

## “Do What You Love” Ryan Huston

I'm here to tell you: 'Life isn't just what you think'  
It's full of puzzles, still just a puzzle to me  
And every time you think you're ahead, it's not what it seems  
Life tends to happen while you're still making your plans  
So dare to dream big, "cuz" its worth taking a Chance  
And when tomorrow comes, you will know you gave everything

*So just do what you love  
And love what you do  
There're so many things in life and they're all here for you  
Just do what you love  
Do it for you  
Smile everyday  
You can do anything!*

At times we find ourselves by the risks that we take  
Turns out the best part: life is the love that we make  
Seek the answers to all your questions, what can you see?  
We're all connected in life, we're all part of the same  
The time we have here, short but it's worth everything  
No matter what just know that there's nothing you cannot be

And at times it'll feel just like when it rains it pours you will see  
And at times it'll seem just like all the walls closed in on me  
Just gotta believe.

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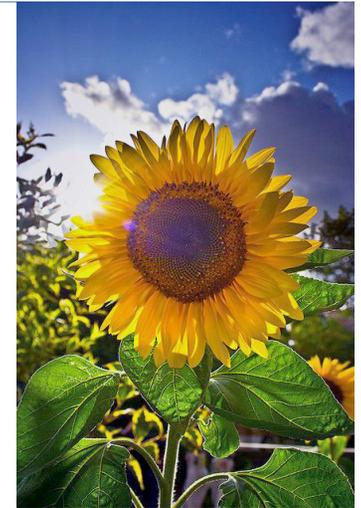
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“Let yourself  
be  
silently drawn  
by  
the stronger pull  
of  
what you really  
love.”

~ Rumi



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listening & direction

Our prayer is characterized  
by silence ~

**Be still and know that I am God!**

In that silence we listen for a new word.  
God is present in all our lives.  
God cares for us, and  
our life experiences are a source  
of deepening knowledge of God and self.

Inspired by God's Word in the silence  
we share from our hearts.

**Pondering:** from *Let your Life Speak* by Parker Palmer and *The Road to Character* by David Brooks

Palmer: “Our lives are ‘experiments in truth’ (to borrow the subtitle of Gandhi’s autobiography), and in an experiment negative results are at least as important as successes. I have no idea how I would have learned the truth about myself and my calling without the mistakes I have made... Our deepest calling is to grow into our own authentic selfhood, whether or not it conforms to some image of who we *ought* to be. As we do so, we will not only find the joy that every human seeks – we will also find our path of authentic service in the world. True vocation joins self and service, as Frederick Buechner asserts when he defines vocation as ‘the place where your deep gladness meets the world’s deep need.’”

Brooks: “as people rise up and seek to meet God, their desires slowly change. In prayer, people gradually reform their desires so that more and more they want the things they believe will delight God rather than the things they used to think would delight themselves.

The ultimate conquest of self, in this view, is not won by self-discipline, or an awful battle within self. It is won by going out of self, by establishing a communion with God and by doing the things that feel natural and in order to return God’s love.

This is the process that produces an inner transformation. One day you turn around and notice that everything inside has been realigned. The old loves no longer thrill. You love different things and are oriented in different directions. You have become a different sort of person. You didn’t get this way simply by following this or that moral code, or adopting a drill sergeant’s discipline or certain habits. You did it instead because you reordered your loves, and as Augustine says again and again, you become what you love.”

**Reading:** a poem by Maya Angelou

“You can only  
become truly  
accomplished  
at something you love.

Don’t make money  
your goal

Instead,  
*pursue the things  
you love doing,*  
and then do them  
so well  
that people can’t take  
their eyes off you.”



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**a word...**  
**a phrase...**  
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