



The Freedom Fighters

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Scriptures for Mediation

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16

Critical Race Facts!

The south created a system of state and local laws and practices that constitute a pervasive and deep-rooted racial caste system. The era of “second slavery” had officially begun. Convict leasing, the practice of selling the labor of state and local prisoners to private interest for state profit, utilized the criminal justice system to effectuate the economic exploitation and political disempowerment of Black people.

State legislatures passed discriminatory criminal laws of “Black Codes,” which created new criminal offenses such as “vagrancy” and “loitering.” This led to the mass arrest and incarceration of Black people. Lawmakers empowered white-controlled governments to extract Black labor in private lease contracts or on state-owned farms.

Rocks, bricks, axes, baseball bats, slashed tires, and a firebomb. Usually, Mother’s Day is filled with brunch, flowers, candy, family time, and church. However, Mother’s Day 1961, in my new home state of Alabama, that was not the case.

The United States Supreme Court declared that segregated facilities, including bathrooms, waiting areas, and bus terminals, for interstate travelers was illegal in 1960. As a result, in 1961, over 400 individuals, referred to as Freedom Riders, volunteered to travel all over the deep south to ensure the new law was being followed.

They were beaten, bloodied, bombed, jailed, and left stranded. Luke 1:37 says, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.” The Freedom Fighters knew the importance of the work they were doing. They also appreciated the dangers that they would encounter on their journey. Yet, they persisted. They went boldly into unknown harm because they refused to let their light be dimmed or snuffed out. They are a reminder that God has called us to share his love. God has called us to stand up for those who don’t have a voice. God has called us to be the light that shines boldly and brightly all over the world.

Prayer:

Lord, thank You for those who have fought on our behalf. Thank You for the suffering they endured. Thank You for the pain they suffered. Thank You for the principles that guided their lives. Help me to fight for causes that worth suffering for. Helped me to live by the principles that engages others to fight and empowers all to win. In Jesus Name, Amen.

Questions to Ponder

What kind of fighter would you be described as? What causes have you been known to fight for. What fights are we experiencing today that needs an experience fighter? Are you ready for a battle?