

**“I BELIEVE...”**

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***A Birth Certificate shows that we were born; A Death Certificate shows that we died; Pictures show that we lived! Have a seat. Relax. and now read this slowly.***

*1) I believe - That just because two people argue, it doesn't mean they don't love each other. And just because they don't argue, it doesn't mean they do love each other.*

*2) I believe - That we don't have to change friends if we understand that friends change.*

*3) I believe - That no matter how good a friend is, they're going to hurt us every once in a while and we must forgive them for that.*

*4) I believe - That true friendship continues to grow, even over the longest distance. Same goes for true love.*

*5) I believe - That we can do something in an instant that will give us heartache for life.*

*6) I believe - That it's taking me a long time to become the person I want to be.*

*7) I believe - That we should always leave loved ones with loving words. It may be the last time we see them.*

*8) I believe - That we can keep going long after we think you can't.*

*9) I believe - That we are responsible for what we do, no matter how we feel.*

*10) I believe - That either we control our attitude or it controls you.*

*11) I believe - That heroes are the people who do what has to be done when it needs to be done, regardless of the consequences.*

*12) I believe - That money is a lousy way of keeping score.*

*13) I believe - That sometimes the people we expect to kick us when we're down, will be the ones to help us get back up.*

*14) I believe - That sometimes when we are angry we have the right to be angry, but that doesn't give us the right to be cruel.*

*15) I believe - That maturity has more to do with what types of experiences we've had and what we've learned from them and less to do with how many birthdays you've celebrated.*

*16) I believe - That it isn't always enough to be forgiven by others. Sometimes we have to learn to forgive ourselves*

*17) I believe - That no matter how bad our heart is broken, the world doesn't stop for our grief.*

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