

Hopes and Dreams

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In every generation God raises up visionaries who are willing to dream God's dreams and embrace God's visions. For my generation, that was the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Forty years after his most memorable speech, we can still hear the echo of his voice resonating in our hearts:

I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia, sons of former slaves and sons of former slave-owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood.

I have a dream that one day, even the state of Mississippi, a state sweltering with the heat of injustice, sweltering with the heat of oppression, will be transformed into an oasis of freedom and justice.

I have a dream 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. I have a dream today!

I believe that God has placed a hope and a dream in each of our hearts – a hope for life transformed by love; a dream of life that is authentic, joyous and blessed.

The challenge is to transform the hopes and dreams into action. I believe that God speaks to all of His children; the only question is, are we listening?