

Learning about (human-beings) being human from Covid-19.

Introduction

Darkness – early in the dawn of the morn. It never ceases to amaze me that no matter how early I go running, whether 5.30am or 5am, there will be characters in white uniforms seemingly appearing out of nowhere trickling happily wholeheartedly and spiritedly onto the street to face their day.

At that moment, they taught me, “What is resilience”. Rain or shine, they never turn their back and give up on their patients.

These medical professionals remind me of what bravery is. They would not stop to face the virus, every day, day in and day out, until they reach their psychological saturation point facing the fear, notwithstanding the fact that any moment could be their fateful fatal sacrifice.

The patients hang on to life in the hospitals—old and young, fat & thin, handicapped, some sickly, some in ICU, and struggling with every single breath. But every day, the healthcare workers will never fail to turn up and administer wholesome care for these sickly strangers. They will give full and undivided attention to ensure the health and recovery of these patients, no matter who they are, local or foreigners, rich or poor, old or young, without any hesitations.

They taught me what truly is “unconditional love”, no biasness or boundaries, no politics or religion, with no expectations in return.

I have a friend Jennie, a nurse, and every morning when drags her feet to leave home, her 5-yr old daughter will be crying, “Mummy, please don’t go, please don’t leave me, please!”

She had to hold back her tears, bite the bullet, bend down to reassure her daughter, “Be brave ok, mummy loves you, mommy will come back tonight to have dinner with you ok?” Then she tears herself away turns her back and closes the door on her daughter, who’s struggling to chase after her.

She can only whisper in her heart that she hopes she will come back as she walks on through the wind and the rain of the torrential thunder of the silent killer Corona virus, simply uncertain if she could fulfill her promise to her precious, that night and ...every single night to come back.

Yet with concrete conviction to fulfill her oath to save every patient, Jennie braves on.

The healthcare workers are like us, human beings, in every single and simple way but fate has placed them at the battle front, and they must continue to fight relentlessly for our safety and protection.

So, my friends, these are virtues that I learn we can teach our children

1. To be resilient, and never give up easily with excuses.
2. Bravery is not about impressing with the mindless to attract attention, but it’s about facing up your biggest fear constantly and rise until you conquer it
3. Unconditional love is an act of goodness which the deaf can hear and the blind can see, which you and I can feel, which you and I have from the bottom of our hearts, to give freely.

These virtues, they have the power to transform you, me, and all of us, to persevere in showering kindness and sharing love so that the world continues to be a better place tomorrow. Let us all continue to be resilient, brave and loving.



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