

## **“Who Are Only Undefeated Because We Have Gone on Trying’: The Truth in Black and White”**

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### □ **Then and Now**

- Martin Luther King, Jr, in 1963: “11 o’clock Sunday morning is the most \_\_\_\_\_ hour of the week. . . . And the Sunday school is still the most \_\_\_\_\_ school.”
- “In an age of mixed-race malls, mixed-race pop-music charts and, yes, a mixed-race President, the church divide seems increasingly peculiar. It is troubling, even scandalous, that our most intimate public gatherings—and those most safely beyond the law’s reach—remain \_\_\_\_\_.” (*Time* 1-11-10 pp 38, 39).

### □ **Then**

- I Timothy 4:12
- “Don’t you let anybody intimidate you or look down upon you because of your youthful \_\_\_\_\_. Instead, I want you to seize the initiative and lead the church by your youthful \_\_\_\_\_.”

### □ **Now**

- “The regional conferences were formed in the hope that the new organizations might, with concentration on work within a specific ethnic group, achieve greater results in a shorter space of time than would be achieved under the previously existing organizations. . . . [1] The plan has been responsible for an evangelistic penetration into the African-American community that had not been possible under the organizations that formerly administered the work among the nation’s African-American membership. [2] The regional conferences also have created more opportunities for leadership and participation by gifted and trained African-American young people of the church, whose selection in the same or similar capacities had not worked out in the years prior to the formation of the regional conferences. [3] Another practical result has been that African-American members of the SDA Church have been more readily and more naturally represented in elected offices and on boards and committees outside the regional conferences than appears to have been true formerly.” (*SDA BC* 10:1192)

### □ **Why Change Can Happen:**

- #1—Because of what Jesus’ last \_\_\_\_\_ was.
  - John 17:20-23
  - “That they may be \_\_\_\_\_ so that the world may be \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - Jesus declares that it is through “\_\_\_\_\_” (NIV) that we will reach the world!
- #2—Because of who Jesus’ last \_\_\_\_\_ could be.

### □ **What the Young Can Do:**

- #1—Make sure your own heart is not \_\_\_\_\_.
  - James Ditte: “. . . more conservative attitudes on these issues [war, divorce, capital punishment, abortion, socialized medicine, rehabilitation of prisoners, and welfare] are correlated with more restricted and prejudice-like attitudes on racial issues. To be sure the correlation is not perfect. There are many non-prejudiced individuals with conservative social views, and vice versa. But the correlation is more likely than not.” (*Bias and the Pious* 25)

- “Most notable was concern for the devotional life. Persons who thought that prayer and devotional life were important were more likely to hold favorable and tolerant attitudes towards [minorities].” (Ibid 79)
- Make sure you spend some time alone with Jesus every morning.
  - One story a day from the gospels.
  - And ask him to give you his heart for others who were racially or radically different from him.
  - *If all you did was read the story of Calvary every morning, look at the racially diverse people Jesus drew to him that day.*
  - “Lord Jesus—give me your heart for those who are racially different than me.”
- #2—Cross the lines and choose a church with \_\_\_\_\_.
- #3—Talk to your \_\_\_\_\_ and ask them why we have to be “separate but equal.”

*It's time for our own  
“Miracle in Memphis”*

*segregated, segregated, color-coded, inexperience, example, prayer, one, won, complete unity, people, color-coded, racial mix, leaders*