice you not to sit there

The man: why

X: don't say I didn't warn you

The man looks closely and examines the sofa and shrugged his soldiers and sat on the bench.

Then came our rich fella. Picking the rich guy's step across the lawn towards the gathering. His left hand in the pocket he waved at all the single ladies sitting around washing dishes or preparing lunch for the mourners. He gets where the men were sitter. Passed some few unoccupied chairs, one wooden stool and a very long bench. He just mumbled as he moved towards that same sofa again. Then X called out to him:

X:Excuse me sir

Rich guy: what do you want mad man

X: please find yourself another seat

Rich guy: hey wena, just mind your madness. Who are you to tell me where not to sit

X: I might be mad to you but I still know

what I'm saying

Rich guy: nxa, get lost you piece of thing

X: don't say I didn't tell you

The rich guy drowns himself in the sofa and starts talking to the other men around him. They converse for around 20 minutes and his trousers starts feeling wet.

Another man: so when are you going to Brazil again

Rich guy: I don't usually plan such journeys, whenever I just feel like I wanna go I just go and spend my time. Those are the kind of the things you with money. Even the tuxedo I'm putting on right now, I bought it in Italy last week

Another man: so you have been to so many places

Rich man: so many places my friends...whoa whoa, something is wrong here (touching the back of his trousers)

X: I told you

Rich guy: told me what

X: not to sit on that sofa
Rich guy: what!
X: yes and you told me to get lost. Only
if you knew
Rich guy: know what
X: if you knew what happened
Rich guy: what happened
X: the old drunkard in the
neighbourhood yesterday had too
much to drink and wet his pants when
he slept there last night
Rich guy: what!!
X: I just told you
Rich guy: you mean?... Hee
X: mean what
Rich guy: I sat on that fool's urine with
my tuxedo
X: I'm sure that's what I said except the
fool part
Rich guy: Oh My God
X: what has he done now
Rich guy: you keep quiet, can't you see
my tuxedo is applied
X: I can see it but I don't see where
God comes in

The whole crowd bursts into laughter and the rich guy walked out of the yard. Every eye was focused on him and most fingers pointing at him. Multiple smiles also were on the people's faces. His figure was never seen again at the funeral.

Morale:

No matter who you are or what you are. Learn to listen to people advising you no matter who they are or what they are.

SITUATIONS

Today we are going to look at people living in other people's shadows. Its a bit funny but it is a serious matter. As you grew up you had a great pick in colors. All the imaginary pictures you created were magnificent. You fell in love with the art and it became your dream. All this while your father was dreaming of you being a medical practitioner.

This is where all trouble arises. Him, being a dreamer for your own dreams means your actual dreams don't count anymore in your life. At this point we get a boy or girl being steered into being someone unlike the original him/her. At the end of the day we have three kinds of people.

These are the three kinds of people;
1) We end up having someone who always wishes it was friday on a monday. The simple reasons are he is

either studying what he has no passion in or he is doing a job that does not bring him joy. This is the kind of person who then ends up existing rather than living.

2) we end up seeing a nobody in somebody. Most people who did not achieve anything did not fail out of ignorance. It is because of a misled past. Some people thought what they thought was best for someone who had a capacity to think. These kinds of people therefore, also end up just existing because they did not have anything to do with the mapping of their future. They just followed a predetermined path and jammed when they hit a bump. This was the end of the road for them.

3) some are asked to study because they have to impress the public. The good part about these people is they achieve whatever it is they pursue but they have one huge problem. They never do anything for themselves but

rather for others. They end up being puppets in their abilities.

These are the three kinds of people who are living under other people's shadows. They all have one mistake in common . They all stopped dreaming because someone had a different dream from theirs.

Today's motivation:

Do not let someone dream for you.

Dream in your own capacity and pursue your dreams to enjoy your life.

SITUATION9

Pause.

You just had a hectic day at work and your boss is always on your case. He won't even allow you a peace of mind even when you are at home.

Ngrrr ngrrr!

You: Eish, this job is hell on earth, it's Friday evening and this guy won't let me be

You pick up the phone:

Boss: Hello

You: hello sir

Boss: did you receive my email

You: no, what's up

Boss: I just sent you a project proposal you need to work on

You: but it's weekend sir

Boss: I know

You: I don't work during the weekend sir

Boss: do you still want to work even during the week

You: OK sir I will work on it

Boss: good, hand it in first thing

Monday morning

Immediately he hangs up.

Two beeps.

You check your laptop and the email
has just got in.

You: Oh My God! This is not easy stuff

Wife: what's wrong my love

You: some people are heartless. How
can he send me such a proposal for
the weekend. This will swallow my
weekend

Wife: you need to keep your job just
work on it consciously.

You: but it's weekend

Wife: I know, you go to rest now.

Tomorrow you work on it

You both go to bed and the night
passes by.

The following morning your wife wakes
you up so early. She hands you your
tracksuit and tackies. She holds your
hand, pulls you outside and locks the
door. To your surprise you go out on
foot besides the fact that there are two
fully serviced cars in the garage.

You walk down to the road and find yourself setting on a bench in the park. The atmosphere is so pleasant that you feel so motivated. The sweet breeze calms your spirit and you feel so full of energy. The wonderful nature gets your mind running. Seeing the dogs chasing butterflies and yellow birds flying around sparks the creativity in your skull. After almost an hour of a relaxed sit in the park you return home. Your wife prepares your breakfast whilst you are showering. After showering you sit on you laptop and work without any complaints.

LATER DURING THE DAY.

You shout at the top of your voice "I'm done!" Your wife shows up smiling and asks,

Wife: how are you feeling now

You: I'm perfect, enjoyed the stuff

Wife: Really

You: of course

EXT.OFFICE. MORNING

It's Monday morning at wort now

You: morning sir

Boss: morning, how are you

You: I'm alright sir, here's the project

The boss goes through it and looks into your eyes. He smiles delightedly;

Boss: this is awesome

You: thank you sir

Boss: prepare you and your wife, next month you will be in Dubai officiating our new project.

Morale:

There are times things seem to be mounting up on you and you are always complaining. You only need two things to give you the right direction.

- 1:- someone close to you who will tell you to calm down and take care of you
- 2:- take a time out and appreciate nature. It activates the functionality of your mind.

SITUATION10

Today's piece is going to be short and taking reference from reality. However, don't focus on your knowledge of the names I will quote but the morale behind the issue.

The topic for today will be **OPEN YOUR OWN CHAPTER.**

Although David was a great king and servant of God there is one interesting that catches my attention. Amongst all the great works he did his son is the one who built the temple of the Lord. Let's go to Joshua; Moses brought the children of Israel out of Egypt and at night they had to be led by a great light wherever they went. For Joshua it was a different case, the sun had to pause until he was satisfied that he has succeeded.

What am I driving us to? It doesn't matter the extremes that those who preceded you reached. You have the

ability to open your own chapter and close it; Fair and fine.

This might sound as easy as A B C but there is more beyond that. When Solomon was asked what he wants he asked for Wisdom, that's intelligence. When the sun was about to set, Joshua prayed that it stops moving until he wins the war. That was Faith and courage. He understood the spirit he was operating in, it never fails anyone.

It doesn't matter if your bloodline is the actual definition of failure it doesn't mean you are automatically a failure. The moment you become comfortable with the mediocrity surrounding your family that's when you lose it all. You need Intelligence, Faith and Courage to open your own chapter.

SITUATION 1

Question:

Have you been to a site where they are building up a septic tank?

If your answer was yes then understanding this won't be a problem for you. Allow me to give a brief background information for those who said no.

When building a septic tank, it is nothing different from building a house. They use brick, cement and even brick force. The walls are nicely brought up using a spirit level to make sure they are not at an angle. They are wonderfully plastered like a precious house. Furthermore, the base has a perfect floor.

Understand this, regardless of what will come into the septic tank, the builder puts his best into building a septic tank. A beautiful structure is built to accommodate human waste.

No matter how low or useless you can seem to be in this world you a wonderful place waiting for you. When your creator made you, he had the perfect place for your destiny as someone whom the world regarded as useless.

Morale:

If waste is destined for a perfect structure then you are destined for the perfect future.

SITUATION 12

Pause.

How old are you now? Some are 30, some 50, some just 12.

It is obvious that we can live up to even a hundred years but there is something I want us to understand tonight. You might know everything about yourself but are misinformed. You only know those moments from when your mindset had developed a little up until now.

We always hear people brag that they worked hard to be who they are but they never mention some important people. We always forget that it took a mother and father to form you. It took a mother carrying a huge belly pushing her own weight, hours of hard screaming during birth, her breasts were left shapeless from your merciless sucking. OK let me stop there.

There is also the man of the house, he had to work extra hours to pay for your fees, every book you read to become a genius was an expense to his wallet. Surprisingly, today only your hard work is credited.

My friend take time and reason for a moment, ask your mother how many nights she couldn't sleep with you crying endlessly and didn't say what the problem was. Ask your father how many nights they had to take sleeping shifts cuddling you because you just didn't want to sleep by yourself. OK, ask them for your baby card and maybe you will understand. You will notice that maybe up until you were close to two years you were at the hospital for scale and vaccination. The question is, did you take yourself to the hospital? Definitely it's a NO. It's like you were not there because you don't even know how you used to get there but your mother knows. What am I driving us to? Instead of bragging that we worked hard to be

who or what we are, let's rather say we put in much effort to improve what our parents gave birth to and raised.

Morale;

Let us honour our parents for their great input into our lives. Stay blessed!!!

SITUATION 13

Being a good person is not bad. I hope that makes sense.

There is a certain class of people who have been a helping hand or a fountain of knowledge in their lifetime.

Are you that kind of person?

Well if your answer was Yes then take a short pause and clap hands for yourself.

Welcome back, how did it feel clapping hands for yourself? Oh yes!

Fascinating, I know. I always felt that way until when I asked myself this question. I always help people and offer advice, do I ever help or advice myself? What is it I am gaining from my ability to solve problems for others?

Guess what! My answer was NO (with caps).

Please do not laugh you might be in the same situation also. Most of those who offer advice or help experience limited expansion. Why?

This is the reason why; we spend more

time thinking of other people's issues and forget to contemplate on our own lives. This means sometimes our progress suffers on the account of our good character.

This was the first step to self realization. I realized my abilities also involve problem solving but I also had problems that were missing solutions. From then I took time to contemplate on my life also and those around me. I then noted the other ignorant character trend. These are people who can always tell you if so and so had done this they would have made it big in life. However, the same people saying so never made it in their lifetime. Then I put together myself and this other character and reached a certain conclusion. Sometimes our failure is not a lack of resources or opportunities but focusing a little on our own lives.

Morale

Be a good person but remember to improve your own environment.