



As we remember Martin Luther King, Jr., let us remember what he wanted us to remember him for. Just months before his untimely and dastardly death he uncannily urged: "If any of you are around when I have to meet my day, I don't want a long funeral. And if you get somebody to deliver the eulogy, tell him not to talk too long ... tell him not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize, that isn't important ... I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to love somebody. I want you to say that day that I've tried to be right on the walk with them. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe all that were naked. I want you to say on that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity. Yes, if you want to say that I was a drum major, say that I was a drum major for justice. Say that I was a drum major for peace. I was a drum major for

righteousness. And all of the other shallow things will not matter.”

It reminds me of a speech another King gave: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink?' ... The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" (Matthew 25:35-40)

If we do and try such things on January 18, not only will we honor MLK’s legacy, but we will obey the teaching of the one and true King.

“God’s kindness leads you toward repentance.” (Romans 2:4)

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