

Answer the Call

Traditionally, when we look at Black history month we look from slavery, being considered 3/5 a man, to the time of the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960's. Our conversations and pictures discuss the Underground Railroad, the lynching and beatings by the government and the Ku Klux Klan.

Many of the horrendous things of that time went undocumented and some only spoken in a whisper. In contrast today, we live in an age of constant access to information. The world and current events are at our finger tips.

Growing up in the 1960's, our parents taught us how to conduct ourselves in public, knowing we were being watched. We were drilled on how to react when confronted by law enforcement; our parents knew we were targets. Our parents taught us, our lives matter; we are somebody.

It's important to look at the current situation and ask ourselves the important questions. Have we really made progress in the fight for equality, and civil rights? Who is our spokesperson today for the matter? Is our response and reactions appropriate after these tragedies?

It's no accident that you're in church reading this. It's well documented history that strides in matters regarding equality and freedom began in the church. The sole purpose of the life of Jesus was to bring salvation to the world. Martin Luther King Jr. accepted the call and anointing from God as leader of the civil rights movement to ensure equality for all mankind. Only the purpose and anointing of God can accomplish such daunting tasks. Only God can devise a plan to free a nation of oppressed people.

Will the future generations look back on our place in time and see the strides we made to advance the equality for not only for Black Americans but for all humanity? Will they see that we believed that all lives matter, both body and soul? Have you done your part?

As followers of Christ, we are to do more than attend church on Sunday. We are to affect the lives of those around us and the society in which we live. You have a unique place and purpose in God; answer His call, accept His anointing. Keep the Dream alive.

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