

Unit 24
Regret الندم

1- Putting One's Eggs in One Basket: وضع البيض فى سلة واحدة

Said is talking to his friend Salem about the collapse of انهيار the company in which he invested his money.

Said: I'm broke أنا أفلست, Salem. I'm very distressed مكروب.

Salem: Oh, I'm sorry. What happened?

Said: You know that I sold the block of flats العمارة I inherited from my father التى ورثتها عن والدى. I went to the office of a broker سمسار and asked him to advise me on the most profitable shares الأسهم in the Stock Exchange بورصة الأوراق المالية.

Salem: Did he give you the wrong information?

Said: No, the information he gave me was correct at the time.

Salem: So, what's the problem المشكلة?

Said: Well, I paid all the money I had in buying a large number of shares in a big company. A year later, the company collapsed and I lost all my money. I regret my foolishness. I put all my eggs in one basket and lost them all. وضعت بيضى فى سلة واحدة. وفقدتها جميعاً

Salem: What should you have done.

Said: I should have invested my money in buying shares in different companies and banks.

2- Missing the Plane: عدم اللحاق بالطائرة

The director of a company is talking to his secretary. He has missed his plane. لم يلحق بالطائرة.

Director: Hello, Noura. How's everything in the office.

Noura: Hello, sir. I'm surprised مندهشة أن I thought you were on the plane for London. الطائرة المتجهة إلى

Director: I regret what had happened Noura. It was something very simple and easy but I forgot to do it.

Noura: What was that sir?

Director: You see Noura, I stayed up late to prepare some reports تقارير and to pack my bags حزم حقائبى. Then, I went to bed. I got up at 9.00 a.m. the time my plane was high in the sky.

Noura: So you overslept استغرقت فى النوم مدة أطول.

Director: This should not have happened if I had set the alarm clock for 6 o'clock. لو ضبط المنبه على الساعة السادسة

Noura: I'm sorry, sir. What should I do now?

Director: Well, Noura. Ring the Air company and book me a ticket on the plane leaving for London next morning. اتصلى تليفونياً بشركة الطيران واحجزى تذكرة فى الطائرة المغادرة إلى لندن صباح الغد.

Noura: Right away, sir. سأفعل هذا حالا يا سيدى

3- *Faulty Brakes:* فرامل تالفة

Nazmy is talking to his friend Latif about the car accident in which he was involved. حادث السيارة الذى كان طرفاً فيه

Latife: Hello, Nazmy. I waited for you انتظرتك at the club as we agreed. Why didn't you turn up. لماذا لم تأتى

Nazmy: I'm sorry. You know, Latif, I always keep my appointments أحافظ على مواعيدى. But something terrible شئ مرعب happened and I was unable to see you.

Latif: I'm sorry, Nazmy. I hope it was not very serious
خطير جداً.

Nazmy: Actually, it was. You see I was driving my car
and suddenly the driver in front stopped. My car
collided اصطدمت with his. The trunk الشنطة of his
car as well as the hood غطاء المحرك of my car were
damaged. I was slightly hurt إصابة طفيفة when
my head hit the windscreen الزجاج الأمامي. The
traffic police المرور شرطي come and wrote a report
تقرير. They found that I was to blame. - إننى المولوم
المخطئ

Latif: Oh, really!

Nazmy: Actually, I regret that I did not repair my car
brakes لم أصلح فرامل السيارة. They were not
completely out of order لم تكن تالفة تماماً. But they
did not have full capacity. لم يكن لها القدرة الكاملة.

Latif: Yes, in this case the collision الاصطدام would not
have been so strong. Anyway, I'll come round to
see you. سأحضر لرؤيتك

4- A Battered Wife: زوجة مضروبة

Wagdy met his friend Sherif. They haven't seen each
other for a long time.

Sherief: Hello, Wagdy. I haven't seen you for long.
How's it with you that you're no longer a bachelor
لم تعد شخصاً أعزب. You're the father of a child isn't
it?

Wagdy: Yes, I have a son. However, life is no longer لم
تعد as it used to be. My life is full of cares and
troubles. مليئة بالهموم و المتاعب. I found out that I
married a nagging wife متذمرة وكثيرة الشكوى. Her

behaviour يتعب أعصابي gets on my nerves سلوكها
But I regret something أشعر بالندم أنى فعلت شيئاً I did.

Sherief: What's it?

Wagdy: I hit my wife. ضربت زوجتى

Sherif: Oh, no. You're a gentleman أنت رجل مهذب Wagdy.

Wagdy: I'm still so أنا مازلت كذلك. One day, she went on nagging me for more than an hour استمرت تشكو لمدة أكثر من ساعة. So, I lost my temper أفقدت أعصابي and hit her just to stop her.

Sherif: How unkind! أنت عديم الرحمة!

Wagdy: Well, I regret what I did. أنا نادم على ما فعلت.

Sherif: And what did she do?

Wagdy: She left home تركت المنزل and took her son with her. She is asking for a divorce الطلاق تطلب.

Sherif: You have to see her and apologize to her وتعتذر لها. I'm sure it was a lesson to her and she'll stop nagging you. On the other hand ومن ناحية أخرى never hit her again to save yourself the feeling of regret. لتوفر على نفسك الإحساس بالندم.

5- Smoking Outcomes: نتائج التدخين

Hassan is talking to his friend Samy whom he met in the street.

Samy: How're you Hassan?

Hassan: I'm very ill, Samy. Actually فى الواقع I'm going to the doctor.

Samy: What's the matter, Hassan. I'm worried about you. إننى قلق عليك

Hassan: You know I was a heavy smoker شخص كثير التدخين. I used to smoke forty cigarettes every day.

Samy: Yes, I talked to you about this and asked you to give up عن تطلع smoking التدخين or to cut down on عدد تقلل the number of cigarettes you smoked.

Hassan: I wish I had listened to your advice ياليتنى استمعت إلى نصيحتك. I regret أنا نادم what I did.

Samy: I hope the matter is not serious خطير.

Hassan: It is serious. A cardiologist طبيب القلب examined my heart. Later, an echocardiography رسم قلب report was made and it was found that I suffer from اضطراب أعانى من some sort of disorder in the heart muscle عضلة القلب. This may cause heart damage. تدمير القلب.

Samy: I hope everything will be all right. I think your doctor can treat يعالج this disorder so long as you have given up smoking. طالما أنك أقلت عن التدخين.

Hassan: I hope so.