

## **VOICES: What does 'faith equals daily life' mean to you?**

*Members from Rocky Mountain Joint Territory respond:*

It means awakening every day happy to be alive. To do gongyo with appreciation for the new day's challenge. I hope by winning each day with faith, I will be able to encourage others to realize their dreams, too.

— LINDA PALMER, Denver

This concept manifests to me in the interconnectedness of everything. Faith is how important I make my morning gongyo and how much quality daimoku I can chant, along with naturally chanting for others. To the extent that I base myself on faith, I am making proportionate progress in my life, improving relationships, reaching my goals and becoming a happier person.

—JANET JOHANNSEN, Arvada, Colo.

It means really showing actual proof in all areas of my life. My workplace is rife with people complaining about the conditions, wages, nepotism, etc. If I have a low life-condition, I tend to get sucked into that, too. But when I chant sincerely and do a resonant gongyo, I find I'm able to excel in my job, fully tapping the great training I've received from doing Gajokai, Soka Group and other activities. Through faith, I plan to win at home and in society and enjoy my daily life at every moment.

— SAM BACON, Denver

Faith in the form of fierce daimoku, diligent attention to gongyo and an unshakable belief in the absolute power of the Gohonzon has completely changed every aspect of my life. I have recently purchased a beautiful new home, overcome a difficult work environment and celebrated my 10th year as a stockbroker for a major Wall Street firm. Also, I was elected as election commissioner in Denver by a predominantly democratic electorate (I am republican)!

— JAN TYLER, Denver

One year ago, I received guidance to challenge myself to improve my life by increasing my faith in the Gohonzon. By coming to the realization that faith equals daily life, I knew that I had to base my challenges on faith in the Gohonzon. I find as I progress in faith, I also progress in my daily life. Naturally, I have ups and downs, but now I find more ups than downs in my practice and daily life.

— ROBERT VANSYOC, Lakewood, Colo.

Faith is the essential ingredient in my daily life that gives it meaning. Faith gives me confidence to overcome any obstacle that I encounter and to achieve my dreams, no matter how distant they may appear to be.

— JUDY WERNER, Denver

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