



## You can't connect the dots looking forward *Steve Jobs*

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Steve Jobs was a man who changed the world, not only by establishing the Apple Company, but also by living a remarkable life. His famous speech at Stanford University was truly inspiring, and one sentence in his speech particularly touched my heart. "You can't connect the dots looking forward; you can only connect them looking backwards." In fact, this simple sentence is able to summarize my life.

Allow me to tell you my story. Although I now live in Macau, I have only spent half of my life living here. My early childhood was spent in Vancouver, British Columbia. Back then, my daily life was simple. Since assigning homework was against the law there, I managed to finish all my work at school every day. My school had a wonderful Accelerated Reading Program, so I borrowed and read books from the library at the young age of 5. In fact, I believe I have learned most of my English from reading. After school, my parents occasionally would take my brother and me to the local 7 – 11 for a snack.

My beautiful dream shattered at the age of nine when my father decided to come back to Macau for good. The language and environment change was inevitable, and I was enrolled in a local school due to my mother's insistence on Christian education.

Now, ten years later, I look back on those painful days and realize how they have shaped my life. I can handle two different languages better than most people. Quite a few schoolmates claim how other people envy me for being so, yet they do not know the effort I had exerted before and after I moved to Macau. When others were playing and watching TV, I was working on my Chinese. I even stopped watching TVB for ONE WHOLE year!

Steve Jobs' words will always be a reminder to me. Sometimes, I feel weak in my daily life or confused about my future, yet I know that God has a plan for me. I may not know now, but I will when I look back on the "dots". At the moment, I should just make the right choice and live life to the fullest.

### Comments :

It's a very encouraging story and the use of the quoted speech by Steve Jobs makes the writer's illustration more convincing. Her positive attitude towards life does encourage us to pursue a fruitful life regardless of the challenges in life.