

Reading Selection 4.2

Lesson No. 11

A long Walk Home

گھر کی طرف ایک لمبی جہل قدمی

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English

I grew up in the south of Spain in a little community called Estepona. I was 16 when one morning, my father told me I 'could drive him into a remote village called Mijas, about 18 miles away, on the condition that I take the car in to be serviced at a nearby garage. Having just learned to drive and hardly ever having the opportunity to use the car, I readily accepted.

میں سہین کے جڑنی ایک بھوٹے سے فزے، جو ایسٹو پونا کہلاتا ہے، میں ہواں چڑھا۔ میں 18 سال کا تھا جب ایک صبح میرے او نے مجھے بتایا کہ میں انہیں انھارہ میل دور مجا میں ایک الگ ٹھلک گاؤں تک اس شرط پر موٹر میں لے جاسکتا تھا کہ میں کار ایک فزیراچ میں سروس کے لیے لے جاؤں۔ گاڑی چانا ابھی اسکی سیکھے ہوئے تھے کار کا استعمال کرنے کا مشکل سے کبھی سرفلنے کے سبب میں نے خوشی سے قبول کرلیا۔

I drove Dad into Mijas and promised to pick him up at 4 p.m., then drove to a nearby garage and dropped off the car. Because I had a few hours to spare, I decided to catch a couple of movies at a theatre near the garage. However, I became so immersed in the films that I completely lost track of time. When the last movie had finished, I looked down at my watch. It was six o'clock. I was two hours late!

میں ابو کو گاڑی میں سارا کر کے بچاس لے گیا انہوں نے چار، بیچے اٹھالنے کا وعدہ کیا، مگر گاڑی چلا کر فزیراچ گیا ایک ٹکٹ لے گیا اور گاڑیوں جموددی۔ کیونکہ میرے پاس کچھ فالتو ٹکٹے تھے۔ میں نے کیراچ کے نزدیک تھیٹر میں ایک جوڑا فلمیں دیکھنے کا فیصلہ کیا۔ ہم فلموں میں اتنا منسلک ہو گیا کہ مجھے وقت گزرنے کا مکمل طور پر احساس نہ ہا۔ جب آخری فلم ختم ہوئی، میں نے بچے اپنی گاڑی، دکھا۔ چو بیچے تھے۔ میں دو گھنٹے لٹ ہو گیا تھا!

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English

I knew Dad would be angry if he found out I'd been watching movies. He'd never let me drive again. I decided to tell him that the car needed some repairs and that they had taken longer than had been expected. I drove up to the place where we had planned to meet and saw Dad waiting patiently on the corner. I apologized for being late and told him that I'd come as quickly as I could, but the car had needed some major repairs. I will never forget the look he gave me.

مجھے معلوم تھا کہ اگر ابو کو پڑ چلا کہ میں فلمیں دیکھتا رہا تھا، تو وہ ناراض ہوں گے۔ دو مجھے دوبارہ کبھی گاڑی نہیں چلانے دیں گے۔ میں نے انہیں بتانے کا فیصلہ کیا کہ کار کو کچھ مرستہ کی ضرورت تھی اور انہوں نے جتنی توقع کی تھی اس سے زیادہ وقت لیا تھا۔ میں نے گاڑی چلا کر اس پڑ تک گیا جہاں ٹکٹ کا ہم نے منصوبہ بنایا تھا دیکھا کہ ابو کونے میں صبر و تحمل انتظار کر رہے تھے۔ میں نے تاخیر ہونے کے لئے معافی مانگی اور انہیں بتایا کہ میں جتنی جلدی ہو سکتا آیا ہوں، لیکن کار کو کچھ بڑی مرستہ کی ضرورت تھی۔ جن نظروں سے انہوں نے میری طرف دکھا میں کبھی نہیں بھولوں گا۔

"I'm disappointed that you feel you have to lie to me, Jason."
"What do you mean? I'm telling the truth."
"جیس، مجھے یوں ہی ہوئی کہ تم محسوس کرتے ہو کہ تمیں مجھ سے جھوٹ بولنا پڑا۔"
"آپ کا کیا مطلب ہے؟ میں سچ بول رہا ہوں۔"

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English

Dad looked at me again. "When you did not show up, I called the garage to ask if there were any problems, and they told me that you had not yet picked up the car. So, you see, I know there were no problems with the car."

ابو نے پھر میری طرف دیکھا۔ "جب تم طے شدہ جگہ پر ملنے کے لیے نہ پہنچے، نہ پوچھنے کے لئے آیا کہ کوئی مسئلہ تھا میں نے کیراچ فون کیا اور انہوں نے مجھے بتایا کہ تم ابھی تک کار نہیں لے گئے تھے۔ میں تم دیکھتے ہو، مجھے معلوم ہے کار کے ساتھ کوئی مسئلہ نہیں تھے۔"

A rush of guilt ran through me as I feebly confessed my trip to the movie theatre and the real reason for my tardiness. Dad listened intently as sadness passed through him.

جب میں نے گڑبڑ انداز میں اپنی ٹوٹی تھری سہار سہار کا اعتراف کیا، میری سستی کا جتنی سبب اور قصور کا ایک ہوا دیکھ میں دوڑ گیا۔ ابو نے توجہ سے سنا جب کہ ایک افریکی اس پر طاری ہوئی۔

"I'm angry, not with you but with myself. You see, I realize that I have failed as a father if after all these years you feel that, you have to lie to me. I have failed because I have brought up a son who cannot even tell the truth to his own father. I'm going to walk home now and contemplate where I have gone wrong all these years."

"میں تم سے نہیں لیکن اپنے آپ سے ناراض ہوں۔ اگر ان تمام سالوں کے بعد تم محسوس کرتے ہو کہ تمیں مجھ سے جھوٹ بولنا پڑا ہے تم دیکھتے ہو کہ آپ نے کتنی جھٹ سے کام لیا ہوں۔ میں ناگام ہوا ہوں۔ میں ناگام ہوا ہوں کیونکہ میں نے

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English

ایک ایسے پیشہ ور ش کی جو خود اپنے آپ سے بھی سچ نہیں بول سکتا۔ اب میں جہل قدمی کرتا ہوں مگر چاہا ہوں اور سوچ بچا کہوں گا کہ تو ان تمام سالوں میں کیا غلط ہوا ہوں۔"

"But Dad, it's 18 miles to home. It's dark. You can't walk home."
"لیکن ابو، مگر انھارہ میل دور ہے۔ اندھیرا ہے۔ آپ سہل گھر نہیں جاسکتے۔"

My protests, my apologies and the rest of my utterances were useless. I had let my father down, and I was about to learn one of the most painful lessons of my life. Dad began walking along the dusty roads. I quickly jumped in the car and followed behind, hoping he would relent.

میرے احتجاجات، میری معذرتیں اور میرے باقی بیانات بے فائدہ تھے۔ میں نے اپنے باپ کو دباؤ میں کیا تھا، میں اپنی زندگی کا سب سے زیادہ تکلیف دے سنی سیکھنے والا تھا۔ ابو اگر آدو سو گاہ کے سارہ ماٹھیروں پٹنے لگے۔ میں نے جلدی سے کار میں جھلانگ لگائی اور اس امید پہ چھپے چلا کہ وہ ماں جائیں گے۔

I pleaded all the way, telling him how sorry I was, but he simply ignored me, continuing on silently, thoughtfully and painfully. For 18 miles I drove behind him, averaging about five miles per hour

ساری راہ، انہیں بتاتے ہوئے کہ مجھے کتنی افسوس ہے میں نے اپنا کیا گناہوں نے مجھے بالکل نظر انداز کیا، خاموشی سے، سوچوں میں گم اور تکلیف دہ انداز میں سفر جاری رکھتے ہوئے۔ انھارہ میل تک اوسطاً تقریباً پانچ میل فی گھنٹہ کی رفتار سے میں ان کے پیچھے چھپے گاڑی چلاتا رہا۔

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English

Seeing my father in so much physical and emotional pain was the most distressing and painful experience that I have ever faced. However, it was also the most successful lesson. I have never lied to him since.

اپنے ابو کو اتنی زیادہ جسمانی اور جذباتی تکلیف میں دیکھنا انتہائی ذہنی تکلیف کا باعث بننے والی چیز اور تکلیف دہ تجربہ تھا جس کا میں نے کبھی سامنا کیا ہے۔ تاہم یہ انتہائی کامیاب سبق بھی تھا۔ اس وقت سے میں نے کبھی ان سے جھوٹ نہیں بولا ہے۔

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New Vocabulary

New Words	Meanings
Distressing (adj)	Something that gives mental pain; painful
Feebly (adv)	Weakly, infirmly (in a low and weak voice)
Garage (n)	Auto workshop, where motor vehicles are repaired and serviced
Guilt (n)	Regret or self-reproach that one is responsible for a; wrong/misdeed
Hardly (adv)	Scarcely, barely; almost not
Intently (adv)	With great concentration/attention; attentively,
Protests (n)	Complaints, objections
Remote (adj)	Located far away; distant

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Tardiness(n)	Unpunctuality; slackness; being late
To apologize(v)	To say sorry, to express or make an apology for some wrong doing
To confess(V)	To acknowledge, admit one's misdeeds, faults, crimes, sins
To	To think about intently and at length
contemplate(V)	To get involved deeply
To immerse(V)	To get involved deeply
To let down	To disappoint someone
(Idiom)	
To plead(V)	To appeal earnestly
To relent(V)	To change one's mind about something
Utterances (n)	Something said, remarks

STUDY QUESTIONS

Recalling

1. Why did Jason readily agree to drive his father to Mijas?
Ans: Jason readily agreed to drive his father to Mijas because he had just learnt to drive and hardly ever had the opportunity to use the car.

2. What excuse did Jason invent as an explanation for his being late?
Ans: He apologized for being late and told his father that I'd come as quickly as I could, but the car had needed some major repairs.

3. Why did his father say that he was angry with himself, not with Jason?
Ans: His father say that he was angry with himself, not with Jason he realized that he had failed as a father if after all these years his son feel to lie to him. He has

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English

failed because he has brought up a son who cannot even tell the truth to his own father.

4. Why did Jason's father decide to walk the 18 miles back home?
Ans: Jason's father decides to walk the 18 miles back home because he wanted to punish himself because he have brought up a son who cannot even tell the truth to his own father. He going to walk home now and contemplate where I have gone wrong all these years."

5. What was the most distressing and painful experience for Jason?
Ans: His protests, his apologies and the rest of his utterances were useless. He had let my father down, and he was about to learn one of the most painful lessons of my life. Dad began walking along the dusty roads. He quickly jumped in the car and followed behind, hoping he would relent. He pleaded all the way, telling him how sorry he was, but he simply ignored me, continuing on silently, thoughtfully and painfully. For 18 miles I drove behind him, averaging about five miles per hour.

Interpreting

6. Was Jason's father angry with him because he came late?
Ans: No, Jason's father was not angry with him for being late. He was angry because Jason lie to him.

7. What is your opinion of the way Jason's father responded to his son's lying to him?

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Ans: In my opinion of the way, Jason's father responded to his son's lying to him, has good impact. He must have to apologize by sorry to his father and next time must be careful.

8. Jason said that he learned something invaluable from this experience. What do you think he learned besides learning not to lie?
Ans: Yes, Jason learned a great lesson for his coming life. He got a successful lesson and he never lied to his father since. This incident changed his entire life.

Extending

9. Have you ever have to lie to your father in order to escape from his displeasure? Did he find out that you were lying? What punishment (if any) did you receive?
Ans: Yes, sometimes it happens that I have to lie to avoid any displeasure. It has happened to me as well. But I have not received any punishment.

10. Did you learn anything valuable from your experience of ever lying to your father or any elder in the family?
Ans: Yes, I learnt something valuable from my experience that being dishonest and liar make your personality worst. People will stop trusting and believing in your words.

11. Do you think Jason would have learnt his lesson if his father had not got angry with him and punished him?

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English

Ans: No, he would have not learnt any lesson if his father had got angry and punished him. The reaction of his father, that he decided to walk home on foot for 18 miles, was the most effective response which made his son repentant.

Language Study

12. Adverbs are usually made by adding -ly to adjectives, and adjectives by removing -ly. Identify all the adjectives and adverbs in the reading text and try to change them to vice Versa.

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Adjectives	ADVERBS
Useless	Uselessly
Quick	Quickly
Dusty	Dustily
Reluctant	Reluctantly
Simple	Simply
Thoughtful	Thoughtfully
Silent	Silently
Painful	Painfully

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English