**Heeding the Voice Within**

**Hearing A Strange Call**

Have you ever heard a voice within you telling you of something? Probably, yes. Most of us may have heard of it. But the more important question is, “Have you given yourself a chance to listen to what it’s telling you?” Perhaps for some, yes, but for the rest, no.

I’m one of the rest. And realizing this made me add the word “unfortunately.”

**I’m Happy, But…**

Many times, I’ve fallen to deep contemplation on how my life has been in the past days, months or years, only to end up with one question I get confronted with over and over again. “What really would make me happy?” I’m not a bitter or a loner person, by the way. And I can easily find happiness in small things like waking up to a beautiful weather, spending a meal with my whole family, or simply having helped someone on something.

Achievements? At least I can say I don’t lack them. God has abundantly blessed me with such for putting my best foot forward in everything I do. And I’m more than happy and grateful having held some of those valuable triumphs.

But oftentimes, when I’m out of the stressful work environment or not with a group of friends and just alone with myself, I feel empty inside. Then again that voice started to intrude me. And all the time, my only reaction was simply – ignore it or pretend not having heard of it. I try to fill-in such desolation with positive vibes by doing things I’m fascinated with; either I listen to my favorite music, watch a good movie or read an interesting article. This became my routine each time I’m trapped into such circumstance.

As time goes by, the voice within just gets louder. Yet, I remained oblivious to it. I simply entrusted myself to God, asking for His guidance and leading towards the path He wants me to take. Somehow, doing so calms my disturbed spirit. So, I made it a practice each time I communicate with Him in prayer.

I’ve been through cycles of ups and downs. I’ve made mistakes, improper decisions and experienced failures many times. And during those lowliest moments of my life, I heard the voice within me nagging at its finest. But still, I tend to defy it. Instead, I’ve paid much attention to the voice outside – the voice coming from the people not even known to me.

As the years add up in my life, I strive to add more life in my years on earth. I’ve let the voice from the world devour me making myself believe it’s the right path to fulfilling my yearning for ‘true happiness.’ But as I go with the tide, the happiness I’ve found is merely superficial. I then told myself, “I shouldn’t be condemned to a life of drudgery that results to trivial happiness.”

So, while in my nastiest moment, I started to listen to the voice within me that gets more lurid the more I resisted it. I have to admit to myself that I’ve known right from the start what the voice within would want to tell me. I’ve heard it many times but I never listened as I’ve favored heeding the voice from the world. Such voice becomes more of a noise that tries to befuddle my focus and thus precluding me from pinning my ears back to the voice that would make more sense to my life, eventually leading me to my true happiness.

The message is quite simple – know exactly what you really want doing and be best at it. More often than not, I find myself busy wandering. Until my mind becomes crowded with so many things it runs across with – life, dreams, relationship, work, success, unforgettable encounter, etc. As these thoughts crammed in my mind, their plea to be released intensifies. By then I realized that I need my creative hands to do their work.

Thankfully, at last, I’ve made my first move. I’ve just embarked on a voyage towards establishing myself as someone who’s esteemed in doing what’s close to my heart – writing. With all honesty, I feel it’s the best thing I’ve done ever. After heeding the voice within me, it’s time for the world to hear my own voice. After all, I’ve got so much to tell the whole world. Some of these may even make at least a simple difference from the way things used to be.

The journey has just begun. The best is yet to come.