

With Faith, We Dream

Good morning, teachers and my dear students. It is my pleasure to be here with you today to talk about a very inspiring story and how we can all learn from it.

This year, our school's theme is "With Faith, We Dream". This theme has truly resonated with me; I would like to share with you the story of Vivian Kong, the gold medallist from the Paris Olympic Games.

We all witnessed the stunning moment when Vivian competed in the finals. At the beginning of the match, she found herself trailing 0:4 and then 1:7 against her opponent. But Vivian never gave up. She narrowed the gap bit by bit, and in the end, she scored the final, fantastic strike to clinch the gold medal.

Boys and girls, what can we learn from Vivian's remarkable journey?

Firstly, Vivian's unwavering determination and **effort** to fight for her dream is truly commendable. The gold medal had been her dream for years. Even after falling short in the previous Olympics in Japan, where she cried and apologized to the Hong Kong people for not doing well, Vivian did not give up. Instead, she kept practicing and improving herself, and after 8 years of relentless effort, she finally achieved her goal and made her dream come true.

Secondly, Vivian's **unshakable confidence** in herself is truly inspiring. Even when she was lagging behind 1:7, she never doubted her abilities. She believed in herself and gave it her all to catch up with her opponent. This strong self-belief, or, in other words, FAITH, was the key to her strong comeback and the final success.

Lastly, Vivian's exceptional **mental quality** was a crucial factor in her triumph. Despite trailing by a huge margin, she remained calm and composed. She even had the presence of mind to change her sword; deploying such a small tactic to adjust herself was a masterstroke and contributed in a big way to turning the tide in her favour.

My dear students, what is your dream? Are you ready to put in the painstaking effort required to fight for your dream? Let us all learn from Vivian's story. Let us have the **courage to dream, the confidence to believe in ourselves, and the resilience to keep going**, even in the face of adversity.

With faith, we can achieve greatness. With faith, we can turn our dreams into reality. Let us all embark on this journey together.

As I mentioned on 2/9, the Bible says, "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged - for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."