

Fear. For so long our nation has lived in this constant fear; of the unknown, of the untold, and the unspoken. Once a great provenance of freedom and hope, fought for by our gracious leaders, now a place locked and secured, with its key thrown away. So contrary to our old beliefs of opportunity for all, no matter the skin tone, speech, or way of life. Because, isn't that the American way. Take in the needy, shelter the poor, nurture those unable to nurture themselves. We as a nation have lost our way, so clouded by our judgment and the continual need to protect ourselves from an invisible enemy, that we can't see that the enemy lies inside of us.

We no longer help people because of our want to be good, we do it out of obligation because we are the "land of liberty", and yet the meaning of our statue has been forgotten. Blown away in a crowd of tourists and sightseers snapping photos for their scrapbooks. But, society is not gone with the wind as well. People still have this ability to love and care, and open their home to others; it simply must be awakened. In order to revive this, just start with a "hello". That's it. To a neighbor, to a co-worker, even to someone you pass on the street. One simple action, one simple word, and America will be on its way to regaining its freedom and its hope. Because, as the ripple effect proves, our actions will become our habits then our habits will become our nature.

Because at the end of the day, it is our own duty, and no one else's, to relight that flame atop of Lady Liberty's torch; so that we may extinguish the fear running ramped through our great nation, and in its place let her lift her fiery lamp beside our golden doors once more and let the warmth of her strength fill every person's bones with freedom, from California to Japan to Australia. Everyone in this world counts, and the hope that we can all live in a place pouring with freedom, that's what drives the world to be a better place, don't destroy that hope, instead

be one more spark in the act of relighting our country's flame, in the act of relighting our country's freedom.