

FAITH WORDS

TALK SERIES

Believe

Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward.

Hebrews 10:35

Belief is an important topic that fully deserves more words than I will be writing. However, when you read this, Sandy and I will be on our way to St. Joseph Missouri for my brothers memorial service. April 2, 2020, EJay McIlvain's beliefs became his reality. I can confidently say that EJay has known and professed his beliefs in the Gospel message of being resurrected into eternal peace with God. He knew that his life would one day end, but he was clear in his certainty about his eternal life after death would be glorious. Today, I claim his life to be heavenly.

With that being said, I am aware there is much more to believing than the post resurrection message. We live in a world that demands a belief in our own growth experience for the remainder of our natural life. What we believe about ourselves determines our capacity to grow. We must learn to connect with our full, confident self-awareness and engage the circumstances of life with dignity and steadfast determination. What follows is from my heart and may not be a belief that you support or can internalize. What follows are words that I trust will allow you to set your own intentions and beliefs. By nature of human beings, we cannot think alike in every situation.

Believing in ourselves as spiritual expressions of infinite intelligence will help engage every challenge with courage and strength. My daily routine consists of three specific interactions with the divine presence within me. First, each morning I say aloud my thanksgiving to the universal God. Gratefulness to the Divine is important to me. Second, I express my awareness of what I am and say loud and clear, I am confident, I am courageous, I am unstoppable, and the list goes on. Third, I ask the Universe of God for giving Peace, Comfort, and Healing to friends and family that have health or loss needs. That prayer goes beyond family to the world in chaos where wars continue, people harm people, and many face death due to pandemic diseases, hunger, and thirst. May God be with them all.

Here are only a few beliefs that are important enough to me to try to instill them in my kinfolk, my students, and my Church family in person or on Zoom. As in the morning ritual, we take time to quiet our thoughts, replace any self-doubt with the undeniable belief that we are the image and likeness of God, wonderfully made. We can believe we possess all the talents and abilities need to overcome any limitations. Powerful and joyous contributions to the world's good is possible because we believe ourselves to be a conscious agent for beneficial change.

Let us as a collective “one” make the conscious effort to make valuable contributions to the spiritual evolution of humanity.

Peace Always

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