

THE LITTLE PINE

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While out walking in my backyard, I noticed this little pine tree growing out of the stump of an older tree that had been cut down many years earlier. Gazing at it, I became very inspired as two thoughts popped into my head.

The first is the incredible perseverance and persistence the little tree demonstrates as it refuses to give up in its quest to live. It simply won't give in to the tough circumstances it was born into. The little tree is a survivor.

The second thought is how the older tree, now reduced to a mere stump, is still nurturing and caring for the little tree. While limited in what it can provide for the young tree, the older tree is still doing all it can to provide a strong foundation, nutrition, and shelter from the storm in the best way it knows how.

In life, you can't control the circumstances you inherit when you are born into this world, but you can work hard to change our stars and become the best possible version of yourself. Work hard. Love your parents. Love your kids. Serve others.

Life is an open window that closes a little more each day. Enjoy the warm air and sunshine while you are blessed with the opportunity to experience them.

