

WHAT SYLVESTER STALLONE DID IN HIS TIME OF FRUSTRATION

I know too well the feelings of frustration one passes through in their waiting times for a manifestation of a desired state or what is often referred to as a break in life. Many people continue to pass through this at various stages in life. What will you do? Will you abandon the desire and settle for a lesser portion, or would you decide to go for the real deal? I keep meeting people who “sell” their destiny and happiness to sometimes a temporary fulfillment of monetary needs – my advice; DON'T LET GO OF YOUR DESTINY ONCE YOU HAVE DISCOVERED IT!

Do you know the real *Rocky* story? I read it from a book titled ‘The One Minute Millionaire’ written by two of my teachers in USA, Robert Allen and Mark Victor Hansen, and I quote from the book, as below.

“In 1974 Sylvester Stallone was a broke, discouraged actor and screenwriter. While attending a boxing match he became inspired by a “nobody” boxer who “went the distance” with the great Mohammed Ali. He rushed home and in a three-day burst of creative output produced the first draft of the screenplay entitled *Rocky*. Down to his last \$106, Stallone submitted his screenplay to his agent. A studio offered \$20,000 with either Ryan O’Neal or Burt Reynolds playing the lead character. Stallone was excited by the offer but wanted to play the lead himself. He offered to act for free. He was told, “That’s not the way it works in Hollywood.” Stallone turned down the offer though he desperately needed the money. Then they offered him \$80,000 on the condition that he wouldn’t play the lead. He turned them down again. They told him that Robert Redford was interested, in which case they’d pay him \$200,000. He turned them down once more. They upped their offer to \$300,000 for his script. He told them that he didn’t want to go through his whole life wondering “what if?” They offered him \$330,000. He told them that he’d rather not see the movie made if he couldn’t play the lead. They finally agreed to let him play the lead. He was paid \$20,000 for the script plus \$340 per week minimum actor’s scale. After expenses, agent fees, and taxes, he netted \$6,000 instead of \$330,000. In 1976 Stallone was nominated for an Academy Award as Best Actor. The movie *Rocky* won three Oscars: Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Film Editing. The *Rocky* series has since grossed almost \$1billion, making Sylvester Stallone an international movie star!”

Can you identify with Stallone's story above? The fact that you are still working towards the achievement of your desired purpose is reason enough to stay on the track. Should frustrations come instead of your dream, don't give in and accept the situation; it would be like swapping your dream for it. Develop passion enough that will keep you on track despite the disappointment and the blur that comes to your mind.

Dear friends, Merry Christmas and Happy New 2010. Thanks to all that have learnt, fed back, purchased materials and continue to encourage my giving and sharing. I pray that your best begin to find its way to you. Who knows, 2010 may be your best year ever! Why don't you begin to envision results for 2010 now, and claim this assertion?

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