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GROUNDING VIRTUES

— WHAT WE PRACTICE, WE BECOME —

WORDS THAT MATTER

The words we use shape how we understand ourselves, how we interpret the world, how we treat others.

HUMILITY

Humility is a companion to curiosity, surprise, and delight. Spiritual humility is not about getting small. It is about encouraging others to be big.

GENEROUS LISTENING

Listening is more than being quiet while others have their say. It is about presence as much as receiving; it is about connection more than observing.

HOSPITALITY

Hospitality is a bridge to all the great virtues, but it is immediately accessible. You don't have to love or forgive or feel compassion to extend hospitality.

PATIENCE

Human transformation takes time — longer than we want it to — but it is what is necessary for social transformation. A long, patient view of time will replenish our sense of our capacities and our hope for the world.

ADVENTUROUS CIVILITY

Civility, in our world of change, is about creating new possibilities for living forward while being different and even continuing to hold profound disagreement.



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How do we
encourage the
Oklahoma
Standard tenets
of service, honor
and kindness that
Oklahoma
became known
for in 1995?



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What is the
difference
between
treating people
equally and
fairly?



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What is
your generation
doing to
strengthen our
democracy?



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How do we
create an
environment
that fosters
acceptance and
the courage to
speak up?



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Is there a
role of
punishment
in the
process of
healing?



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If you could
teach one thing
to the
generation
before/after
you, what
would it be?



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Can acceptance
be experienced
even when you
disagree?



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What is the
role of
forgiveness and
remembrance
following a
personal
tragedy?



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How has the
protection of
speech changed
over time?



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Reconciliation
and
Resilience -
How far have we
come and what
still needs to be
done?



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How do we
look past
differences to
find common
ground?



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How does
the expanding
presence of
social media
affect your
perspective on
government?