BACKTRACK CHASE

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A friend shared me an essay entitled “Each Man is an Island”. According to it, we often fail because we are not sure of ourselves or because we really do not know what goes on in the hearts of others.

Teachers face different people every day and handle various circumstances from time to time. Thus, would you believe if I tell you that they still lack confidence of themselves? In spite the rich exposure and encounters and experiences there are still times and instances wherein they are not so sure of what they are doing. They still wonder if they made the right decision.

Every school year, we make choices. But then, why are we always having a hard time deciding? When are we going to get used to it? Can’t we just prepare a template or list so we can just simply choose to end our agony?

Things actually are becoming more complicated when there are only two options: PASSED or FAILED. In this field, it is not about how fast you decide but how certain you are of your decision.

Why is it so hard to be certain of our decision? We know very well if one has to pass or to fail of course, but what’s holding us is the belief that if we fail someone, we might be depriving him of hope, which might be all he has.

Change is inevitable, hence people change. Therefore, a hardheaded or lazy pupil may change later for the better. That’s the reason why we never became sure of ourselves, for we really do not know what goes on in the hearts of these children. Are they really planning to focus and study harder in the future if we will let them pass? Are we really
not depriving them of hope if we will promote them? Are we not depriving them of a lesson they should learn as early as now: one has to work to gain something?

As we let them step forward, I hope we were right in believing that we are actually doing the right thing: making them pass in pursuit of their dreams. Yet, if necessary, please…please let us backtrack. If that’s the only way for them to learn the wisdom of hard work.

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