



"Bringing Lives into Focus with the Word"

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God is so extemporaneous to us; therefore, every Christian must prepare for the extemporaneousness. Something powerful and unplanned can happen.

Within the past eight days... something overwhelming and unimaginable did happen, and it was not brought by an extemporaneous move of God. In what seems to be a short period of time, police brutality and unlawful means of practicing racial injustices continues to show itself within our nation. It feels like the phrase, "I can't breathe," was a painful cry for help not too long ago.

Yet, we are revisiting this grief again. Crippled. Suffocated. Burying a loved one from our community. Our city is hearing the raging cry. Daily, protestors are pushing towards being heard. We stand with the protestors. We support and believe in nonviolent protests, and declare that there is an evident need for change: a change in how some sectors of law enforcement handles citizens in our country, and a change in how the lives of persons of color are viewed. Black lives matter to Christ, and they also should matter to you.

Peaceful protests are a right -- a right that we fully support as a ministry. It is what many of our ancestors taught us. It is the legacy that has been left behind, in an effort to discover and implement change. It is overwhelming that many of our youth have been a part of this movement. A movement designed to demand change.

We as Christians should pray for someone's change. We should pray for our nation to change. If something does not change, the inevitability of not changing is crippling. A crippled justice system paired with crippled unlawful acts will quickly bring our nation to its knees. Many have described her as bleeding. Corporately, we describe her as crippled emotionally; crippled economically; crippled socially; and crippled morally. She needs rehabilitation.

All Christians must target a person in their prayers for change and ready ourselves for the extemporaneousness of God. We are continuously praying. We are continuously seeking action. Not only do we join in taking action with our community, but we also plan to

take a seat at the table. This table should be a spread prepared to rehabilitate our communities, our city and our nation.

We want to be a part of community roundtables, discussions on developing solutions to help end systematic racism, racial inequalities and police brutality. There is no place, no time, no situation, and no reason where racial injustices should be tolerated, silenced, overlooked, or accepted. The murder of Mr. George Floyd should not have had to happen as a reminder for this foundational philosophy.

We agree with our community taking a stand, and we are taking a stand with our community.

When we pray, we are playing a role in the change and the change is significant; it is always intentional. When we take action, we are willing to see God act in our favor, and for an extemporaneous move to be made by Him. Unintended, extemporaneous meetings between humans are predetermined meetings set by a determined God.

As representatives possessing the power based on acceptance and belief in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are speaking to and promoting action towards this crippled situation and saying, "rise up and walk." We believe that our determined God will move extemporaneously in this dark time. We believe He will equip and use us to help take action. Something powerful and unplanned can happen.