

I think these 2 words just might be the most intriguing in the last 200. The word enigma might actually best describe them. Why do I say that? To be honest, only GOD could know the intended meaning. Let me tell you the context of our conversation. Maybe you can figure it out!

There we waited, in the electric room, for the electrician to give the ok to shutdown the power at the prison. He pulled away from the main gear and said, “All good.”

“Those are 2 good words” I said to the guard posted there while we did our work. I then told him about the book I’m writing and asked him for his 2 words.

“Experimental.”

“Diluted.” That’s what I heard. Two hours later I wondered if he said, “Deluded.” I asked him the next day and he said he meant ...

“Deluded.”

What makes his 2 words such a challenge to understand is that he came across to me as positive. For about a week I thought about how could being deluded be positive? Then, when I was leaving our project at the prison on another day I ran into him in the lobby.

“I’m so glad to see you! I’ve wanted to finish our conversation. How do you say deluded in a positive way?”

“In order for anyone of us to believe something we cannot see, we all got to be a little deluded.”

That struck me as being so interesting! It made me think of the following verse in the New Testament.

*“Faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen; it gives us assurance about things we cannot see.”*

Hebrews 11:1 NLT

I'm thinking that's the closest description in the Bible that sounds similar to what he was trying to say. Except for one very big difference. Being deluded is defined as believing something that is not true. Faith, on the other hand, is based on enough solid evidence to accept whatever we're believing in as being true.

Aha! I just thought of something. Maybe what he's talking about is more like blind faith? That is, we believe something before we learn more about it. [I thought I was done writing about these 2 words and wrapped it up with a different closing. But the next morning as I sipped my coffee and prayed, there was still more.]

He and I talked about how nothing is certain in this life. We all have to accept that as the way GOD does things under the sun. Perhaps we all need to be willing to be wrong about what we believe. I think admitting that is having faith with humility.

To me, that's a respectful way to share my faith. I could be wrong.

But after 58 years of ups and downs in my life, and how GOD has been there for me through it all, oftentimes by using jus2words from the Bible ... I am willing to risk it all that I just maybe onto something that is true.

*“Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.”*

John 7:15 NIV

The only WAY anyone will ever find out whether the Bible is telling the TRUTH about the LIFE of Jesus Christ is to take the first step towards GOD when He says ...

*“Follow Me.”*

Matthew 4:19 NKJV

Maybe that’s why his other word for the Bible was experimental. Following Jesus is the only way to find out!