

High Two – Unit Nine - Summary

Regret the past is the whole scenario of this reading. We've all felt it at some point. And we want more than anything to be able to rewind time and get a do-over. We've replayed scenarios over and over in our head, thinking of all the things we could have done or said.

Although it was Sabbath, Steve had to work and prepare the annual report, which should have been delivered three days ago. It had been gloomy since he had woken. It was 8:30, a regular time to go to work. But after some moments of trying to wake up, he decided to sleep again for a few more minutes.

When he jolted away for the second time, it was 10:35. He was too late, but instead of getting ready, he went to the kitchen and heated a cup of coffee and sit down, starts reading the newspaper languorously. At that moment, he suddenly saw two pieces of the letters lying on the dining table. One forwarded from his vet, reminding vaccination time for his cat, and the second one was from his mother, who was living in the nursing house. Although Steve has not called her mom for two weeks and he knew she was expecting his son's call, he postponed this call after he'd come back.

Despite arranging the plans, a couple of hours of work took his whole day. When he returned home in the evening, he noticed a blinking red light on the answering machine but did not check that. He was exhausted; thus, he ordered his meal from a Chinese restaurant and lay in front of the TV instead of fulfilling his plans, such as repairing a leaky faucet.

The next day Steve woke up at 8:00 without any mental disturbance since he had no work for that day. After the lunch date with his friend, Anne, at 1:00, he drove directly to a mall to buy a gift for his mom. Her birthday was almost 30 days ago, but it is not vital to celebrate the exact day as they have dealt before. Returning home, he saw the red light of the machine still blinking since yesterday.

First message: "Hi, Steve. This is your mom. Son, these days I haven't been feeling well. I need to go to the doctor. You could be in contact with me via my room phone in the hospital if you have time: 688-9299." then the phone beeped, and the second message came out.

"Steve, this is doctor O'Brien. Please give me a call immediately at 688-9299."

When Steve heard the shocking news, his heart started beating faster. Immediately, he tried to reach the doctor via call.

"Hi, Doctor O'Brien. This is Steve. Is everything OK? My mom is alright, Isn't she?"

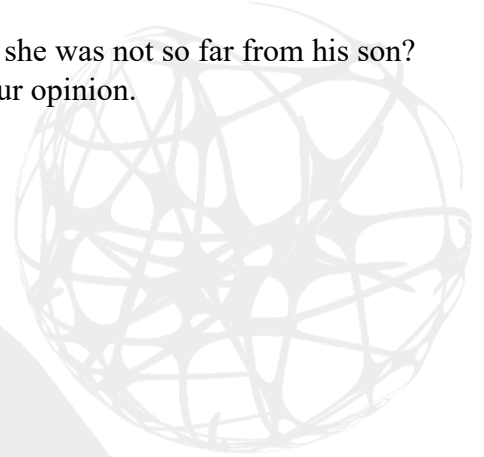
Doctor: "Yeah, she is alright. Your mom had a heart attack yesterday, she is now in ICU, and her condition is stable. It's better to come here right away and visit your mom!"

We should thank God for blessing us with our family. They're the inner core of who we are today. Without them, we wouldn't live and survive in this world. Especially our mom. We must love her with all our hearts and be appreciative and respectful until she is alive.



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- 1- Why did Steve have to work even on the Sabbath?
- 2- Could you describe Steve's personality according to what you read about him at this reading?
- 3- Why didn't he check the answering machine when he noticed it's blinking for the first time?
- 4- His report was to be finished in a couple of hours. Why did it last for almost half of a day?
- 5- What was the first voice messages indicating?
- 6- Why hadn't Steve met his mom for two weeks, Although she was not so far from his son?
- 7- Why was his mom living in a nursing house? Express your opinion.
- 8- What was the deal between Steve and his mom?
- 9- What was his reaction while he heard the messages?
- 10- What's your conclusion out of this reading?



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