

Song : Daniel's Promise by Anns James, cms

Overcoming Obstacles: Stories of Perseverance and Success.

Eight years ago, a young man named Ali arrived at the ACSE. He was a simple, humble, and poor boy who spoke very little Italian. Despite the language barrier, he was determined to make a better life for himself.

One day, Ali went to the doctor and was told that he needed glasses after an eye exam. However, he couldn't afford them. He was devastated, as he knew that without glasses, he would struggle to read and learn.

Determined to find a solution, Ali started working odd jobs around the ACSE. He cleaned classrooms, helped with maintenance, and did whatever he could to earn some money. Eventually, he saved up enough to buy a pair of glasses.

With his new glasses, Ali's world opened up. He could read books, study, and communicate more effectively with his peers. He worked hard and excelled in his studies, eventually graduating with honors.

Years later, Ali returned to the ACSE as a successful businessman. He donated money to the school and spoke to the students about his journey. He encouraged them to never give up on their dreams, no matter how difficult the road may seem.

Ali's story is a testament to the power of hard work, determination, and perseverance. Despite facing numerous obstacles, he never gave up on his goals and ultimately achieved great success.



"If tonight we look at the stars, it is the story of my journey from Kabul to Rome."

"The boys have big dreams," instead, is the testimony of how the real journey is beginning.

(Ali)

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."

(Matthew 25: 35-40)

Moment of Reflection

1. How did Ali overcome the obstacles he faced during his journey to Rome?
2. What are some strategies for identifying and overcoming obstacles to success?
3. Can you provide an example of a workplace challenge and how it was overcome?