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Martin Luther King, Jr. 00:01

As I said, and I read it from the scripture, and said to the king, oh Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer the, in this manner. If it be so our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fire of fondness, and He will deliver us out of thine hand, oh king, but if not, be it known unto the old king, that we will not say bad God. Now worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Now, I want you to notice first here that these young men practice civil disobedience. Civil disobedience is the refusal to abide by an order of the government or of the state or even have a court that your conscience tells you is unjust. Civil disobedience is based on a commitment to conscience. In other words, one who practices civil disobedience is obedient to what he considers a higher law. In that comes a time when a moral man can obey a law which his conscience tells him is unjust. And I tell you this morning, my friends, that history has moved on. And great moments have often come forward because now we're those individuals, and every age and every generation who were willing to say I will be obedient to a higher law. These men were saying I must be disobedient to a king in order to be obedient to the king. And those people who saw off and criticize those of us who come to those moments when we must practice, civil disobedience, never remember that even right here in America, in order to get free from the oppression, and the colonialism of the British Empire, nations practice civil disobedience for what represented civil disobedience more than the Boston Tea Party. Never forget that everything that Hitler did in Germany was legal. It was legal. To do everything that Hitler did to the Jews, it was allowed in Germany, the Hitler issued himself that it was wrong and illegal to aid and comfort a Jew in Hitler's Germany. But I tell you, if I had lived in Hitler's Germany, with my attitude, I would have openly broken that law. I would have practiced civil disobedience. And so it is important to see that there are times when a man-made law is out of harmony with the moral law of the universe. There are times when human laws are out of harmony with eternal and divine laws. And when that happens, you have an obligation to break it. And I'm happy that in breaking it, I have some good company. I have shed rack me Shaq and Abednego I have Jesus and Socrates and I have all of the early Christians who refuse to bow. Now the second interesting point is that these men never doubted God and His power as they did what they did, they made it very clear that they knew that God had the power to spare them. They said that to the king, now we know that the God that we worship is evil, to deliver us. And that grew out of that experience. They had known God, they had experienced God in nature. They knew God as the Creator. Then they had seen God in history. And then they had

seen God I'm sure in that person alive. They never doubted God's power to deliver them. But let me move now to the basic point of the message. Hello, this morning if we forget everything I said, I hope you won't forget this. I came to the point after saying if God is able to deliver us from the burning flower, punish. But if he doesn't deliver us, we still are not gonna bow. But if not, do you get that these men were saying that our faith is so deep. That we've found something so deep and so precious, that nothing can turn us away from it. If God is able to deliver us, but if not. This simply means, my friends that the ultimate test of one's faith is his ability to see, but if not. You see, Val is what you may call an If faith. And there is a though faith and the permanent faith the last thing the powerful faith is though faith. Now, the FAA says if all goes well if life is hopeful, prosperous and happy if I don't have to go to jail if I don't have to face agonise and burdens of life if I'm not ever call bad names because of taking a stand that I feel that I must take. If none of these things happen, then I'll have faith in God and I'll be alright that's the faith. You know, a lot of people have the If faith. Jacob found himself in that dilemma once and, and his faith was contingent on an F and he said Now if God will be with me, and if he will keep me in this way that I go. And if God would give me bread to eat, and Rhema to put on that I come again to my father's house and peace. Then shall the Lord be my God. That's the If faith though, Jacob hadn't quite gotten to the essence of religion. There is the though faith though. And the old Faith says though things go wrong Though evil is temporarily triumph, though sickness comes and, and the cross looms Nevertheless, I'm going to believe anyway and I'm gonna have faith in a way though the waters out, roar and be troubled over the mountain shake with the swelling vero, the Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge. No job got to that point and he had a bow fail. He looked out in everything that he had had been taken away from him. And even his wife said to him, what you ought to do, brother job is to curse God and die. God has been unkind to you. And you should have let God know, a long time ago, that you will only follow him if he allowed you to stay rich. If he allowed your cattle to stay in place, you are aggressive and die, though because he hadn't treated you right. But Job said, Honey, I'm sorry. But my faith is deeper than that. So he flame me. Yet when I trust and my faith is a full faith. And this is the essence of life and religion. The question is whether you have an F face, or whether you have a blue face. You know what this says in substance that, that ultimately, religion is not a bargaining matter. A lot of people bargain with God. If you just let me avoid pain, God, if you if you allow me to be happy, in all of its dimensions, if if you don't allow in the suffering, to come, if you don't allow, allow frustrating moments to come, then I'll be all right, I'll give you a 10th of my income. And I'll go to church and I'll have faith in you. Religion is not a bargaining experience. It's not a commercial relationship. And you know, no great experience, exist in the bargaining act, atmosphere, think of friendship. Think of love, and think of marriage. These things are not based on if they are based on though. These great experiences are not based on a bargaining relationship, not an If faith, but of though faith. And I'm coming to my conclusion now. I want to say to you this morning, my friends, that somewhere along the way, you should discover something that's so dear. So precious to you. That is so eternally worthwhile. And you will never give it up. You're to discover some principles. Yes. You're I have some great faith that just so much. You will never give it up. Somehow you go on and saying, I know that the God that I worship is able to deliver me, but if not, I'm going on in here how I'm going to stand up for anyway. What does this mean? It means in the final analysis, you do right? Not to avoid hell. If you're doing the right to keep from going to something that traditional theology has called Hell, then you're doing right. If you do right to go to a condition that theologians or call heaven, you're doing right. If you are doing right to avoid pain and to achieve happiness and pleasure than you are doing right. Oh come on. You You must do right? Because his right to do right? You gotta say, but if not, you must love ultimately, because it's lovely to love. You must be just because it's right to be just, you must be honest because it's right to be honest. This is what this text is saying more than anything else. And finally, you must do it. Because it has gripped you so much that you are

willing to die for that necessarily. And I say to you this morning, that if you have never found something so deep, and so precious to you, that you will die for it, then you aren't fit to live. You may be 38 years old as I happen to be. And one day, some great opportunity stands before you and calls upon you to stand up for some great principle, some great Isha. Some great calls. And you refuse to do it because you are afraid. You refuse to do it. Because you want to live longer, you are afraid that you will lose your job are you afraid that you will be criticized or that you will lose your popularity? Are you afraid somebody will stab your shoot at you a bomb your house. And so you refused to take the stand? Well, you may go on and live until you are not. But you are justice down at 38 as you would be at 90. And the cessation of breathing in your life is but the belated announcement of an earlier death of the spirit. Your died when you refuse to stand up for right? You died when you refuse to stand up for truth. You died when you refuse to stand up for justice. These boys stand before us today. And I thank God for but they had found something far the funniest couldn't stop them from believing. They said throw us into the fire phonies. Yes. But you know the interesting thing is the Bible talks about a miracle because they have faith enough to say but if not, God was with him as an eternal companion. And this is what I want to say finally, that I use a reward. If you do right for righteousness sake. It says that somehow that burning fiery furnace was transformed into an air conditioned living room. Somebody looked in there and said we put three in here but now we see four. Don't ever think you're by yourself. gone to jail if necessary, but you never go alone. Take a stand for that which is right. The world may misunderstand you and criticize you but you never go alone far Somewhere I read that one with God is a majority. And God has a way of transforming a minority in to a majority luck with him this morning and believe in Him and do what is right. And he'll be with you even until the consummation of the ages. Yes. I've seen the lightning flash. I've heard the thunder roll. I felt some records dashing, trying to cook on my soul. But I heard the voice of Jesus saying still to fight off. He promised never to leave me never to leave me alone. No, never alone. No never alone. He promised never have to leave me never to leave me alone. Where are you going this morning my friends tell the world that you will go on with truth. You will go on with Just us you are gone with goodness and you will have any title companionship and the world will look at you and they will understand you for your fiery furnace will be around but you go on in a house not If not I will not bow and God grant that we will never bow before the gods of evil

J Jimmy Carper 20:33

guys just think oh yeah after hours radio celebrating live from the heart of Montrose Mojo and manage blues coming up at four o'clock. We'll call him just another day in paradise. Think it ever will be paradise?

B Buddy Johnston 21:19

I don't think so. Not in our lifetime, Jimmy, I don't think we're gonna see it. I think we're doomed or I think I'm doomed to wander around and bathhouses and bars and bookstores and settle for whatever you can get and just hope for the best but these young folks that are listening to us, they're not gonna go through all this garbage. They're, they're gonna make it I know they're gonna make it's

J Jimmy Carper 21:41

not gonna be easy. And they're nothing. But I've seen this paradise, but some people come close and it's within their own

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Buddy Johnston 21:50

little world. You know, Rosa our whole world. Rosa Parks said no, in 1955. Nine years later, President Johnson was signing legislation into law protecting the black community from prejudice from not from prejudice, but from discrimination, housing and jobs. You know, a bunch of drag queens said no, in 1969 and 21 years later, was we're still struggling with the same old garbage we're not we're not getting anywhere. There are

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Jimmy Carper 22:17

ways that they're very basic differences. If you are black, the world knows your black but if you are gay The world doesn't necessarily know you are

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Buddy Johnston 22:28

the world that I live in knows that I'm gay, right lesbian when I got off that plane, Thursday, I gave you a video smooch right there in front of God never been Yeah. And we got some looks. But I just wonder if it's going to ever get any better. I think that it is. And I don't remember who it was. But in Rajat Rajan, Robert Folger his last book, he said, If you believe if you believe in hard enough, if you imagine hard enough, it will come true if you want it bad enough. And I think that's what's wrong. I just want to perfect a perfect life. I think it's possible. I really do. I, you know, I just really want that. Everybody around me has it's not perfect, but they're happy and they happy to share their love with you with their friends and their family and their loved ones. And they have their lovers and wives and children and

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Jimmy Carper 23:18

I don't think anybody's in Nirvana, but they steal all that from us. We're not allowed to do that. We can't hug our friends at work. That means you have to go out there and grab it.

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Buddy Johnston 23:27

I'm gonna do it. I'm

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Jimmy Carper 23:28

doing it. It's I did that 12 years ago,

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Buddy Johnston 23:31

all that trouble that we drag around. You're here. Mahalia Jackson sing it? No, I haven't

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Martin Luther King, Jr. 23:52

Well, I don't know what happened now. We got some difficult days ahead. But it really doesn't matter with me now. Because I've been to the mountaintop Like anybody I would like to live a long life longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And he's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over and I've seen the promise man I may not get there with you. But I want you to know the night that we as a people will get to the promised land. Happy tonight I'm not about Identifying monarchs have seen the globe

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Buddy Johnston 25:20

12 minutes before four o'clock, and you're listening to after hours on KPFT Houston, 90.1 FM,

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Jimmy Carper 25:29

manage blues coming up with mojo, and they get

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Buddy Johnston 25:33

some great music lined up for you. What did the rainbow say changed the word gay to gay Republican?

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Jimmy Carper 25:39

Well, you say, there's always been this controversy about gay and lesbian to separate words or the community. And we've always looked for another word to replace it. So we're gonna replace it with we're gonna get two birds with one stone here. If we start calling ourselves Republicans, can you imagine George Bush going around calling himself an open Republican? Now it's hardly.

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I mean, in the past, we've been powder paths and we've been temperamental, and we've been gay for a while. So it's time for change. We call ourselves Republicans now

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Jimmy Carper 26:16

probably beat down the Republican Party.

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Buddy Johnston 26:18

So we're gonna be Republicans now. Yes. And we're here and we're

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Jimmy Carper 26:22

Republican. We get we can have the same symbol

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Buddy Johnston 26:24

just painted. A pink elephant. There you go. Please marry five to six 4000. Talk to six KPFT. You got about 11 minutes. What's on your mind? Anybody out there? We have to play that fire again. Is there anybody out there? Five to six 4005 to six KPFT had a call from a young lady that works at HPD. Oh, yeah. She said she's listening. I said, thank you very much. That's nice to hear. Oh, huh. Anyway, 526-573-8526 KPFT. That's the number to call.

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Jimmy Carper 27:15

After hours theme for

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Buddy Johnston 27:17

last year. Yes. She said how can you do that show and work for the police department? I said, I don't know. I honestly don't know. When I was at at Los Angeles last week, somebody at KPFK said, how can you do that gay radio program and be openly gay at HPD everyday I said, I don't know. I honestly don't know. Why not.

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Jimmy Carper 27:37

I don't understand why. I

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Buddy Johnston 27:39

don't understand though. Why. I mean, why haven't they tried to run me off or something? For doing work for being clear me and being so out about it? Yeah, no secret child I went lambdas and triangles and everything else to work in my ear. So, but I do not wear Adidas type shorts. 52657385 To 6k p f t come on out of that closet. Don't hold back anymore. They will make up your mind and join us in the streets. As we stand up for our love rights. Something else too they're either going to arrest me for 2106 or they're going to get rid of that law before we're finished because it's a stupid law. Of course it is. And I'm not a practicing homosexual. I have it down to an art. I'm telling you, God we are living in war time baby. This is no time for doubting to stop and wonder why this is a time for shouting. I don't believe the lies one way or another no one will be spared. A call out to my brother doesn't anybody care. conspiracy of silence the

enemy within complacency and arrogance makes us think we cannot win. makes us think that the battle has been one but the thunder in the distance says it's only just begun. They try to break our spirits trying to keep us in our place. They do it to the women in the poor of every race. We face a common enemy bigotry and greed. But if we fight together we can find the strength we need. If we fight together, we can find the strength to me. It's like living in wartime which is living in wartime. Listen babies. This is war and message this morning as you want to declare war on me you already did. They can stop us now as to No, they can't really stop us. The only way they can silence us would be to kill us. And Dr. Hitler tried that he killed 600,000 of us and it didn't work. They could kill me in the morning. And there would be somebody that would come along louder and braver and more outspoken, and opinionated and brash than I am. So I would just suggest that they get out of our way. And let us pass. Because as Rosa Parks, we're not sitting at the back of the bus anymore. I will sit there in those seats that you give us. And we'll do those little crummy jobs that you want us to do. And we'll play the games. But we will win in the end, because we're right. Because in Washington, DC, there's something called the constitution that protects us as citizens of this country. We the People, that's how it starts. And if it doesn't protect me, then tear the damn thing up. And let's start all over. You get this 2106 law in Austin that says I can't get in bed and love another man physically. I do it every chance I get baby and I'm down at HPD every day. So I dare you to come down there and put me in jail. Get me out of my misery kids. Not going back in the closet. I've already been there for 30 some odd years and dark and cloudy and dirty and I hated every minute of it. There are 40 million of us 30 to 40 million of us in this country. And once this community wakes up. People like George Bush are going to see 1000 points of light are going to be a community coming together. Communities that they can't stop. We're not afraid. So if you want to play these little mini rooster hen games with us, just play with yourself. It's called masturbation. It's not any fun. I'm not playing your games. I'm living my life. So leave me alone. Okay. Next week, we're going to be listening to Nelson Mandela and Nobel son of Africa on this program, so stay with us hopefully next week Mandela will be out. He will be any day. Just continue to the march forward because



Jimmy Carper 32:33

he will be out on his turn. That's



Buddy Johnston 32:35

right. Just continue moving forward baby because as they say at the beginning of the show and all through this show. For loving for life. We're not