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BELIEVING

Mickey & the cats... ... Always love him (Miss a putt... 'don't worry, the cats still love you')

Example of believing in someone ...

Son convicted of heinous crimes 20 years ago...mother knew son and knew of his innocence and never stopped believing in him, in his innocence. 20 years later DNA evidence proved his innocence.

Mother knew something the world did not know. She knew his heart...

Merton Quote:

“The beginning of the fight against hatred, the basic Christian answer to hatred is not the commandment to love, but what must necessarily come before in order to make the commandment bearable and comprehensible. It is a prior commandment to believe. The root of Christian love is not the will to love, but the faith that one is loved; the faith that one is loved by God; that faith that one is loved by God although unworthy --- or, rather, irrespective of one's worth! In the true Christian vision of God's love, the idea of worthiness loses its significance.” God loves you because you ARE! (Are His)

BELIEVING ...

“14:1 ... “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in Me.” ...29) and now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.” --- Order of Believing ---

Mother Teresa Quote:

“We must not think that our love has to be extraordinary. But we do need to love without getting tired. How does a lamp burn? Through the continuous input of small drops of oil. These drops are the small things of daily life: faithfulness, small words of kindness, a thought for others, our way of being quiet, of looking, of speaking, and of acting. They are the true drops of love that keep our lives and relationships burning like a lively flame.”

Those 'drops' come from other Christians who do not pay heed to the world's ways but to the ways of God and Believers like you. It is the phone call to check on another. It is the pat on the shoulder in times of hardship. It is the smile or twinkling eye that lets the other know you care, really care .

God's love is ultimately known in our belief in the Resurrection as God's primary sign of His Love for us.