

# FAITH

By Donna Deos

As my daughter gets ready to move to Minneapolis, MN for her dream job in visual merchandising, she hands me a little quote on canvas. It's small, about 5 inches by 7 inches. It has beautiful script print and a background that looks like a sunrise. It says:

"Faith is daring the soul to go beyond what the eyes can see."

She says, "Here, Mom. This is totally you. You should keep it."

So, I said thank you (with a tear in my eye) and hung it on the wall in my office behind my desk, next to my "Amethyst Angel" print of Arch Angel Haniel and above my porcelain doll sculpture of Jesus with 2 children that is to represent "and Jesus said, let the children come to me." That was what The Reverend Jim Batten said every Sunday at Wesley United Methodist Church in Concord when I was a child attending there. It was his segue to do a little children's lesson to move us from church with our parents into our Sunday school classrooms. It has stuck with me my whole life.

Haniel is the Arch Angel of Creativity and Love. Two things I try to bring to everything that I do. That is why she is always right behind me in my daily work. There are many times that I ask the folks that I work with, and my family, friends, and essentially everyone I meet, to have faith in themselves, in things they do not understand and cannot see and in knowing that whatever comes will be right for them.

It doesn't always look or feel right, I know. Many times it feels like the worst possible thing ever. And then, as you work through it, as you face the storm, put up your chin and bravely march forward as you move through that storm. When you come out, you are in a much better place. You have a better understanding of life and how important the PEOPLE in our lives are.

Let's face it, stuff is just stuff. It may be stuff that you have had and loved for your entire life. It may be stuff that belonged to someone you have loved and lost. However, at the end of the day it is still just



stuff. You cannot take it with you when you go. I'm not saying stuff isn't important, doesn't have value or meaning and that you should get rid of it all. What I am saying is that when it comes right down to what is MOST important at the end of the day is WHO we have in our lives and how we treat them, and how they treat us.

Surround yourself with people you love and show them that you do. Life is too short and has lots of unexpected twists and turns to miss your opportunity to tell them what they mean to you each and every time that you can.

Also, please believe in good things. Please know that the greatest lessons with the biggest rewards in our lives come from the most challenging of circumstances.

Diamonds are created under pressure, they say. Well, we are all diamonds in our own right. We have felt the pressures and we have emerged bright and shiny.

I wish you and yours all the faith you can muster. I dare you to let your soul go beyond what the eyes can see. Beautiful things await you there, my friends.

And always know that you are not alone. I am here, we are all right here with you on your journey – cheering you on and wishing you the bright sunny skies of coming out on the other side of whatever challenges you face.

Much love, Donna

# Caution - Horses

By Gina Dyke



With the good weather, we are all out and about enjoying the sun. There are a few laws that we all need to keep in mind as we venture outside.

- NH Law indicates that if you see a horse walking on the side of the road, the horse has the right away. To keep everyone safe, it indicates that the driver of a vehicle must slow down and pass quietly and wide.
- If the horse is having a problem, the vehicle must come to a complete stop. Where slow is a relative term, what is the best speed? The average speed limit in Bow is 30 miles an hour. This is not considered slow to a horse. Slow to them is anywhere from 0-15 miles.
- Do not wave out the window, accelerate or turn up the radio.
- The average horse is over 1000 pounds. They are prey animals and have survived by either fighting or flight. A rearing horse is quick and strong. The damage to a vehicle can be extensive. Holding back 1000 pounds of a scared horse is difficult at best.
- Now horse owners have obligations also. They should wear something visible to traffic and stay as far off the road as possible. They should be thoughtful and clean up after their animals if riding on the road.
- Bow also **does not** permit bikes, 4 wheelers or loose dogs on the trails in town. The penalty can be steep. Besides being fined, the police can and will confiscate your vehicle.
- Should you meet a rider on the trails, stop, remain quiet and let them pass. It is also a good idea to go the other side of the trail or road.

So, let's all try to make this season a safe and fun time for all to enjoy.



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