

SEEING BEYOND THE RUIN



The Courage To Seek Expertise

On my daily walk, a building that has seen better days catches my attention.

Its dereliction is undeniable, yet it was once someone's dream home.

Today, boarded-up windows block out the light, a rusted padlock secures the door, and a sagging roof, riddled with holes, offers little protection from the weather.

The graffiti, so often found on buildings like this, speaks of a time when it was left untended, unloved and abandoned.

Even without expertise, I can see that this house needs work.

But knowing something needs repair is not the same as knowing how to fix it. It takes the vision of an architect, the hands of builders, and the skill of many others to restore what once was, or better still, to create something new.

This house sheltered stories, echoed with laughter, and provided warmth. With the right expertise, it could do so again. It could become a place where a family finds comfort, where children press their noses against open windows and watch the world outside.

The lesson extends beyond bricks and mortar. How often do we recognise that something in our work, our relationships, or even within ourselves, needs attention, yet lack the knowledge or skill to make meaningful change?

Perhaps the hard part is not seeing the problem. Perhaps it is admitting that we cannot repair everything alone.

The ability to see is only the first step.

The courage to seek the right expertise is what leads to transformation.

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