

FAITH WORDS TALK SERIES

Spiritual Qualities...

words of introduction to a new series

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.

Matthew 5:14

Amazing splendor in both color and form appears each time flowers open their petals to the sun. The process of blooming displays what had been hidden from the day of its planting to the morning of its opening. In ways closely related to the flower, we are created in the image and likeness of God. Loving and caring traits are veiled within each of us. Divine inner beauty is dormant but eagerly waiting to be unveiled. Each week, we will look at a new Faith Word to build a bridge to acceptance among all of God's human creatures.

Displaying our divine nature is prevalent when we express spiritual qualities like kindness, compassion, love, acceptance, and focused interest in all people. We feel a direct and continuous connection to Spirit, and our highest calling is to be the expression of God in this world. This TALK provides the fundamental concepts to introduce you to "Faith Words", the next series in weekly TEDDY TALKs.

People are divine in nature. Divinity can be identified through personal expression qualities and knowledge that there are personal differences among all people. We express our own spiritual qualities in as many different ways as there are readers of these words. Each reveals a unique divine nature as a fulfillment of opportunities to be a blessing in our home, in our Church, in our community, in our country, and in our world.

God is the source of the sun's rays, the rainy days, and the photosynthesis that cause plants to produce not only sustenance, but exquisite beauty as expected. God is the source of the oxygen to breath, the food to nourish bodies, and the spirit to comfort souls. Each of us breath in universal truths about interaction between plants, animals, and humans in scientific chemical interaction.

In the spiritual world we exhale any thoughts of scarcity or lacking...a feeling of returning to deep, abiding inner peace that permeates our soul builds confidence and passion within each of us. As we will explore in this series, the "faith words" will guide us to an assurance that God is a constant source to infuse us with peace, strength, joy, and gratitude. By the way, peace, strength, joy and gratitude are four of many Faith Words to explore.

The following words are to set the stage for the writings that will be posted under the banner, *TEDDY TALK with Martin Friends & Family* over the next ten weeks. Maybe more, if I can keep the creative juices flowing.

Remember that Faith is the voice abiding within us that nudges us toward new areas of physical, mental, and spiritual growth. In the weeks that follow, we should seek and find ways to challenge old beliefs about ourselves and our lives. We should also ask, how can I, as a divinely created being be limited or ever considered less than enough. In truth, we are created with divine wisdom, strength, beauty, and love. Rather than make decisions based on the advice of those around us, we grow by choosing what aligns with our passion and purpose in the word.

Faith is the key ingredient in these TALKS and the words are intended to encourage all to seek God first and then expect that all needs will be met abundantly through a relationship to the source of all things universal. Together, we will find answers to questions of our hearts as faith keeps us on a path to spiritual understanding.

May the “Faith” be with us...and may Faith provide the Force to find inner peace, comfort, loving character, and healing powers through Faith Words.

Your prayers for the author of this series will be greatly appreciated.

Peace Always

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