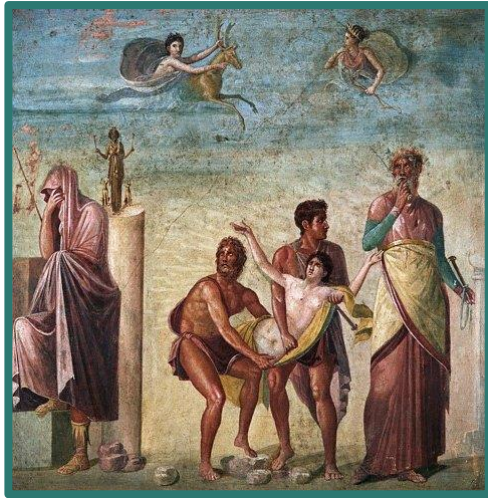


## Possibilities Unlimited

Many centuries ago, a young Greek artist named Timanthes studied under a respected tutor. After several years of effort, Timanthes painted an exquisite work of art.

Unfortunately, he was so taken with his painting that he spent days gazing at it.



One morning, he arrived to find his work blotted out with paint. His teacher admitted destroying the painting, saying, “I did it for your own good. That painting was retarding your progress. Start again and see if you can do better.”

Timanthes took his teacher’s advice and produced *Sacrifice of Iphigenia*, now regarded as one of the finest paintings of antiquity.

Timanthes’ teacher knew what many great artists know – we should never consider ourselves truly finished with our work.

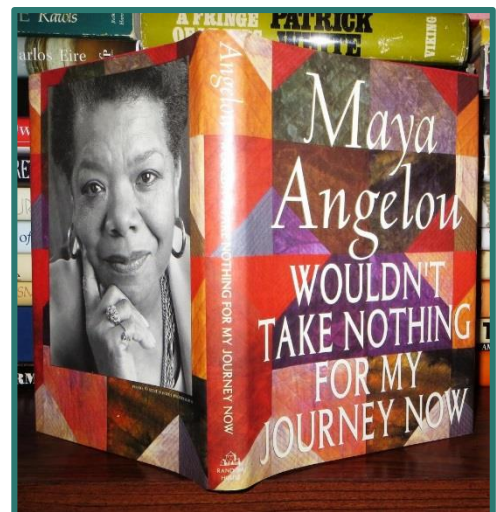
When the legendary Pablo Casals reached his 95<sup>th</sup> year, a reporter asked, “Mr. Casals, you are 95 and the greatest cellist who ever lived. Why do you still practice six hours a day?”

Casals answered, “Because I think I’m making progress.”

Maya Angelou applies that same logic to daily life. In her book, *Wouldn’t Take Nothing for My Journey Now*, she writes: “Many things continue to amaze me, even well into the sixth decade of my life. I’m startled or taken aback when people walk up to me and tell me they are Christians. My first response is the question ‘Already?’ It seems to me a lifelong endeavor to try to live the life of a Christian.”

So be comforted in the knowledge that – wherever you are in your life – you are a work in progress. And that is exciting.

With God’s help, our possibilities are unlimited.



*We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them (Ephesians 2:10 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter