

Quotes that inspire

For my final column of the year, I'm sticking with my tradition of sharing some of my favorite quotes, some from this tough year and some from history. I hope you find one or two to post on your office wall.

"Live your beliefs and you can turn the world around." — Henry David Thoreau.

"It always seems impossible until it's done." — Nelson Mandela.

"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts." — Winston Churchill.

"All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination." — Earl Nightingale.

"We generate fears while we sit. We overcome them by action." — Dr. Henry Link.

"I have learned over the years that when one's mind is made up, this diminishes fear; knowing what must be done does away with fear." — Rosa Parks.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that." — Martin Luther King.

"If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito." — His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

"The Sun always comes out after the storm. Being optimistic and surrounding yourself with positive, loving people is, for me, living life on the sunny



side of the street." — Janice Dean.

"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do." — Eleanor Roosevelt.

"The path ahead won't be easy. It isn't what we fought for. But it's the path before us — and I believe in our ability to keep up the fight. Reach down deep to find the strength to keep going." — Sen. Elizabeth Warren on Nov. 18.

"When a library is open, no matter its size or shape, democracy is open, too." — Bill Moyers.

"We must use our lives to make the world a better place to live, not just to acquire things. That is what we are put on the earth for." — Dolores Huerta.

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up." — Vince Lombardi.

"You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take." — Wayne Gretzky.

"Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." — Barack Obama.

"Be brave. Take risks. Nothing can substitute

experience." — Paula Coelho.

"Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world." — Former Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, organized citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." — Margaret Mead.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." — from a speech by John F. Kennedy, based on a John Stuart Mill quote.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." — Helen Keller.

"Be hopeful, be optimistic. Never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble. We will find a way to make a way out of no way." — Rep. John Lewis.

"It isn't enough to believe in equality and peace and human rights; one must work at it." — Kate Quinn in, "The Diamond Eye."

"The country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in." — Theodore Roosevelt.

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