

Change is up to Us

Whoever would've thought it, that America would see its first African-American President in our day and time? Many of us have wondered if it was possible, but we don't have to wonder anymore; President Obama has made his appearance. The media says that the world has a love affair with our new President, and why not. Newness is in the air. It's a new era and a new place in time that we thought we would never see. I'm so awesomely thankful to be alive, and well, to see it for myself.

The Inauguration was such a time of elation and excitement. Words cannot express the level of joy so many Americans felt on that cold January 20th. For one day, over 2 million Americans came together with change in their hearts and minds. Happiness gleamed from the face of nearly everyone, as Black, White, Hispanic, Asian... all races of people converged on the capitol city and braved the sub-freezing temperatures just to see one man—to see history in the making. I don't think I can recall ever witnessing such a combustion of affection and unity amongst a group so large, and it was all at the helm of one man; a man that carries the weight of the world on his shoulders for the sake of this country. But I couldn't help but wonder also....would these same people meet, two million strong, with such adoration and passion for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ?

If 2 million people came together for one day to praise the Lord, imagine how our world would change, even for that moment. Why... we would probably witness a miracle the likes of which we've never seen.

The platform of "*change*" works. We know that because Jesus Christ came up with it. He has been promising change for over two thousand years and delivered on that promise 100% of the time. And none of us have ever seen or touched him. People need to feel connected to someone they CAN see, touch, and hear, I get that. They want instant gratification, but our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ has given us something far greater.

He said in John 10:10 (NKJV), "*I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.*"

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Jesus Christ made it available for us to have a more than abundant life. He made it possible for us to experience the kind of joy that we felt on Inauguration Day, and we must never forget that.

His miracles and wonders are too numerous to count, feeding of five thousand with 5 loaves of bread and two fish; healing of the blind, the deaf, and the demon possessed; his amazing resurrection. It seems almost insulting to mention these few things because his catalog of good works is so extensive and awesome, that mere words would not do them justice. He did these things because he was willing and able, and because he loved us. It is that love that should burn in our hearts all the time, and it should inspire us to embrace more change with the same sense of faith that we have recently demonstrated.

Our President's intellect and sense of fairness should be admired. He captured our hearts and elicited our faith in him. That faith was backed by our choice to move ourselves off our couches, out of the comfort of our homes, and down to the poles to vote. We applied faith, backed it with action, and then trusted and believed. Imagine what else is possible.

Remember, Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. She was only 13 years of age when she literally took God at His word. When she was approached by the angel, Gabriel, the Word tells us that she was confused and disturbed. She couldn't imagine being pregnant, knowing that she was a virgin. But sure enough, she finally trusted and believed. No one could do this for her. Mary had to believe for herself that she would give birth to the Son of the Most High. She had to trust that she was blessed and highly favored. It was her faith in the Word of God that made the promise of our Heavenly Father a reality.

Faith is an amazing thing, and we needn't think that our job is over simply because the election is. It is just the beginning, and it will take more than 2 million people to get it done. God is calling upon all of us who know what faith is all about, who know what it is to pray and have patience, to continue what many will abandon in the days ahead. Those who favor instant gratification sour quickly, and it will be left to those of us who love the Lord to remind folks that joy is an enduring reality. And we can accomplish many more wonderful things if we pray together and have faith in the fact that the choice to make change happen has always been up to us.

John 6:51(NLT)

I am the living bread that came down out of heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; this bread is my flesh, offered so the world may live."

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America has made history in electing our first African American president. Some will undoubtedly see him as a savior, expecting him to make right what has been wrong for so long in our country. But Jesus Christ came to save the world. He gave his life so that we could live, because he knew God's plan for humankind and purposed to do his part to fulfill it. Let us do our part too. Let us pray for our president and his family, for our country, and for the world. Let us not forget the joy of seeing him being sworn in, but remember that it is just a precursor of what's to come. And in all things, in spite of troubling economic times, in spite of wars, remember to look to Jesus, *"the author and finisher of [our] faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."* (Hebrews 12:2)

Many Blessings,
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