

Robert Schuller said one day „Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines”. All of us know that life is not easy. Sometimes it becomes crazy and hard. We have to face problems, challenges or even tragedies. A lot of people see problems as stop signs or borders that keep them away from doing what they love. Sometimes we get stuck at one point and we don't know what to do. This one-point-perspective puts people in a position of fear and takes away their will to be happy. Problems should not stop us. They should motivate us to achieve our goals. Moreover, they are guidelines which help us with getting on the right way of living. I totally agree with Robert Schuller's quotation. Problems are not meant to stop people, they are guidelines to a better life.

First of all, dealing with problems and not giving up helps us become better people. Because of facing difficulties in our lives we learn how to solve problems, how to behave and how to become better versions of ourselves. The main character of Maya Angelou's book „I know why the caged bird sings” Marguerite had extremely hard life. Her parents got divorced when she was only three years old. Then she moved with her older brother Bailey to her grandma. She lived in the poor surrounding in Stamps. She helped her grandma with the store and learnt to read and do arithmetics. She faced segregation and racism. The Black people were treated as worse, different people. Some of them didn't even know how White people look like. Later Marguerite moved to her mother again. Then she was raped by her mother's boyfriend. She was only eight when that happened. After that she became mute. It has left mark on her psyche. A few years later she went to the Mexico with her father. He got drunk and Marguerite had to drive a car on her own. She had never done this before. Moreover, she argued a lot with Dolores who cut her. Marguerite decides to run away. She found a community of Black, White and Mexican runaways. She stayed with them for a month. She learnt how to accept herself and others. After that she decided to find a job. She became the first female African American streetcar conductor in San Francisco. Then she decided to have sex with a boy and she got pregnant. She suffered a lot. Her life was definitely difficult. She didn't give up. She was strong enough to deal with problems. It was really worth it because she became a confident, mature woman. Her life changed for a better.

Secondly, facing difficulties and going through hard times leads to achieving our goals. Claire Underwood one of main characters of „House of cards” had really hard life. She was growing up in a really rich family, but children didn't like her. Boys bullied her. There was a situation when the group of boys tore her dress and hit her. Her parents told her that this was her fault, because she is pretty and she should know how to behave. She started smoking cigarettes when she was a little girl. Her parents never considered her personal feelings. She was sexually assaulted by a classmate who later became general. She was strong enough to face difficulties. She married Francis Underwood but her biggest love was power. She helped Francis to become Vice President of the United States and then the President. She didn't forget about her love to power. She became the Ambassador to the U.N. and helped pass a Gun Control Bill to Congress. After that she was a candidate for a Vice President. She didn't ask for it but everybody knew that she wanted it. Later she became the Vice President and Francis became President. Their marriage was going to ruin. She found a lover – Thomas. She was in love with him, but she had to kill him, because he knew too much about Underwoods' intrigues.

Relationship with Francis was destructing for her. Then Francis Underwood resigned from the presidency because people got to know about his crimes and intrigues. It is a really long story but in short he killed Zoe Barnes and Peter Russo. It made his way to presidency easier. Then Francis was murdered. Nobody knew what happened. Everybody thought that he died because of problems with his liver. Claire became the 47th President of the United States. She was the first woman to serve as President. She achieved her goals. Her love to power helped her. She knew what she wanted. She became the most important woman in the USA and she was free from her husband. She totally changed USA politics. She wanted not to be only seen. She wanted to be significant. She followed her guidelines made of problems and won everything. She was definitely not the sort of enemy people want to have. She became strong, independent, confident and hazardous woman. She gained power to destroy her problems.

To sum up, everybody has to deal with problems. They are part of our existence. We shouldn't get stuck in one point. We should do everything we want to achieve our goals and treat our problems as guidelines. Marguerite from „I know why the caged bird sings“ and Claire from „House of cards“ had extremely hard lives. They suffered the hell we know nothing about. After that they achieved their goals. Marguerite became strong, confident, happy woman and mother. Claire became the President of the United States and a strong woman. They show us that going through difficulties and problems lead to better life. As Robert Schuller said „Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines“. He is definitely right. All people should think like him.