

DAUGHTER

Amar Sharma was a normal above middle class person. He was surviving with wife and daughter Sameera. He was working as a lecturer. His life was simple. Going to college delivering lectures in college and comeback to home and spend time with family. He was very happy with his little family. He worked hard in his life to come to that position.

He gave his daughter, Sameera a good education. He encouraged his daughter in all aspects. Sameera also was a gem in studies and lived her father's dreams and expectations. She completed her B.Tech from a reputed college and secured a good job in a multinational company through the campus placements. She had a very good character and she was very good with everyone in their group be it a school or college or office, she was liked by everyone.

Sameera was working hard in her job. She was also offered USA opportunity for 2 years due to her hard work. But she did not go to USA as she wanted to take care of her parents in India and rejected the offer. Amar Sharma also tried to convince her to go to USA but she was rigid on this and never really wanted to leave her parents. He tried to convince her by telling her they became old and not to worry about them. They can take care of themselves.

But Sameera did not listen to her father's words and stayed back in India.

She concentrated on her work and doing her work. Her team leader Anand was very much impressed by her character, attitude and behavior with everyone. He really did not want to miss her in life.

Anand proposed to her one day on a group outing to a dinner describing her why he liked her.

Sameera did not say anything. She was a lone daughter to her parents and she wanted to look after her parents. So she was some kind of rigid to get into any relationship. She was more worrying whenever her parents got marriage proposals and also when she was getting marriage proposals directly from young men.

She could not give any answer to Anand. Instead, she said, "Anand, meet my parents once and ask their consent to marry me. As I am a girl I really can't talk about marriage matter to my parents. Alternatively, if you come and speak to my parents, it would be better".

Anand did not expect this answer for his proposal. He was little egoistic fellow and he did not like to visit her parents for their consent. He suggested Sameera to speak to them and convince them by herself. She told the same to Anand that she is lone daughter to their parents and looking after them even after her marriage is her ambition. Anand was little disappointed with her words, he started maintaining some distance with Sameera. He was not moving with her in the same manner. Sameera could notice it. She is not that immature to understand attitude of boys.

She thought everything was going in her favour only and involved more in her work. Days were passing.

Suddenly on one fine day morning her father got heart attack and suffering with chest pain. Luckily Sameera was in home only she was getting ready to office and stroke came to her father.

She was panic for some moments and immediately reacted fast and called for ambulance and was taken hospital. She was worried very much.

She became very weak mentally as her father was not in good stage. Ever since she took birth, her father was beside her. In every good and bad situation, her father was her beside. Her father used to give good analytical solutions to her for her every problem. So when he was in hospital and not in speaking stage, she was very much down mentally.

She remembered her father's words, "Beti, life is a challenge always. Sometimes it will be good and sometimes it will be very tough. It will be testing you always. Never panic in bad situations. They will come to test your patience, strength and mental toughness. Be balanced every time. Be like a balanced ship, A ship is a thing which will be stable when reasonable weight is put on it. If weight is less, it will be moving in wind direction and when it is over loaded, obviously it sinks. Only a balanced ship will be travelling against the big waves, by bisecting them. So always be balanced even in toughest situations".

She reminded her father's words. She closed her eyes for 2 minutes and came back to sense. She was like rejuvenated by reminding her father's words.

Mean while doctors came and said to her that surgery was needed and she completed all formalities for surgery. She took her mom also when both were in hospital and looking after her father. Sameera's mother became mentally weak to see her husband in hospital in such position. But Sameera increased her confidence to be positive and everything will be fine.

She took a week of leave from office and along with her mom she took care of her father. Relatives and friends were coming and visiting her father. Few relatives were telling her "Any help needed they can do".

She smilingly rejected other people help. She alone with her mother got surgery and other required treatment done to her father and in few days time, She came back to home along with her father in a good healthy condition.

Sameera was very happy when her father came back to their home with good health. She thanked her father for his motivational words to be strong even in toughest situations. He also appreciated his daughter for being very much balanced in toughest situations.

Sameera was back to work and met Anand once again. On the other hand Anand got good reason to make more distance from Sameera. She spoke to her on phone only about her parents but never really came to meet them to ask good and bad when they were in hospital. He said that he does not like the hospital environment and fears with it. Her other team mates visited hospital and gave moral support to her.

Some days passed. Sameera actually did not like Anand as he was maintaining some distance and also he did not come to hospital to give moral support to her. When the tough time was there to her, He escaped from the situation by telling he did not come to hospital as he did not like hospital environment. He is a person who escapes from responsibilities. He cannot give moral support to a woman in tough situations too. Small gestures of a person give good indications about a person's character. She did not like Anand character. She wanted to avoid Anand.

Anand was not much thinking about it and he never pressurized her for marriage again. For some questions time only will give solutions. Sameera got solution from time and she too was forgetting the episode of Anand in her life.

Anand could not work freely in front of Sameera and he shifted his job and went to another city. Sameera also felt relieved when Anand left to another city.

New manager Krishna joined in Sameera's company as her team leader in place of Anand.

Anand started working with Sameera and other team mates. Krishna could estimate how much effective Sameera is in her team. He used to get done much of the work from Sameera only. He did not have much work to see in depth of his work as Sameera was doing it so perfectly 2 months passed. Krishna and his team were performing very well. Everyone knew Sameera was only the key in their team's good performance. Krishna also liked Sameera's work, dedication, nature and her abilities in coordinating the team performance, Uniting the team whenever needed. With her support only he could get best performance from his team mates. These special attributes of Sameera made him like her very much.

One more month passed. Krishna feelings were increasing day by day on Sameera. One fine evening Krishna proposed to Sameera. But Sameera really did not want to marry against their parents wish.

To test him, she said to Krishna, "Krishna, you speak to my parents about marriage with me. I actually fear to speak to my parents. My parents are very rigid it is tough to convince them".

He said, "He will plan for one day and visit them".

Krishna said it casually that he will visit Sameera's parents but he was not interested to speak them. He used to post pone his meeting with Sameera's parents.

He told her one day that he loves her very much but He can't speak to her parents in this regard. In the other way, he was insisting Sameera to convince her parents somehow and if they do not accept, come out of her home to get married to him and in 1- 2 years her parents will change their mindset and come back to her.

Sameera was never interested to go with Krishna due to this kind of irresponsible nature. She was actually wondering about the new generation guys. One was shirking the responsibilities and the other one was shirking bonds. How can a girl leave her parents and elope with her boy friend especially when she is a lone daughter. One may be there in ten thousands but she was not that one out of 10000 girls.

Sameera was really upset with both Anand and Krishna. She tried to forget all her bitter experiences of life. She started to concentrate on her career and life. She was living very happy with her parents. But it was little tough to her to get rid of the bitter experiences with Anand and Krishna.

She studied some motivational books. She discussed the same with her parents. During that time her parents gave her good mental support to put concentration on her work. She thought to change her goal and concentrate very much on new goal. Sometimes some diversions needed in life which surely leads to success. New goals, new directions give the feeling of starting the life freshly.

She thought very much about her new goal. Her mood was not good. She thought to watch some news channel for some time. She switched on the tv. In that tv some interviews were coming of some students who were successful in UPSC exams. She was really motivated with their success stories.

She also thought to prepare for UPSC exams and set her goal to clear CIVIL SERVICES and wanted to become a civil servant. She told her aim to her parents. They encouraged her. She quit her software job and started working very hard on her goal to become an IAS officer.

Some people criticized her why she is taking risk by quitting a settled job. It was not needed at all. Many people have no jobs and she is quitting her job to do new things. Some people who knew her, encouraged her very much. She took everything in a positive way.

She reminded great quote, be silent and let your success make noise. She decided to follow it.

She joined a coaching center and started really working hard. With classes and discussions with other aspirants, Sameera could easily come out of previous bitter experiences. She thought that at correct time she took correct decision.

IAS Coaching and interviews of other IAS officers changed her view completely towards people and society.

Her thoughts, her vision completely changed to constructive approach towards life. She wrote her exams but she could not cross first level. She was very much down with the failure.

Her parents supported her and told to prepare again in a good effective manner.

Her dedication increased and she started to prepare for 14-16 hours per day. She wrote the exam 2nd time. 2nd time she could clear her written exams but could not succeed in interview.

She was down again. Her parents supported her again. She took it like a challenge and prepared again. She analyzed her mistakes and corrected them. She saw the success stories of other IAS officers and motivated herself again. She increased her confidence and wrote the exams again. The 3rd time she could crack her UPSC exam. She could clear All the levels in the exam so effectively and efficiently. She got good rank thanks to some good guidance from other seniors and motivational videos.

She told in her interviews that her success secret was her parents' cooperation and their continuous support was the main reason for her success. Their trust on her made her stronger and made her to achieve her target. She also said parents should be the strength of children and they should always inspire and motivate them towards success.

Her friends and relatives, other people around her appreciated her on her success in UPSC exams. Even the people who discouraged her previously they also congratulated her for her success. She took the blessings of her parents. She became a district collector in same state as she got good rank.

Many news papers and channels took her interview. She gave credit to their parents.

She was invited by a school to address the school students and tell some motivational words.

She went to the school and addressing a meeting in a school to motivate the younger generation. She said to them whatever her dad told to her when she was very little child.

“Beti/Beta always put concentration on your studies. Your studies will be your identity one day. Because of your studies and qualification you will get recognition and value in society. Study is a weapon to prove yourself. The more you study, the more your knowledge will be. The more the knowledge, the more your wisdom and your vision. The more the vision, the more mental maturity, the more the mental maturity, the more understanding of the society, life, the people and the environment. The more you understand the society, the more you will improve yourself. The more better person you are, the more your successful you will be. So never neglect your studies. Enjoy your studies and gain more knowledge”.

She took some break to have some water and started again.

“So many obstacles and things will come in your way which may distract you from your goals and ambitions. Be careful during those times and stick to your goals. Your hard work will definitely give results one day. She concluded with great quote, be silent and patient and let your success make noise. Wish you best of luck”.

She ended up her speech. Every one admired her speech. It was indeed very great motivational speech.

The school management wanted to felicitate her but she got the felicitation done to her parents.

Time was running and she became busy with her activities. Two years completed in her service. Another IAS officer Prakash who was working in a good designation observed Sameera and her work for one and half year. He observed her work in Women education and Women development in Social Education and in women empowerment. She also came across him as part of work. Both have got good opinions on each other.

Prakash expressed his intention of marrying her she asked him to speak to her parents as always.

Before Prakash meeting Sameera’s father, Sameera spoke to Prakash and said all about her past life. How exactly she had bitter experience and her life and how exactly she became a civil servant.

Prakash really appreciated her efforts. Many people leave their efforts in between for small reasons but inspite of some disturbances in life, She could come out of those situations and succeeded in tough exam like UPSC. He appreciated her very much and said she is really inspiration to people.

Prakash with an increased respect on Sameera, approached her parents and told them that he liked Sameera and her work. He would like to share his life with her. He wanted to marry her with their consent.

Prakash also admired Sameera’s parents for encouraging her in all aspects of life. Not many parents would do it actually. Encouraging a boy child is ok but encouraging a girl child is rarely seen.

He said the same to Amar Sharma and his wife gave accolades for being such a great parents.

He also said his journey of struggles and how he became an IAS officer. Being from a poor family and with limited opportunities, he could achieve success and reached this position.

Sameera’s parents liked the Prakash talking in a polite manner and also liked his attitude and character of and gave consent for marriage with Sameera.

Sameera’s father told Prakash that to love someone is very easy. But it will be tough to accept responsibilities which come along with that love. Any person will give her daughter’s hand to a responsible person surely and we do not see any point to reject you.

Sameera also spoke to Prakash and told how her parents developed her being the only child and how smoothly and efficiently she has been developed as a great woman. She also told about her responsibility of her parents to look after them even after marriage.

Sameera was very much particular in this issue before giving consent to Prakash. He assured her that she can fulfill her responsibility as a daughter towards her parents as she is the only daughter to her parents. So all the hurdles have been disappeared and Prakash and Sameera got married.

All were happy after Prakash and Sameera's marriage. Both became busy with their works. Both used to encourage each other in their works. Prakash helped her a lot in her activities. Another 2 years passed and a Sweet daughter came into the life of Sameera and Prakash. Sameera looked and took her daughter. She was crying in a low voice.

She put her baby in the lap of her father and said, "Daddy from now onwards she is your responsibility. She will be growing in your hands. Nurture her like me. We will be little busy with work and may not be able to give time to look after her. So looking after the child is your responsibility of both of you".

Sameera's father looked at his granddaughter. As soon as she was placed in his palms and she stopped crying indicating that she liked her grandfather perhaps she felt she is in safe hands to grow and develop.

Amar told to her wife that daughter is not a tension in fact she is equal to Ten Sons. All laughed.

Everyone was happy after that...

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