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Making a Difference ... The Dream Lives On

We make decisions everyday, some of which we are cognizant of and others we make unconsciously. The majority of us make the decision to get out of bed and go out into the world, granted we may go separate ways; we still are out there. We have the choice of putting our best foot forward each day to tackle adversities or letting ourselves drag through a long eventful day, evading tough situations. Hopefully, we try our best to conquer our adversities instead of evading them. Dr. King once said, "faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase." We have to have faith that we can make a difference in this vast world of ours.

Making a difference does not always have to involve an elaborate plan, but it does involve deciding to make a change. Change could be as drastic as peace in the Middle East or as modest as mentoring a child from your neighborhood. Dr. King believed that "whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be, until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality." I believe the modest everyday acts of kindness make a difference in millions of peoples' lives.

Are people still making changes to positively impact the lives of others? I suppose they are. Dr. King once said, "an individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

A Wish with Wings is an outstanding organization that continues to make a difference, positively impacting the lives of others, generously fulfilling the wishes of perilously ill children, leaving the children and their families with lifelong memories. They make the decision to think of others each day instead of focusing solely on themselves. This organization is funded by hundreds of other individuals and corporations who believe that helping others is an important task, contributing their time and funds to help this dream a reality. If we could emulate even a portion of the generosity that this organization and its supporters demonstrate we could drastically help impact the life of someone other than ourselves.

The yet to be asked is, are we ready to step up to the plate and follow the examples of individuals like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and organizations like Wish With Wings, that decided to make a difference in an effort to help those around them? I am proud to say I am at the plate and I will allow the dream to live through me. So, I am asking you, are you prepared to allow the dream to live through you?