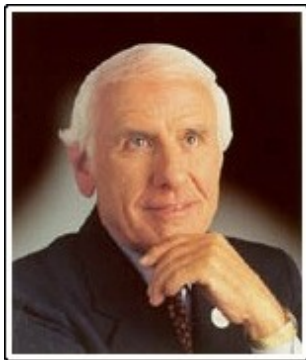


Hopes in the Midst of Tragedy?

Hope is born in or made stronger through tragedy. Without tragedy, would there be a need for hope?

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Tsunami. A single word spoken almost in unison by the entire world over recent times. We've all learned it's meaning, it's impact, it's devastation. Tsunami, a wave of tragedy, a wave of despair... And yet in the midst, I am struck by something that seems to be ever-present and never-ending wherever and whenever the human race is faced with tragedy. I think it can be summed up in a

single, simple phrase... "Hope springs eternal."

What do I mean? Almost immediately springing from the stories of tragedy, we begin to hear of miraculous moments, of kindness, compassion, empathy and of evidence of the resiliency of the human spirit. Let me expound... Much was made about the initial lack of monetary support from the U.S. to help the countries hit by the tsunami. But what has been missing are the reports of hundreds of millions of dollars being sent by individuals, concerted efforts of companies and groups throughout the U.S. and the world. In a moment, the world unites and with one gentle, generous hand reaches out to touch those who have been hurt by this devastation.

Kindness is being demonstrated by tens of millions worldwide who see the catastrophe and whose hearts are touched and then act in kindness by sending their money to relief agencies that can make a difference. We even see and hear of people from all over the world packing their bags and heading to the troubled spots to help. Here unusual kindness and compassion springs forth from tragedy.

**The strength of the human spirit
is demonstrated in a profound**

way when viewed through tragedy.

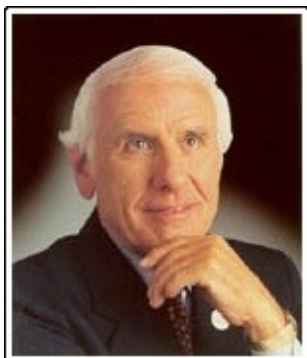
I am amazed when I hear the stories of human triumph that come from this tsunami. Amazing stories of the will to survive and the will to help others survive. Stories that quite literally make your eyes tear up as you watch the images of people who have been faced with the horrific power of nature unleashed, who have faced death and not only overcome, but helped others do the same. In tragedy we see the strength of the human spirit as we face seemingly overwhelming circumstances and odds.

And hope, that eternal flame that refuses to be extinguished. We find that so many times hope is born in or made stronger through tragedy. Without tragedy, would there be a need for hope? I believe one of the miracles we will see is people of all nations banding together to triumph and restore people who have lost so much. In light of all of the war and conflict that rages around the globe, this is one candle that will burn brightly - people of all different backgrounds, races, nationalities, and religions brought together with a common purpose to survive and triumph - all because of tragedy. Ideas for new technology have come and will continue to come from this. Now there will be more focus and funding put toward early warning systems that will make it less likely that this kind of disaster will have such a terrible effect in the future.

**Despite the tragedies that occur,
we can be touched and inspired
by the acts of kindness born out
of these circumstances that bond
the human race together, show
the strength of the human spirit
and give hope of better things to
come.**

Although we are never glad when tragedy visits, we can be aware and seize the opportunity to do good in this world, even in the midst of tragedy.

Yes, hope springs eternal and the will of the human spirit is a miracle. So as you see images on television or the newspapers in the coming weeks, ask yourself what good can spring from you because of it. And in doing so, you will help others, become better yourself, and fan the flames that keep hope burning with a warmth felt around the world.



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