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INTRODUCTION

The Civil Rights Movement, led by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., forever changed America through the power of strategic marching. Whether from Selma to Montgomery or the iconic March on Washington, history shows that when people of conviction march with purpose, transformative change happens. But in today's world, some question whether marching still matters. Is it outdated? Is it effective? The truth is, marching only matters when it's done with clarity, intention, and faith. Just as God instructed the Israelites to march around the walls of Jericho, we too are called to engage in acts of resistance that bring down barriers and usher in God's promises.

KEY POINTS

1. We Must Clearly Name the “Walls” That Impede Our Progress

Marching without clarity is futile. Too often, protests lack power because the goals are vague. But Scripture and history both teach that victory begins with specificity. Just as Jesus asked the demon's name in Mark 5:9, we must name the obstacles we are facing. Naming these walls allows us to confront them head-on and commit to dismantling them.

2. We Must Assert Our Agency

We can't wait for a savior. God often uses ordinary people—like the four lepers who refused to sit and die—to initiate breakthrough. The Black Church has historically been more than a sanctuary; it's been a nerve center for self-determination and social change. From the Underground Railroad to the Civil Rights movement, the Church has been both a refuge and a rallying point. If we want to bring down walls, we must rise up and do something. We are the leaders we've been waiting for.

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3. We Must Connect Our Faith in Jesus to the Freedom Struggle

Too many Christians disconnect their faith from the fight for justice. But our faith in Jesus is not just about personal piety; it is fuel for systemic transformation. Jesus came to proclaim freedom for the oppressed and to disrupt injustice. The Israelites didn't just shout—they marched. The wall didn't fall because of noise alone, but because they obeyed God's instruction to act in faith. When faith meets action, mountains move and walls fall. The church must be more than a museum—it must be a movement. The Gospel is about liberation, transformation, and God doing the impossible through His people.

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QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

- 1. What are some "walls" in your life that need to be clearly named and brought down?
- 2. How can the Church—and you personally—assert agency in today’s social and spiritual battles?
- 3. In what ways can you better connect your faith in Jesus to the call for justice and freedom in your community?
