



Sunday about 5 o'clock I stopped at the Little River Canyon Falls near Fort Payne, Alabama. Since it has been so dry, after the rains of the previous couple of days, there was finally some water passing over the falls. Behind the yellow plants you can see some of the river flowing over the falls and in front of the plants you can see a small trickle of water.

The water level is still very low and I actually walked across most of the falls (hopping from rock to rock in some places... as graceful as a wild mountain goat). At times I have seen the water level 10 feet over these yellow flowers. The thing that amazes me is how these plants can continue to grow in such harsh conditions. They appear to be growing straight out of solid rock. And lots of the time they are completely covered by fast moving water. They are very resilient and tough.

Oh, that I was more like these flowers (Perhaps they are weeds, it does not matter), able to grow; get better, stronger, brighter and more mature in spite of adverse conditions or difficult circumstances. Too often we let little things stunt our growth. Somebody tell us we can't do something, or we are afraid somebody will laugh at our dreams, or we don't have enough experience, or enough money, etc... so we give up and believe their lie.

Listen to me. You can do anything in life you want to do, no matter what it is, if you want it bad enough. What is it that you have always wanted to do? What one thing have you done that brought you the most satisfaction in life? What are you naturally good at? Do you have a dream? You can accomplish it, if you are willing to work hard and never stop working toward

your goals. Do not become discouraged, stay focused and remember Success comes in **CANS** and failure comes in CAN'T's.

Something to think about:

- ❖ Are you in earnest? Seize this very minute! What you can do, or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Only engage, and then the mind grows heated. Begin, and then the work will be completed.
- ❖ When you get into a tight place and everything goes against you till it seems as though you could not hold on a minute longer; never give up, for that is just the place and time that the tide will turn.
- ❖ Difficulties are meant to rouse, not discourage. The human spirit is to grow strong by conflict.
- ❖ Endurance is not just the ability to bear a hard thing, but to turn it into advantage.
- ❖ If a blade of grass can grow in a concrete walk and a fig tree in the side of the mountain cliff, a human being empowered with an invincible faith can survive and thrive in spite of difficult circumstances.

The guy chanting, "I Think You Can, I Think You Can . . ."

Rickey Moore