

“ALL LIVES MATTER!”

2 Peter 3:9 - *The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.*



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The headlines have been saturated with horrific tales of police brutality around our Nation. Blatant racism appears to be at an all-time high! While racial profiling has imploded to the point where it looks like one of the basic classes in the police academy! I'm just saying. I'm simply a concerned mother of an African American male child. This is certainly not new for the black community, but the regularity of the headlines is what gets me. It seems to be right up there with the daily weather report. The list goes on and on ... Robert Davis, a retired elementary school teacher from New Orleans, was arrested and brutally beaten by police on suspicion of public intoxication. Frank Jude was viciously beaten by several off-duty Milwaukee police officers as he was leaving a party. Sean Bell was killed by NYPD detectives who fired 50 times at the car Bell and his friends were riding in. Oscar Grant III was killed by a single shot to the back from Bart Officer in Oakland, CA. Michael Brown, an unarmed black teen was shot and killed by police in Ferguson, MI. Travon Martin was fatally shot in Sanford, FL. And now Freddie Gray who sustained fatal injuries inside a police van when his head slammed into a bolt in the back of the vehicle in Baltimore, MD! It feels like a command has been issued to annihilate the African American community. Our future lies in the hands of our youth! We need them to be alive and well!

Unfortunately all of these senseless murders took me straight to the bible to a couple of stories where genocide happened. (Exodus 1:22), “And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.” This was a way to keep the children of Israel from multiplying and outnumbering the Egyptians. (Numbers 31:17), “Now therefore, kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman who has known a man intimately.” This was a command from Moses during the war against the Midianites to keep the nation from multiplying. (Matthew 2:16), “Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the coasts thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had diligently inquired of the wise men.” He was angry and wanted to rid himself of the threat of a new King, so he ordered all male children two years and younger to be killed.

People of God, it's time to pray! While peaceful protest can be effective, my bible tells me that the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous availeth much! Much prayer, much power! Little prayer, little power! No prayer, no power! The angry and hurt protestors shout, “Black Lives Matter!” Yes, they do. But our God is not a respecter of person. He sent his Son that all who believed would be saved. Therefore, all lives matter regardless of age, sexual orientation, economic status, or ethnicity! The land is sick and needs to be healed. God desires that no one perish but that all would come to repentance.

We must unite as one body, one spirit and one voice and bombard heaven on behalf of our Nation, peace officers and our youth that God would touch the stony hearts and break up the fallow ground. We come against the spirit of hatred and bigotry and declare and decree that God's love, mercy and justice will permeate our nation and flood our city streets so that our young men will not have to fear for their lives just because ... These things will only come through fasting and prayer. I urge you today to begin to pray; tomorrow may be too late! It could be your father, husband, son, grandson, brother, nephew, or cousin! This travesty should really provoke us, as people of God, to pray as never before – not just one time or whenever there is an incident, but 24/7 coverage should be going forth for the safety, security and preservation of our black families. We need the hand of God to move strong and mightily throughout our Nation. It's not up to legislation, the judicial system, or Congress. It is the responsibility of the Church. We all have the right to be free from excessive force and punishment without due process, regardless of race. Because ALL LIVES MATTER!