

Failing- Learning- Performing.

More than just a story!

At the beginning of last week on Monday evening we played with a group of people this wonderful card game "More than one story!". You pick up a card, turn it around and answer the question on the card...that's your story...simple but effective. No right or wrong answer, it's just your story!

One such card had a question "*What mistakes did you make in your life?*" Indeed, a very powerful question leading to some equally powerful reflections.

What is it all about making mistakes? In school or sometimes at home or in office, we were taught that mistakes are bad, avoid making mistakes or might have been even punished for making a mistake. Yet, we as human beings are designed to learn by making mistakes. A baby learns to take those baby steps by falling over a few times, we learn to ride a bicycle only by falling down and getting hurt a few times. Anyone who has never made a mistake, has probably never learnt a new thing.

When you make a mistake, there are only three things you should ever do about it: admit it, learn from it, and don't repeat it.

It's not all about making mistakes but more about how do we see it and what do we equate mistakes to? *Are mistakes = Failures?*

Many learned, accomplished people equate mistakes to learning and growing. They equate it to the sign of determination, passion, learning and guts which ultimately determines how you live outside of academics and grades.

Then, what are you learning for? Performance? Just accumulating knowledge or applying that knowledge for the betterment of something?

The question is not just about Failing OR Learning OR Performing; it's about the "purpose" behind it. You make a mistake alright; you learn from that mistake – great!! and when you apply your learning & knowledge towards realisation of your purpose – that's fulfillment!

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