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When it comes to a story revolving around a prince, you would probably picture him with a pretty princess right?

Have you ever thought of a prince falling in love with a rose?

The Little Prince in this book has a companion, which is a beautiful proud rose in his planet of B 612, but he then has to leave her to embark on an exciting journey around the universe, visiting different planets, and meeting people with

various values they treasure, for example, respect, admiration and a strong sense of duty. Now let me take you on his learning journey in which I've also learnt three essential core values - loyalty, sacrifice and embracing differences.

First of all, the relationship of the Little Prince and the rose reminds me of every parent-child relationship. Why? The rose is deeply rooted in the prince's heart as he explores his own potential. This strongly mirrors my experience with my father, who has always played a significant role in my academic development, for instance, guiding me to filter learning materials online and to do revision as if he were preparing for his own exam. Although I may not get an outstanding result every time, like the rose which is

imperfect and demanding sometimes, my dad is my loyal study buddy who genuinely wants to help me improve and accompany me along my hard learning voyage no matter what. During the process, I slowly gained my confidence and dedication in learning, and meanwhile, the bonding between us is strengthened as we develop a sense of trust and collaboration in other aspects of life.

Sacrificing for friends and loved ones is the second virtue I have learnt. Before leaving the physical world to dive deeper into the world of imagination and the spirit of life, the Little Prince shows his sacrificing spirits by watering his favorite rose for one last time, clearing away all the three volcanoes and protecting her with a glass globe from the strong wind. All these actions show his care and love as he nurtures the

flower as a daily habit, and he even starts an unknown adventure to understand more about love because of the rose. Similarly, take my mother as an example. She is an angel who is willing to sacrifice her time, which could be otherwise spent on pursuing her own interests and dreams, to connect with me, to chat with me, and to raise me up. Our daily chat may be just as short as a few minutes, but it's not the quantity, but the quality that counts. Amid my tight schedule, I can take a break from my studies and share my emotions freely as she is always ready to advise me on friendship problems and how to strike a balance between study and life. To be precise, she is my biggest source of mental health support, just like the chicken soup for my soul.

The third theme I find impressive is embracing differences. In the story, the King of a planet requires the subordinates to absolutely follow his instructions, which may be a quality that is commonly believed for a strong leader to possess. To me, it may not be a must. The Little Prince first yawns in front of the King, which is a sign of disrespect. Surprisingly, the King is so kind and forgivable that he even discusses with the Little Prince to make his orders more reasonable and personal. This shows that a strong leader isn't necessarily authoritarian. Likewise, in modern society, citizens always have diverse opinions and demands for the government about different social issues such as environmental protection, economic development and social integration. As the leader impacting millions of citizens, it is significant for the authorities to actively respond to each special need,

positive or negative, with understanding and respect. The key to creating a society with harmony is striking a balance among differences.

In a nutshell, loyalty, sacrifice and embracing differences are what make life meaningful and humanity beautiful. We are part of our own society, so we must be loving and loyal to all members, sacrifice our personal interests for the greater good and tolerate differences across social groups. Only through understanding, accepting and embracing can the world be forever in peace, love, care and happiness.