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Is it not amazing how one speech can change your outlook on life? Every day we meet people or hear someone speak that actually leaves an impact on us. For me, that person of impact is Dr. Myles Monroe. Dr. Monroe has motivated me to continue finishing my degree in Biblical Studies due to his life story, teachings, and overall inspiration to continue in spite of adversity.

Dr. Myles is a Minister of the Gospel and a motivational speaker. He was born in the island of the Bahamas, with eleven brothers and sisters including himself. His father was an Associate Baptist Minister, and his mother who was a homemaker. What caught my attention with Dr. Myles is his upbringing, how poor they were, but yet, he didn't realize they were poor because everyone in the vicinity was less fortunate. At the age of fourteen, he began to realize that something was not right about his community and the dynamics of wealth distribution. There was a separation of whites and blacks. While the whites were living in the nicer homes, manicured lawns, and owned cars, Dr. Monroe's family and others in his community were living in two rooms with dirt floors. His Mom and dad had their own room and the other room was for the eleven siblings. Dr. Munroe could not understand why his father was a preacher, a diligent servant of God, but yet the family was in such an impoverished state. At this point, Dr. Myles stated "I had to ask God one question, are you a prejudice God"? That's when the Lord answered

and let him know whatever he wanted to know he needed to read His word, particularly the New Testament. He discovered all he needed through the word of God.

Dr. Myles stated that he trusted the word of God, and put his faith into action, by putting his pen to the paper, he listed his every heart's desire. He made his request known unto God and believed in the word. He applied the scriptures which relates to his family's life situation and to his amazement, changes began to take place. The particular scripture that stood out to him most was, Phil. 4:6 be careful, for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God. KJV. Phil. 4:13 I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. KJV. And Phil. 4:19 but my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. KJV. On account of Dr. Munroe's faith, his hope and trust in the word of God, there was a complete transformation of his life as well as his family. He accomplished every goal according to his request made known unto God. He went on to be a highly requested international motivational speaker, bringing the word of God from nation to nation. Dr. Monroe even spoke to many important government officials in various countries on behalf of the poor and disadvantaged. Unfortunately, in November of 2014, Dr. Munroe, his wife, and several other officials died in a plane crash while they were on their way to a summit in the Bahamas.

Dr. Munroe was an inspiration to me to reach for the stars, to know that I can do all things through Christ which gives me strength. As a believer, I am inspired by his testimonies that with God all things are possible to them that believe. He is truly an inspiration to my life, to keep the faith, and to trust God no matter what the situation may be. He has left a remarkable impact on my life of how negative situations can turn around for the better. We don't have to settle for any impoverished condition. The memory of Dr. Monroe's positive impact of faith will

motivate me to reach for the stars. His legacy will continue to live on within me as a reminder of what I'm capable to accomplish.

In conclusion, Dr. Monroe's life story shows how we can overcome challenges when we trust fully in God. Regardless of how we grow up or the negativity we face, our faithfulness is rewarded. He has inspired me to keep going with my degree and has shown that despite humble backgrounds, you can overcome adversity and achieve. Although Dr. Myles Monroe may be deceased, his teachings and life story continues to inspire many.