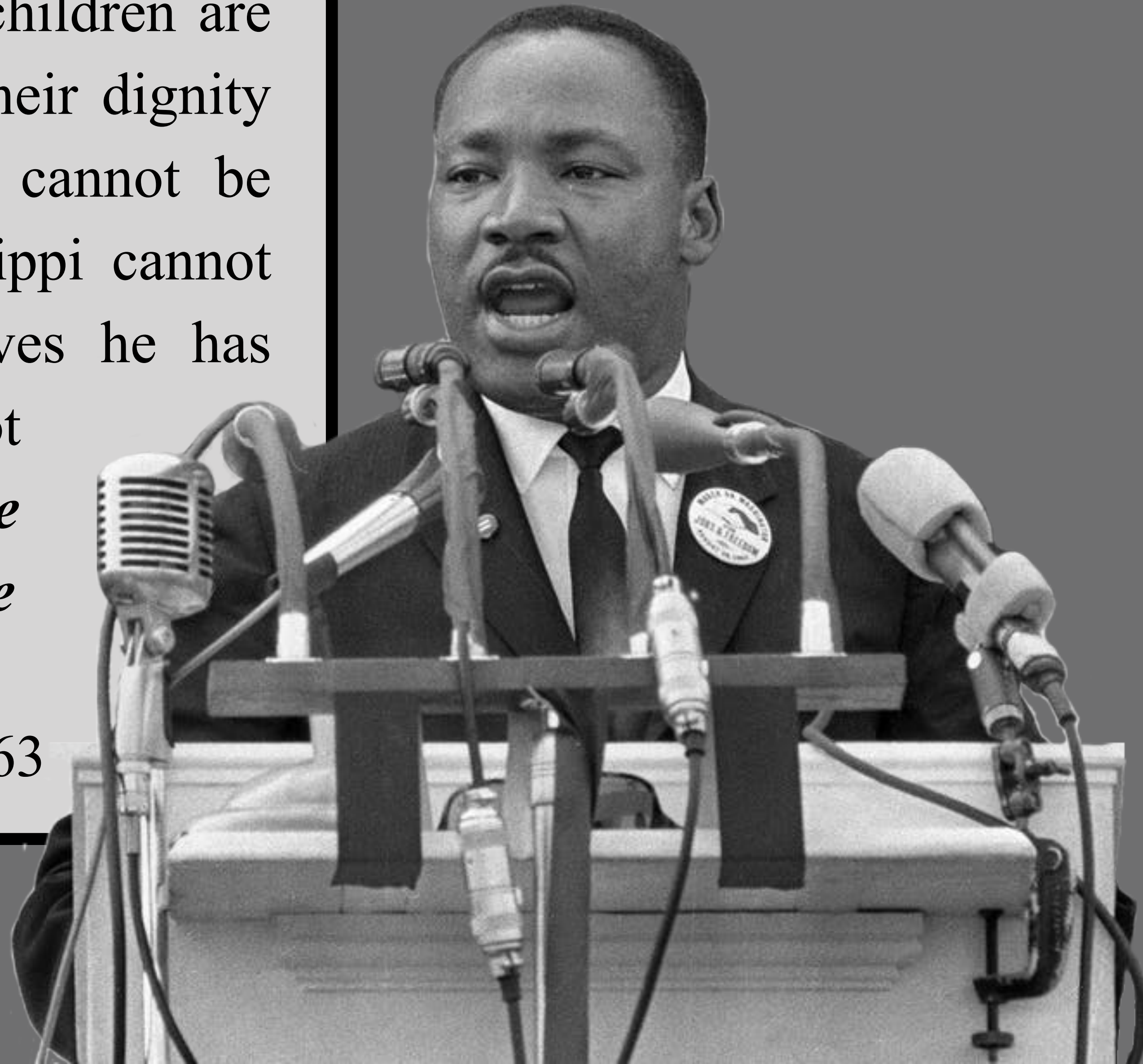


“We can never be satisfied as long as our children are stripped of their selfhood and robbed of their dignity by signs stating ‘For Whites Only.’ We cannot be satisfied so long as the Negro in Mississippi cannot vote and the Negro in New York believes he has nothing for which to vote. No, no, we are not satisfied and will not be satisfied until *justice rolls down like water and righteousness like a mighty stream.*”

—— August 28, 1963





2020 VISION:

SEEING AS JESUS SEES

INJUSTICE AND INEQUALITY



How We Sometimes See

- **“Just The Way It Is”**
- **The Consequences Of Worldliness And Sin**
Romans 5:12; 1st John 5:19
- **A Longstanding Pattern**
Ecclesiastes 5:8



How We Sometimes See

- **The Claims Are Overblown Or 'Not Real'**
 - **We Reason: "It's Not As Bad As Is Said"**
 - **We Call It 'Overreacting'**



How We Sometimes See

- **We See Or Suspect Ulterior Motives**
 - **Looking For Attention Or Money**
 - **Political Motivations**



The Consequences Of These Views

- **Resignation**

- **We Cannot Foresee Anything Changing**

Ecclesiastes 1:9

- **We Don't Think Our Actions Will Make A Difference**



The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Downplay It Or Ignore It**
 - **“I’ve Never Experienced That!”**
 - **We Are Unwilling To Hear Them Out**



The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Get Defensive**
 - **We Try To Justify Our Inaction**
 - **We Look For Faults In The Accuser**



The Consequences Of These Views

- **We Do Nothing**
- **We Distance Ourselves From The Accuser**
- **We Distance Ourselves From The Subject Altogether**



How Jesus Sees This

- **Justice/Fairness: Defining Characteristics**
 - **What The Lord Requires**

Psalm 25:8; 11:7; 145:17; Micah 6:8; Prov. 21:3
 - **A “Weightier Matter”**

Matthew 23:23



How Jesus Sees This

- **Something To Be Sought And Practiced**

- **Seek: For Others**

Proverbs 31:9; Isaiah 1:17; Jeremiah 22:3

- **Practice: Self**

Leviticus 19:15; Deuteronomy 1:17



How Jesus Sees This

- **Partiality, Inequality, and Injustice**

- **Partiality Is Sin**

James 2:8, 9

- **The 'Golden Rule' As A Contrast**

Matthew 7:12; Romans 13:9

