

THE SHOTS IN BETWEEN



Growth In The Grey

I played golf today.

Some of it was good. A few shots were exactly as I had imagined them, which, as any golfer knows, is both pleasing and slightly suspicious.

But a couple of poor decisions cost me. Not terrible swings. Not complete disasters. Just moments where I chose the wrong option, failed to commit properly, or asked a little too much of myself.

The score was a couple of shots higher than I would have liked.

It would be easy to describe the round as good or bad, but that would not be true. It was neither. It was somewhere in between, which is where most things in life seem to happen.

We like clean categories. Success or failure. Good or bad. Hope or despair. Progress or decline.

But most days are not that tidy.

There are good things hidden inside poor outcomes, and poor choices hidden inside decent results. The problem with judging too quickly is that we often miss the useful part.

What went well?

What did not?

What was repeatable?

What was lucky?

What needs attention?

Those are better questions than, "Was it good?"

I suspect most growth sits in the grey areas. Not in the perfect shots, or the complete mistakes, but in the ones in between.

That is where there is usually something to work with.

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