

My Experience of Overcoming Conflict

It was one of my most memorable experiences standing at a crossroad where my desires clash with the expectations of others. This pivotal moment in my life arose during an ordinary evening at the dining table with the ordinary meals and the ordinary people around me, of course. It was a routine day, much like any other until we were drawn into the conversation to discuss where my future pathway should go as I was in my final semester in my diploma.

I confronted the conflict between pursuing my passion for Mass Communication and adhering to my parents' wishes for me to continue studying Computer Science, the field in which I had completed my diploma. It is a conflict stemming from a profound difference in aspirations and perceptions of success. While my parents advocated for the practicality and stability of a career in Computer Science due to its broad applicability in the current society, my heart yearned for a path centered around cinematography, graphic design and human interaction, which Mass Communication offered.

The turning point came during my final semester of diploma when I embarked on an internship at a website designing company. While the experience provided valuable insights into the world of technology and coding, it also served as a guiding light that illuminated the path towards a deeper understanding of myself that a career spent staring at lines of code on a screen was not the future I envisioned for myself. I craved a profession that allowed me to engage in visual designing and meaningful verbal communication by connecting with people on a deeper level.

Armed with this newfound self-awareness, I mustered the courage to initiate a conversation with my parents about my desire to pursue Mass Communication instead of continuing down the familiar path of Computer Science. However, their response was not what I had hoped for. Firm in their belief that Computer Science offered a safer and more financially secure job, they expressed reluctance to entertain the idea of deviating from the course I was taking at that time.

Undeterred by their initial resistance, I persevered in speaking up for myself. I told them about the importance of pursuing a career aligned with my passions and interests. I acknowledged their concerns about financial stability but asserted that my happiness and enjoyment were equally paramount considerations. I made a solemn promise to them that I would excel in my chosen field of Mass Communication and assured them that my dedication and commitment would not waver.

The journey of overcoming this conflict was not without its challenges. It required patience, empathy and a willingness to engage in difficult conversations. I endeavored to understand my parents' perspective to recognize the love and concern underlying their insistence on the path they deemed safest for me. Conversely, I sought to communicate my own aspirations and dreams with clarity and I believe this has helped foster a communication filled with mutual respect and understanding.

In the end, my parents relented, albeit reluctantly, to my decision to pursue Mass Communication. While their support was not unconditional, I understood and appreciated their

concerns and I remained determined to prove myself worthy of their trust. With their blessing, I started a journey of self-discovery and personal growth as I immersed myself in the study of Mass Communication with passion and dedication.

Looking back, I am grateful for the conflict that opened the door for me to confront my own desires and convictions. This experience has taught me the importance of staying true to myself, even in the face of opposition or uncertainty. It reinforced the notion that true happiness lies not in conformity to societal expectations but in the pursuit of one's passions and the realization of one's authentic self.

Therefore, I do believe that we should not be afraid to confront the conflict we are facing as conflict is something we all encounter in life. It's like a turbulent wave that comes and goes, shaping how we see things, pushing us to be stronger and deciding where we go next.