



Change

Inspired by the multi-talented Sheryl Sandberg who is the COO of Facebook, an American Technology Exec., and Activist and Author.

Mrs. Sandberg was featured (Google) on GMA May 16, 2016.

Mrs. Sandberg shared her personal story and outlook on the power of love, life and perseverance, after the passing of her late husband David Goldberg.

This interview for me was extremely moving and inspired me to write these pieces, Atonement and Heart of a Lion.

Mrs. Sandberg speaking for so many abroad known and unknown we understand, concur and applaud you for sharing the power of your personal story and its moving message.

Being a proud African American, for centuries my culture like so many others has mastered the art of adapting regardless the conditions.

Arguably the word change just may be one of the most powerful words in the English dictionaries amongst other dictionaries.

Although the dictionary has its specific meaning for the word change, this word varies and constantly fluctuates for every breathing being, mammal or cold-blooded animal.

The word itself is simple. However we as human beings have created unfair and many times unrealistic standards of this word based on various things to name a few; race, cultures, bloodlines, financial statuses, class of life, lifestyles, communities, availability, professions, religion, laws, etc.

Today individually and as a society we've made this so simple word so unnecessarily complicated.

For far too many change is not only the kryptonite to a comfort zone, the word many times is not accepted, misunderstood and in all too many ways regardless the status or class of life or lifestyle the word is feared.

To many times the messenger supersedes the message and the dynamics of numerical and statistical formulas we have adapted to rely on can be and are easily manipulated and misleading.

My personal story and all those like me from the streets attempting to graduate our street lifestyles to fear change. However I (and hopefully others) choose today to challenge my fears head on from a mental and physical space of incarceration.

I (like so many others from the streets) feel if I do not create a feasible lane of change for myself no one else will.

The magnitude and reality of that statement play a key role in increasing and or decreasing the possibilities of throwing rocks at the doors and walls of death, statistics and recidivism numbers.





No one in the alleged lower tiers or classes of life regardless the education background, etc., is comfortable with chasing the bare minimum and necessities all their lives.

So when sufficient financial opportunities surface good, bad or indifferent – you tell us we can't – we'll show you we can – you tell us we won't – we'll show and prove we will.

Regardless the scenarios of life's individual statuses, comfort zones, or struggles, failures or success stories, etc., it is estimated in the best or worst case scenarios that only 20% of the brain capacities were used.

Therefore adding some key ingredients of humility, respect and understanding the way we as individuals desire to be understood, it will become extremely clear that we all have room and cause to challenge, address, and conquer our fears of change.

Change will cater to the growth of our nation, personal testimonies and the heartbeat of all mankind to shine like Mrs. Sandberg outlook on the power of love, life and perseverance.

Yes change is scary, but change is cool.

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