Steven covey said and I quote:

I Am Not a Product of My Circumstances I Am a Product of My Decisions

We as humans have been given the universal gift of making decisions. We are the ones who can dream and not only dream but also act with a resolution and make a change. We should perceive within ourselves the divine capacity, the capacity to make decisions. We must realize that even a single resolution holds great power.

Allah Almighty the supreme creator of the universe, concocted endurable creations, the most special amongst all are human beings. It is because we are bestowed with two things, knowledge, and the **ability to decide.**

Life is nothing more than a series of conscious choices that we make on a regular basis. Therefore, blaming your circumstances for your situation is not valid. We make countless decisions each day; what to eat, what to wear, who to meet, where to go. Our lives are governed by the resolutions we make. Our decisions in return land us in different situations, good or bad, best, or worst.

Whatever your conditions are, understand that you have a choice in why you are here and what is happening to you. Is it critical to your joy and inner serenity?

Mr. President I do believe that circumstances matter, but only to a certain extent. People in similar situations differ to act and react which creates varying results.

Nelson Mandela was a south African revolutionary, a statesman, and a philanthropist who served as the first president of South Africa. But behind his success lies years and years of failure and rejection. He decided that he would not fall a pray to his circumstances and worked hard day and night to become the person he is known as today.

Human beings as a specie have always been driven. Whether it be the circumstances or the decisions. However, some people tend to make the conditions a reason to explain their current situation. While that may be true in cases where a person has limited or no options, in normal cases the outcome of a situation is controlled by what a person decides to do. Circumstances should be not used as an all in all reason for a person’s current state.

By winning more than thirty academy awards for his film featuring Mickey and Minnie mouse, Walt Disney disproved everyone, as it was believed that he lacked creativity when he was fired from his job in a newspaper firm.

With her series winning multiple awards and selling more than 500 million copies, J.K Rowling proved that she would not fall a prey to her circumstances when Harry Potter was turned down by 12 publishers.

If these people would have let their circumstances get the better of them then they would not be so successful. How we choose to respond or react determines our direction, forward or backward in life.

Circumstances are out of our control. However, almost all circumstances come with a plethora of decisions and the outcome of that situation in nearly every case depends on what we decide to do.

Stephen hawking developed motor neuron disease when he was in his early twenties. He decided that he would not be a victim of his circumstances and he continued to strive for his goal. He did not lose hope worked day and night. Today he is best known for his discoveries and theories regarding black holes.

it is easy to say that when circumstances are unlikely, people blame them for their situation. Although, exceptions exist, the rule of thumb in the life of people who say they are successful is that they were hard working and made smart decisions.

So, the ultimate argument to be made is that we as people are shaped by our verdicts. Our individual conditions are often not more than a direct implication of our decisions. Our choices are what led us to our current situation and not due to a direct influence of our circumstances.

***Today I choose to live by choices***

**Not by chances.**

Thank you!