

Learning From History to Transform Lives Today - Part 2

"I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident: that all men are created equal'...I have a dream that my four little 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."

- Martin Luther King Jr. - *I Have a Dream* - 1963)

I have a dream that my children will one day live in a nation and world where each human embryo and human fetus would not be judged by their appearance, function, and dependency, but by their uncontroversial status as a unique human being.

- Jonathan Wagner - May 1, 2008 (parts of *I Have a Dream* (MLK Jr. 1963) in quotes)



"...Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed." (*Why We Can't Wait* - MLK Jr. - Page 68)

The unborn can't even demand their own freedom because they are hidden from view. Unless we act, their horrific plight will continue. We must lovingly plead for the basic freedoms of all human beings, born and unborn. We must use every bit of influence we have. **It will take an eternity for the unborn to defend themselves.**

"...I have been gravely disappointed with the white moderate...who is more devoted to "order" than to justice; who prefers a negative peace which is the absence of tension to a positive peace which is the presence of justice; who constantly says: "I agree with you in the goal you seek, but I cannot agree with your methods of direct action..." (*Why We Can't Wait* - MLK Jr. - Pages 72-73)

Are we settled when the world seems peaceful even though there is a lack of justice all around us? Do we have good reasons not to take direct non-violent action? Are we as interested in stopping injustice perpetrated against others as we are in stopping injustice that is perpetrated against ourselves? Will we start making an impact TODAY?

"Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it" - George Santayana



<--Focus on the Family student, Liz Adams (in pink blouse), after a great conversation at our Denver outreach.

"...nonviolent soldiers are called upon to examine and burnish their greatest weapons --their heart, their conscience, their courage and their sense of justice." (*Why We Can't Wait* - MLK Jr. - Page 25)

Have we taken the truth about abortion to heart? Are we being courageous? Are we willing to push for justice even when it is not popular?

If we are silently pro-life in our spheres of influence aren't we indistinguishable from our pro-choice friends?

"You deplore the demonstrations taking place in Birmingham. But your statement, I am sorry to say, fails to express a similar concern for the conditions that brought about the demonstrations." (*Why We Can't Wait* - MLK Jr. - Page 65)

Are we constantly analyzing or even judging the methods people use to expose the injustice of abortion but forgetting about the injustice itself?

Are we more offended by the pictures of abortion than by the practice of abortion?

Are we pushing for a world where "people", wrongly defined to allow injustice, get along instead of a world where all human beings are treated equally whether born or unborn?



As you read my newsletters from April and May please don't just gloss over the parallels but instead dwell on this question: Will we use what we've learned from history to transform lives today?

Prayers and Praises for this month:

- The prep work for our six outreaches this fall has been going very well.
- We just worked with 88 Focus on the Family institute students in Denver. Our prayer is that all of them would use our training in their everyday lives and that at least a few of them would consider working full-time for Justice For All.
- Please pray for the Justice For All golf marathon fundraiser (see enclosed form for more information).
- God has provided several new volunteers and potential interns for us this summer.
- We were able to train all of the juniors at Kapaun Mt. Carmel H.S. in Wichita.

Defending Human Value together,

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