



DISTRICT 48 NEWSLETTER

IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT FAITH

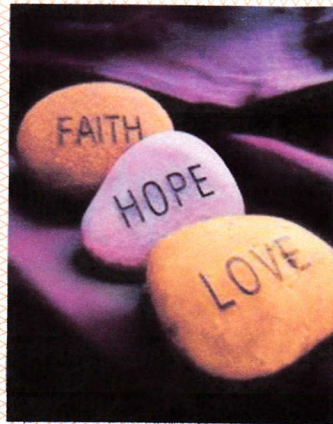
Imagine life without faith! Were nothing left but pure reason, it wouldn't be life. But we believed in life—of course we did. We could not prove life in the sense that you can prove a straight line is the shortest distance between two points, yet, there it was. Could we still say the whole thing was nothing but a mass of electrons, created out of nothing, meaning nothing, whirling on to a destiny of nothingness? Of course we couldn't. The electrons themselves seemed more intelligent than that. At least, so the chemist said.

Hence, we saw that reason isn't everything. Neither is reason, as most of us use it, entirely dependable, though it emanate from our best minds. What about people who proved man could never fly?

Yet we had been seeing another kind of flight, a spiritual liberation from the world, people who rose above their problems. They said God

made these things possible, and we only smiled. We had seen spiritual release, but liked to tell ourselves it wasn't true.

Actually we were fooling ourselves, for deep in every man, woman and child, is the fundamental idea of God. It may be obscured by calamity, by



pomp, by worship of other things, but in some form or other it is there. For faith in a Power greater than ourselves, and miraculous demonstrations of that power in human lives, are facts as old as man himself.

We finally saw that faith in some kind of God was a part of our make-up, just as much as the feeling we have for a friend.

Sometimes we had to search fearlessly, but He was there. He was as much a fact as we were. We found the Great Reality deep down within us. In the last analysis it is only there that He may be found. It was so with us.

We can only clear the ground a bit. If our testimony helps sweep away prejudice, enables you to think honestly, encourages you to search diligently within yourself, then, if you wish, you can join us on the Broad Highway. With this attitude you cannot fail. The consciousness of your belief is sure to come to you.



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Step 10

SELFISHNESS, DISHONESTY, RESENTMENT, AND FEAR

This thought brings us to Step Ten, which suggests we continue to take personal inventory and continue to set right any new mistakes as we go along. We vigorously commenced this way of living as we cleaned up the past. We have entered the world of the Spirit. Our next function is to grow in understanding and effectiveness.

This is not an overnight matter. It should continue for our lifetime. 1.) *Continue to watch for selfishness, dishonesty, resentment, and fear. When these crop up,* 2.) *we ask God at once to remove them.* 3.) *We discuss them with someone immediately and* 4.) *make amends quickly if we have harmed anyone.* 5.) *Then we resolutely turn our thoughts to someone we*

can help.

Love and tolerance of others is our code.



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OCTOBER HAPPENINGS

WORKSHOP

October 12, 2013

"A New World Discovered"

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

First United Methodist Church—entrance by the fountain
604 Market Street, Williamsport PA 17701

TOPICS:

"The Importance of AA Traditions"—Charlie P.

"The Love of Your Higher Power"—Bill K.

"Taking the Heat Out of Hotline Calls"—District 48 Hotline Committee

****Light Refreshments Served****

ALKATHON

October 19, 2013

The Williamsport Group's 70th Anniversary
"Walk Day-By-Day In the Path of Spiritual Progress"

12N to 9:00 pm

Center for Independent Living—Building
24 East Third Street—Use the C.I.L. Bldg side door
(across from J.S. State Bank)
Williamsport, PA 17701

For additional info: Lowell 570-971-2811

ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries can be emailed to aadistrict48@gmail.com

CELEBRATE—You are a miracle!

Ellen D. 10/1/13 9 yrs; Janine B-S 10/11/13 5 yrs;

Rudy 8/17/13 19 yrs; Taryn 8/17/13 90 days;

Amy H. 9/24/13 5 yrs; Lindsey E. 9/13/13 10 months; Stacia A. 9/10/13 8 yrs; Alisa C. 9/26/2013 10yrs; Garth 9/13/13 60 days; Stacy 9/11/13 4 months; Nicholas N. 9/19/13 2 yrs; Jen W. 9/25/13 2 yrs; Patty 9/20/13 90 days; Tom 9/20/13 90 days; Katie G. 1 yr!