



Justice, Freedom, and Love

As I reflect on the symbolism of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, I am reminded of his trailblazing activism for the cause of justice, freedom, and love. His iconic speeches are still very poignant today as they inspire hope and the necessity for change. His eloquent words continue to guide our nation to a more just one.

"I say to you today, my friends, so even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream."

Pepperdine embodies MLK's dream. I recall a story about a young black man in

the 1960s who endeavored to pursue a college education. All Christian colleges to which he applied denied him admittance because of his race, however, George Pepperdine College admitted him and he later became a tenured faculty member of this community. Calvin H. Bowers said, "I only need an opportunity," and Pepperdine afforded him that opportunity.

On this MLK day, let us not be weighted down by the injustices and atrocities of the past, rather, let us celebrate life - each one of them.

Amos 5:24

"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream."

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