

(I have decided to be the ghost-writer of Georges Khabbaz)

Dear USJ Community,

I am not here to tell you that life is beautiful, that dreams do come true, to keep a positive mindset and all that stuff. I know things are tough, I know things might seem blocked, but this is not an excuse to give up. This not an excuse to let go of our dreams and hopes of a better future. This is the time to show our strength and our determination, and we are much capable of that. Every one of us has that little voice inside their head telling them to keep on fighting. Every one of us has that fire deep down their heart and soul trying to get bigger and bigger every day. Do not silence that voice and never put down that fire.

We just simply cannot give up, you know why? Because there's millions of people who died trying to make a better future for us and there's millions of people in the future whose life depends on us right now. Are you willing to tell your grandkids someday, when they ask you about that difficult time in history, that you set in your bed crying and complaining and do nothing? What example are putting for the future generation?!

Eventually we are going to die someday, would you rather sit quietly and wait for death or are you willing to let that voice inside your head scream and let that fire inside you burst out open and ravage every obstacle inside of you? Would you rather die slowly every day or are you willing to live every obstacle that you might face? Would you want to be remembered as a quitter or as a person who had faith in their potential, faith in their strength and most importantly faith in God!

Be a fighter and keep on pushing. It doesn't have to be physical nor thru violence. You are a fighter when you don't give up on your dreams even though it might seem impossible. You are a fighter when you believe that obstacles are there to make you stronger and not weaker. You are a fighter when you speak up and share your opinions. And finally, you are a fighter when you are a Lebanese.

Being Lebanese is not simply a nationality, being Lebanese is being courageous and strong, intelligent and creative, wholehearted and generous, intuitive and passionate, and importantly being Lebanese is about have integrity and honour.

Being Lebanese means you are a fighter, so keep on fighting until you rise and bloom.

Thank you!!