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The brave civil rights movement of the 1950s and 60s still has the power to inspire a better future, no matter how challenging the moment may seem. These incredible Martin Luther King Jr. quotes are a much-needed reminder of his bravery, his vision for living, and his commitment to non-violent direct action. In some not too distant tomorrow, the glorious stars of love and brotherhood will shine over our great nation with all its scintillating beauty. I've seen the promised land. I might not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight that we as a people will come to the promised land. We must accept limited disappointment, but never lose infinite hope. But I know, somehow, that only when it's dark enough can you see the stars. Courage faces fear and thus masters it. wundervisuals / Getty ImagesThe safest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others. Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. Life's most persistent and pressing question is, 'What are you doing for others? People can't get along because they fear each other; they fear each other because they do not know each other; they do not know each other because they have not communicated with each other. We may have all arrived on different ships, but we are in the same boat now. wildpixel / Getty ImagesThere comes a time when one must take the position that is neither safe, nor political, nor popular, but he must do so because the conscience tells him that it is right. Not only must we repent for the sins of bad people. but we must also repent for the terrible silence of good people. Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter. Every man of humane conviction must decide the protest that best suits his conviction, but we must all protest. Elena Sazanova / Getty ImagesI have a dream that my four young children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. Due understanding from people of goodwill is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will. True compassion is more than tossing a coin to a beggar. It's going to see that an edifice that produces beggars needs restructuring. What we are seeing now in this struggle is the gradual victory of the forces of freedom and justice. LWA/ Getty Images Man must evolve for all human conflict a method that rejects revenge, aggression and retribution. The basis of such a method is love. Freedom is never voluntarily granted by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed. Let no one draw you as low as hating him. Wars are poor chisels to carve out peaceful mornings. True peace is not just the absence of tension: it is the presence of justice. Free in the end! Free in the end! Thank Almighty, we're free in the end! David Lees / Getty ImagesWe are not creators of the story. We're made of history. The story is the long and tragic story of the fact that privileged groups rarely give up their privileges voluntarily. Never forget that everything Hitler did in Germany was legal. History is messy with the wreckage of nations and individuals who pursued this self-defeating path to hatred. It is no longer a choice between violence and non-violence in this world; it is non-violence or non-existence. All we say to America is, 'Be true to what you said on paper.' WIN-Initiative / Getty ImagesTake the first step in faith. You do not need to see the entire stairs; just take the first step. We will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like water and justice as a mighty stream. We must believe that a prejudiced mind can be changed, and that man, by the grace of God, can be lifted from the valley of hatred to the high mountains of love. Courage faces fear and thus masters it. Change does not roll into the wheels of inevitability, but comes through continuous struggle. Tony Anderson / Getty Images One day we will learn that the heart can never be quite right when the head is completely wrong. Intelligence plus character – that's the goal of true education. Anyone must decide whether he will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness. Our scientific power has gone from our spiritual power. We've guided rockets and misunderstood men. Forgiveness is not an occasional act, it is a constant attitude. imaginima / Getty ImagesLive every day under the threat of death, I feel discouraged every now and then and feel my work is in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. No one really knows why they live until they know what they would die for. We have also come to this holy place to remind America of the fierce urgency now. Now it's time to make real promises about democracy. If I can't do big things, I can do little things in a nice way. Outside4life/Getty ImagesWe come here tonight to be saved from the patience that makes us patient with nothing less than freedom and justice. Now let's start. Now let's redes ourselves into the long and bitter, but beautiful, fight for a new world. When people get caught up with what's right and they're willing to sacrifice for it, there's no stopping point without victory. Like everyone else, I'd like to live a long life. Long service life has its place. But I'm not worried about it now. I just want to do God's will. Ascent/ PKS Media inc. / Getty Images To understand the importance of the civil rights movement, you must first consider what civil rights are, exactly. You hear about certain civil rights all the time, as freedom of expression. Some other civil rights are: Freedom from involuntary servitude Freedom of assembly The right to vote Right to fair and equal treatment in public places When a person is denied any of these civil rights based on his or her gender, race, religious belief or age, it is considered discrimination. The Government has established several statutes to counter discriminatory practices. For example, Section 601 of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 State. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d, states: Advertising No person in the United States shall, on the basis of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives federal financial assistance. This law affects many areas of life, but to give you a concrete example: This law ensures that students, regardless of gender, race or religious creed, who wish to attend a public university (an institution that receives federal financial assistance) are given fair consideration for admission during the application process. An Eddy of Change 1950s and 1960s is considered the decades of the civil rights movement. It was during these decades that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. devoted himself entirely to the civil rights movement, human welfare, world peace and the fight against poverty. In doing so, he faced countless arrests and unjustified acts of violence, including bombings, stoning and stabbing. The latter part of the 1960s saw a shift in King's focus, from civil rights to socioeconomic issues and peace. Although it was originally conceived in 1962, it was in the late 60s that Operation Breadbasket really took flight, and became a nationwide program. The aim of Operation Breadbasket, as the Poor People's Campaign mentioned earlier, was improved economic conditions. In 1966, King asked his aide Jesse Jackson to lead a Chicago division of Operation Breadbasket. Jackson soon found success when he partnered with various national companies that agreed to hire black workers and sell black-owned product lines. The King's philosophy of peace and his open opposition to the Vietnam War are evident in this excerpt from his speech Remaining Awake Through a Great Revolution, given March 31, 1968, at the National Cathedral just days before his death: Humanity must put an end to war or war will put an end to humanity - and the best way to start is to put an end to war in Vietnam... It is no longer a choice, my friends, between violence and nonviolence. It's either nonviolence or nonexistent. And the alternative to disarmament, the alternative to a greater suspension of nuclear tests, the alternative to strengthening the United Nations and thus disarming the whole world, may well be a civilization thrown into the abyss of annihilation, and our habitat would be transformed into an inferno that even Dante's mind could not imagine. For King, the early part of this decade was filled with activity, all culminating in two landmark events - the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Dr. King and scores of civil rights activists and supporters heard a response to their collective call for justice in the new law: Enforcing the Constitutional Right to Vote, to Assign Jurisdiction to the District Courts of the United States to provide mandatory relief against discrimination in public accommodations, to authorize the attorney general to bring lawsuits to protect constitutional rights in public facilities and public education , to expand the Civil Rights Commission, to prevent discrimination in federally assisted programs, to establish a commission for equality opportunity, and for other purposes. Be it passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States in Congress overall, That this law can be cited as the 'Civil Rights Act of 1964'. Some of the triggering events of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 are: June 1964 - Three young civil rights workers, Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney, are killed in Mississippi. The three young men were in Mississippi to help with the registration of black voters. May 3, 1963 - A group of about 2,500 young, non-violent protesters are besieged by powerful fire hoses, dogs and club-carrying police. The turmoil that follows makes national and international headlines complete with startling images. April 16, 1963 - In response to a plea from white priests to stop protesting, Dr. King responds from his 11-day prison sentence in Birmingham Prison Letters: You apologize for the demonstrations taking place in Birmingham. But your statement, I regret to say, fails to express a similar concern about the conditions that led to the demonstrations. I am sure that none of you want to rest content with superficial form of social analysis that deals only with effects and does not grapple with underlying causes. It's unfortunate that demonstrations are taking place in Birmingham, but it's even more unfortunate that the city's white power structure left the Negro community with no alternative.1962 - President Kennedy orders federal marshals to escort James Meredith, the first black student to enroll at the University of Mississippi, to campus. A riot erupts and two students are killed before the National Guard arrives to help the marshals. King and other members of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) are launching the Birmingham campaign. During a series of meetings, Dr. King explains his belief in nonviolent resistance and sends a general call to action for for this promotion. His methods of resistance include marches at City Hall, a boycott of Birmingham merchants and sit-ins at local lunch counters. In 1960, Dr. King resigned from his position as pastor of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church and moved to Atlanta to devote himself fully to the civil rights movement. By this time, King had already worked for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) for three years. Sclc was founded after the success of the Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA) in desegregating the Montgomery bus system. In December 1955, Rosa Parks, a 43-year-old black seamstress and secretary of the local NAACP chapter, refused to leave her seat on a bus so a white man could sit down. Then she was arrested. In response to Park's arrest, several community leaders, including Martin Luther King Jr., organized Montgomery Bus Boycott. The boycott continued, and in December 1956, just over a year after the boycott began, the U.S. Supreme Court declared Alabama's segregation laws unconstitutional. Montgomery buses were desegregated. Dr. King's leadership of the boycott gained him national attention. Attention.

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