

**“Stories in the Rearview Mirror:  
Why I Believe in the ‘1000 Man March’  
After Ferguson”**  
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□ **Joseph Bates**

- “About the close of 1831, and commencement of 1832, antislavery societies began to be organized again in the United States, advocating immediate emancipation. . . . I then began to feel the importance of taking a decided stand on the side of the oppressed. My labor in the cause of temperance had caused a pretty thorough sifting of my friends, and I felt that I had no more [friends] that I wished to part with; but duty was clear that I could not be a consistent Christian if I stood on the side of the oppressor, for God was not there. Neither could I claim his promises if I stood on neutral ground. Hence my only alternative was to plead for the slave, and thus I decided.” (*Autobiography of Joseph Bates* 235-236)

□ **Apostle Paul**

- Philemon 8-9, 12-16
- “I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love.”

□ **Ellen White**

- “In the past, some attempts have been made to present the truth to the colored people, but those among the white people who claim to believe the truth have wanted to build a high \_\_\_\_\_ between themselves and the colored race. We have one \_\_\_\_\_, who died for the black man, as well as for the white. Those who possess the spirit of Christ will have pity and love for all who know not the precious Saviour. They will labor to the utmost of their ability to wipe away the reproach of ignorance from white and black alike. . . .

“The colored people have been neglected because the vexed question of how to build a wall of \_\_\_\_\_ between the whites and the blacks has been in agitation. Some have thought it the best way to reach the white people first, for if we should labor for the colored people we could do nothing for the white population. This is not the right position to assume. Christ’s followers are to learn all about the woes of the \_\_\_\_\_ in their immediate vicinity and in their own country, be they white or black. The poor, friendless, untaught colored people need our assistance because they are ignorant and friendless. Those who have a dark, disagreeable life are the very ones whom we should bid to hope because Christ is their Saviour. God has jewels in the rough, and His true followers will find them. All who possess the spirit of Christ will have a tender, sympathetic heart, and an open, generous hand.

“Those who press close to the bleeding side of Christ will have the spirit of Christ, and a nature that will be quickly responsive to His call. They will work to relieve the necessities of suffering humanity, as Christ worked, while, before the world fallen, the worlds unfallen, and all the heavenly host, He was representing the ways and works of God. In the life of Christ we see what a Christian can do in relieving the distressed, binding up their physical and spiritual wants.” (Letter 5, July 24, 1895/*Manuscript Releases* 4:2-4)

- Martin Luther King, Jr.: “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” (Letter from Birmingham Jail, April 16, 1963)

*“I appeal to you on the basis of love.”*

**"STORIES IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR"**

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**MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:**

- ☐ I will pray for race relations in my church to reflect Jesus' appeal "on the basis of love."
- ☐ I will march in support of social justice for all races "on the basis of love."
- ☐ Through emails/social media I will appeal for the organization of church conferences that model racial unity "on the basis of love."

**I'M INTERESTED IN:**

- ☐ Beginning a relationship with Jesus
- ☐ Information on baptism
- ☐ Information on church membership
- ☐ Becoming a GROW Group leader
- ☐ Receiving Bible studies

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