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洪詩涵 Albert Einstein produced the great scientific theory of relativity, but he had a theory about life too. He says, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." If you go through life seeing everything as routine and ordinary, then life will give you no surprises and you will not appreciate life either. But if you take everything in life as a miracle, you will be pleasantly surprised and grateful, and life will be full of fresh energy everyday. Your attitude is everything. No matter what happens, you can still have a fantastic life if you have the right attitude.

蔡宜軒 William Wallace was a freedom fighter for Scotland and Ireland against England, and he sacrificed his life for freedom in the end. His life can be summed up by a quotation by him: "Every man dies, not every man really lives." It's true that we all die sooner or later, there is not much to say about that. But Wallace reminds us that we need to pay attention to how we live our lives. If we have tried to make our lives meaningful, if we have fought for our dreams, if we have done something that we can be proud of, that is proof that we have really lived in this world.

黃郁容 Good afternoon everyone, today I want to share a quotation from Walt Disney. Disney discovered a great passion in animation when he was still a teenager, and he wanted to create a new generation of animation films. But he faced many obstacles. The movie industry was oriented toward adult audiences at the time, and did not have any interest in making children-oriented animation. Disney struggled and kept working toward his dream, and finally he succeeded in creating a fantasy kingdom of animation that delighted children everywhere. He once said, "All your dreams can come true if you have the courage to pursue them." This is not only the theme of all his movies but also a lesson for us all.

徐少婕 People often say that my generation of young people are like strawberries; we are so delicate that we can not bear any hardships of life. But for a Holocaust survivor such as Austrian neurologist and psychiatrist Viktor Emil Frankl, who spent a long time in the concentration camp where he knew no life or hope, the only goal and hope was to stay alive so that he could tell the story of the Jewish genocide. Finding such a meaning in life gives one the strength to go on living even in the worst kind of torment. As Frankl said it plainly, "He who has a why to live can bear with almost any how." If we understand this statement, we will find new strength to face the adversities of life too.

李佳霓 Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of Franklin Roosevelt, dedicated her life to women's rights and human rights. She once said, "A woman is like a tea bag; you never know how strong it is until it's in hot water." I think she was saying that women are not weak or vulnerable as traditional society would like us to believe.

Women may seem to be soft and delicate, like a fragile tea bag, but when circumstances require their strength and exertion, women have often shown they are strong and insistent. A mother could lift a whole car just to save her child who is trapped under the car. A woman can suffer the pain of childbirth which no man could bear. So it's time to get rid of the conventional stereotypes and social prejudices against women once for all.

翁子涵 Many people complain all the time and take life as a torture. Are you one of them and waiting for miracles to happen in your life? Albert Einstein, the famous physicist once said, "there are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle, the other is as though everything is a miracle." You could live your life in despair or in optimism, it all depends on you. Steven Wright, an Academy Award winning American comedian, said it well: "I intend to live forever. So far, so good." I think he could say that because he took everything that happened in his life nicely and he was always thankful. Like Wright, I too believe that life is miraculous. If we are grateful, optimistic, and forgiving, everything will be a miracle in life!

蔡宜軒 One of the most memorable film stars in the 1950s was James Dean, the leading star of the classic film "Rebel Without a Cause." He dropped out of high school because he wanted to be a singer, and he did it and even became a great movie star. He once said, "I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination." In other words, it's important for us to be flexible in our daily undertakings. The winds are just like the sudden changes we face in our life. Instead of becoming afraid, we have to learn to utilize the change to our benefits. After all, there is more than one path to reach a desired destination. If we can adjust our sails, we can still reach it.

劉婷昀 For someone like me, who is shy and timid, going into a new field, a new place, a new experience could be frightening. Lacking courage to go beyond my limit, I feel frustrated when it keeps me from doing my best. However, one day, the words from famous film actress Audrey Hepburn cheered me up. She says, "Nothing is impossible. The word itself says I'm possible." What a brilliant idea! While the word seems to say "impossible," it actually says "I'm possible" if we could only look at it differently. This quotation is very helpful for me because it led me to discover a stronger self.

王慶華 Bob Marley was a singer/song writer who devoted himself to social movements in Jamaica. He once said, "The good times of today are the sad thoughts of tomorrow." He reminded us that when you place a high value on having a good

time today instead of finishing the duties you are responsible for, then you will regret it tomorrow because the work is still not done and you are already out of time. If you can only enjoy the pleasure of today, you will miss out on the better things of the future. As the old proverb goes: “No pain, no gain.” Work hard today, so that you can enjoy the fruit of your work tomorrow.

徐郁蕙 People feel strongly about being lied to, and they feel guilty when they lie to others. But what they don't realize is that they often lie to themselves too. This is discovered by Sigmund Freud, the reputable psychologist, who said, “Being entirely honest with oneself is a good exercise.” It means that there are many hidden psychological forces that keep us from being honest with ourselves. And we become too stubborn or anguished to accept what we are unwilling to see. So we choose to deny their existence. But they will never go away, because they are right here inside us. That's why Freud encouraged us to face up to the awful facts instead of burying our head in the sand.

鍾明君 The quote I choose is from famous science fiction writer Isaac Asimov, and it goes: “In life, unlike chess, the game continues after checkmate.” The word “checkmate” means you are out of moves and so you lose the game in chess. But in the real world, our lives won't stop there. I think Asimov is trying to tell us that life is not like a chess game. When we find ourselves in a blind alley, we must spare no efforts to find the way out. Life does not end when you win or lose something; life goes on and there is always hope. If we can turn the experiences into our strengths, we will be able to face other challenges.

Famous film actress Marilyn Monroe once said “I'm selfish, impatient and a little insecure. I make mistakes, I am out of control and at times hard to handle. But if you can't handle me at my worst, you sure as hell don't deserve me at my best.” I think this quote is about the nature of friendship. People often like you only because you are desirable or useful to them. But in real life, nobody is perfect, and there are always things about us that other people will not like. So the test of true friendship is whether your friends will accept you the way you are. If they cannot accept everything about you, then perhaps they do not deserve to be your friends.

People often advise us to think before we leap. In other words, we should make sure we know all the risks before we take action. But John Henry Newman, a 19th century English cardinal, did not agree with that. He said “Calculation never made a hero.” Calculation here means to think thoroughly before making a decision. Newman believed that heroes are the brave souls who do not calculate all the ins and outs before they take action. They just do it when they feel it is the right thing to do. If you think too much about the risk or possible loss, you will never take action and you will never win. Sometimes you just have to take the risk, and that may make you a hero.

吳昭穎 I'd like to introduce a quotation from Friedrich Nietzsche, famous German philosopher, cultural critic, poet, and composer. He once said, "To live is to suffer, to survive is to find some meaning in the suffering." People often wish for a smooth life, but it's impossible, because there are always going to be challenges that will come your way. That's why Nietzsche says: to live is to suffer. Life is simply hard. But then he says if we try to find some meaning in the suffering, then we will survive. In other words, we will suffer in life, but if we face up to its challenges and create some meaning from them, that means we really learned something through the suffering, and we will survive. There is still hope.

柯馨怡 Andre' Gide is one of the most influential contemporary writers in Europe. He was an unconventional man. He didn't conceal the truth that he is a homosexual at that rather conservative time. Moreover, instead of yielding to the constraints of morality and tradition, he advocated for freedom and Hedonism. Andre' Gide once said, "It is better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for what you are not." The quote is the best reflection of his courage to be himself. It is hard to be true to yourself when facing the pressure from the society. However, you only have one chance to live. So why care about others' mean words? Just be the way you are!