Cause’ You Gotta Have Faith

I was once told that if you get writer’s block, it doesn’t mean you’re a bad writer, it just means you’re not writing the right thing. But who’s to say that what you’re writing is right or wrong?

Everything in today’s society is based upon meeting standards and being the very best. But nobody stops to ask, ‘who sets these standard?’ or ‘what makes them better than me?’

This kind of pressure can be severe for teens all over the world. If it’s trying to live up to siblings, friends, or just wanting to hear the words ‘I’m proud of you’, this pressure is always there, and for some it can get too much. These standards are always changing, and nobody knows where they stand in life, or where to go for guidance. For a teen, ‘bettering’ themselves can be the hardest tasks, because they don’t know what it is that can be improved.

How do we fix this, you might ask, how do we make it better? Well for a simple question is a simple answer. A teen will spend an average of six hours a day, five days a week with non-other than their teachers. Most students develop positive and encouraging relationships with their teachers. The thought of doing justice to them, does justice to you. One may find that those whom do not engage with their teachers and receive encouragement do not find learning fun or ‘worth it’.

Now the problem is encouragement in the classroom is almost as hard as trying to find a needle in a haystack and if I was asked, I would state the absurdity of the situation. All that’s needed to be said is ‘well done’, or ‘keep up the good work’ when the opportunity arises, because I can promise it will make a whole world of change.

A lot of children suffer from neglect at home, exclusion in the playground or just live with no confidence. This can show in the amount of effort displayed in their school work. But the moment they are told by just one person they are doing something right, a door to positivity opens to them. Just simple little compliments can really help someone increase a grade, or give them the confidence to go for a job. That one little encouragement can turn somebody’s life around, make a real difference. It’s not hard to have faith in someone, but it can be hard to have faith in one’s self.

You’re never a bad writer, you’re just writing the wrong thing. And the wrong thing is only wrong, when it isn’t true to you.

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