

*Life's Lessons for Charlotte Helen Germain*

*Chasing your dreams is the only definite way to make sure they come true  
Having faith in people makes it a lot easier for them to have faith in you  
Advice is always best used when taken from someone you trust  
Right words can sometimes be spoken at the wrong times  
Laughing with other people is always better than laughing at them  
Our biggest achievements begin with the smallest of failures  
The simplest act of kindness erase the harshest act of cruelty  
Tell people like them you might be remembered, tell you love them you'll never be forgotten  
Erase bad feelings faster by thinking happy thoughts*

*Holding onto the past should never prevent you from planning for the future  
Ending something bad will help you in starting something good  
Loving someone and losing them is better than not loving them at all  
Escaping reality is fine, but eventually you must find your way back  
Need for forgiveness is more important than wanting an apology*

*Good things come to those who wait, great things come to those who go get them.  
Even the strongest people have weaknesses, it's what makes us human  
Riding the tide is never easy but it's better than standing on the shore  
Make time to listen when someone says they need to talk  
Adding moments of humor can take away moments of sorrow  
In times of need even the smallest amount of assistance helps in the biggest way  
Not every life lesson is going to be easy, but all of them need to be taught*

*-J. Mattes  
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