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Sharing a very popular message – “During Childhood days, we are given pencils with erasers, so that whenever we do mistakes, we can erase them. But when we become adults, we use a pen to write where correction becomes difficult”. Be it a child or adult, we tend to commit mistakes in life, after all we are humans. Now what are the differences and my takeaway from this statement:

- a. Erasing a pencil mark is relatively easy. Same way when children commit a mistake, they have no ego or any other issue to accept. They accept their mistakes gracefully and are happy to rectify it immediately.
- b. Though erase marks are visible, the corrections are accepted. As a child when we do a mistake, people do not take it to heart, or the impact is less.
- c. Though the erase mark is still seen, the child’s courage to accept the mistakes is always appreciated.
- d. Forgiving a child’s mistake is very easy as they are in the learning process.

But what happens when we do mistakes as adults?

- a. Pen marks are difficult to erase. Same way as adults when we do a mistake, due to various reasons, it becomes difficult to accept and correct it.
- b. While using a pen, we are forced to use external means like a correction pen which makes the mistakes/corrections more visible. As adults when we do a mistake, the impact is more.
- c. Still, we need to try our best to correct it, this again shows our courage. Courage is not just physical, it represents our action of accepting the mistake.
- d. Since we are adults, people do not accept our correction of mistakes easily, rather forgiving takes a longer time.

To Err is human. Unintentionally we may commit mistakes, but **IMPACT** matters a lot. When we understand the impact we have created on others, we must have the courage to accept, apologize, and if possible, rectify it. Our mistakes may become more visible when we try to rectify but still, we must have the courage to accept and apologize. When we justify, we focus on our intention (**selfishness**) but when we apologize, we focus on Impact (**Empathetic**). In both cases be it a child or adult, we must ensure that we do not repeat the mistake. When we use an eraser or a correction pen too many times, we will land up damaging the paper which is the relationship. Though we say, 'To Err is Human', we need to ensure that we are more careful and should not keep on erring.

Life is too short and there is no guarantee that we will have an opportunity to interact again, hence it is better we are more careful in handling a relationship to ensure a harmonious life. 🙏