

# OZ

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out that Dorothy has had the power all along, our heroine tries to assign the magic to yet another external force — those ruby slippers.

But Glinda tells Dorothy it's not the shoes alone. It requires that Dorothy do something, take action, dig deep within and believe that she has the power to make it happen before it actually will. Our sugar-and-spice-and-all-things-nice witch gives Dorothy a real slap. And there's a brief moment in the film where you can see on Judy Garland's face that she gets it. Dorothy has grown

into her spirituality.

At the moment she clicks her heels together, Dorothy matures into understanding that faith requires participation. She learns that participation actually gives faith its power. She's no longer waiting for the wave of the wand, she's bringing all her energy and heart into making it happen.

Participatory faith is just that — being. I've come to understand that in my own life. If I want love in my life I have to believe I am already full of love and capable of letting it radiate outward. If I want peace, I have to feel and act and be at peace. This is the faith we grow into when we accumulate years and life lessons.

So, although millions of

viewers remember the moral of Dorothy's story as "there's no place like home," I maintain that the real message is: never underestimate the power of faith.

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