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An Inspirational Story by Arun Sehgal

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A Reflection on Suffering, Healing and Faith

Suffering is often described as a rhythm of pain followed by gain, breaking followed by awakening, or loss followed by freedom. Yet life does not always unfold so neatly.

Sometimes there is simply pain, followed slowly by healing. Sometimes there is loss, followed eventually by a new beginning. And sometimes the bravest response is to acknowledge that what happened was painful and unfair, while gently choosing, day by day, how to live thereafter.

Faith can remain an anchor even in such moments. The Almighty may sometimes take a person to the edge of a cliff, yet also provide the wings with which to fly. Through struggle, a human being may evolve, deepen and grow spiritually—but growth should never be demanded as proof that suffering was necessary.

There is no need to force a lesson out of every wound or pretend to be stronger than one truly feels. When pain raises questions about life or the Creator's intention, it may help to ask not only, 'What might this experience reveal or create within me?' but also, 'What do I need right now? Who can help me? How can I care for the tender places within my heart?'

Every person is allowed to grieve, rest, seek help and take time to heal. No one should feel compelled to carry every burden alone.

Perhaps the Creator does not always remove the crack, and perhaps not every crack was placed there for a reason. Yet even within a wounded life, there can still be healing, meaning, connection and freedom. Wounds may become part of a person's story, but they must never be allowed to define the whole of who that person is.

The story that follows is an expression of this reflection—a reminder that whenever life leaves a crack, love and faith can still allow light to enter.

A young sculptor spent years creating what he believed would be his masterpiece—a magnificent stone eagle with its wings stretched towards the sky.

Just before the exhibition, a deep crack appeared across one of its wings.

The sculptor was heartbroken.

"All my effort has been wasted," he said. "Why did this have to happen to me?"

An old craftsman looked at the sculpture quietly and said, "Do not hide the crack. Understand what it is trying to tell you."

The young man reluctantly followed his advice. Instead of repairing the damaged wing, he carved a small broken chain beneath it. The crack now appeared to show the exact moment when the eagle had broken free from captivity.

At the exhibition, people stood silently before the sculpture. Some saw courage in it. Others saw their own struggles. Many had tears in their eyes.

It was declared the finest work in the exhibition.

That evening, the young sculptor said to the old man, "I thought the crack had destroyed my masterpiece."

The craftsman smiled.

"The crack did not destroy your creation. It revealed its meaning."

Life is often like that sculpture. A disappointment, rejection, delay or loss may appear to have ruined our plans. But sometimes, what looks like damage is merely life carving a deeper purpose into us.

We may not immediately understand why something happened. Yet, with courage, patience and faith, even our broken places can become the most powerful part of our story.

Nothing in life is truly wasted—not the struggle, not the waiting, and certainly not the cracks.

Sometimes, they are precisely where the light enters.

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