



A Season for Non-Violence, Oakland

Day 10
February 8, 2004

Beloved Peacekeepers,

The personal journey continues -- a deepening of faith, practice and principle - What is faith? I have faith, our process together is working -- individually and collectively -- we are all focused on non-violence and peace in our lifetime....I have faith in the power of the MIND.....

Today's Principle, Today's Practice - **Faith**

When Caesar Chavez was organizing farm workers, he challenged them to say, "Si, se puede." (Yes, it is possible.) when they didn't know how they would overcome obstacles. Today, say "Yes it is possible." even when you don't know how your goal will be realized. Have faith and say, "It is possible," until you find a way

Ask yourself -- what is faith? What is my faith? Do I have faith in myself? How do I demonstrate lack of faith? How do I demonstrate faith -- with myself, with others? Recall a time when your faith was deepened -- what was it and how was it deepened?

Journal Activity: Journal your thoughts....

Consider these Quotes on Faith:

Our faith comes in moments, yet there is a depth in those brief moments which constrains us to ascribe more reality to them than to all other experiences.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

Ethical religion can be real only to those who are engaged in ceaseless efforts at moral improvement. By moving upward we acquire faith in an upward movement, without limit. - Felix Adler

I have one life and one chance to make it count for something . . . I'm free to choose what that something is, and the something I've chosen is my faith. Now, my faith goes beyond theology and religion and requires considerable work and effort. My faith demands -- this is not optional -- my faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I am, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference. - Jimmy Carter

My faith has been the driving thing of my life. I think it is important that people who are perceived as liberals not be afraid of talking about moral and community values.

- Marian Wright Edelman

Mahomet made the people believe that he would call a hill to him, and from the top of it offer up his prayers for the observers of his law. The people assembled; Mahomet called the hill to come to him, again and again, and when the hill stood still, he was never a whit abashed, but said, "If the hill will not come to Mahomet, Mahomet will go to the hill." Francis Bacon - Essays of Boldness

Faith is a higher faculty than reason. - Philip James Bailey

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

-Bible, Hebrews Chapter 11 verse 1

For we walk by faith, not by sight. - Bible, II Corinthians Chapter 5 verse 7

An outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. -Book of Common Prayer

We lean on Faith; and some less wise have cried, "Behold the butterfly, the see that's cast!" Vain hopes that fall like flowers before the blast! What man can look on Death unterrified? - Richard Watson Gilder, Love and Death



Your messages I hear, but faith has not been given; The dearest child of Faith is Miracle [Ger., Die Botschaft hor' ich wohl, allein mir fehlt der Glaube; Das Wunder ist des Glaubens liebstes Kind.] - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

And we shall be made truly wise if we be content; content, too, not only with what we can understand, but content with what we do not understand--the habit of mind which theologians call--and rightly--faith in God. - Charles Kingsley

That in such righteousness To them by faith imputed they may find Justification towards God, and peace Of conscience. - John Milton, Paradise Lost

Faith may be defined briefly as an illogical belief in the occurrence of the improbable.
-H. L. Mencken

Faith is love taking the form of aspiration. -William Ellery Channing

Its not dying for faith thats so hard, its living up to it. William Makepeace Thackeray

The smallest seed of faith is better than the largest fruit of happiness.
-Henry David Thoreau

"Let us consider the power of Faith, as demonstrated by one of the world's greatest souls, Mahatma Gandhi. In this man the world had one of the most astounding examples of the possibilities of Faith. Gandhi didn't have money, no home, no battleships, soldiers or any other material resources, yet he had more potential power than any man living in his time. How did he come by this power? He created it out of his understanding of the principle of Faith and through his leadership which inspired two hundred million people to move in unison, as a single mind. What other force on earth, except Faith, could do as much?" - Thomas Merton

A simple blessing in faith!

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