

# RELIGION

Scripture of the Week

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## The Power To Do Something About It!

BY DEE NITSON & MATTIE ANN COLLIER-SPEARS

Saturday, June 22, 1991, marked a day of special significance and awareness. There were Juneteenth Celebrations being held everywhere. I attended three. One of the celebrations was at the Columbia River Correctional Institution. The inmates gathered together in the cafeteria to hold a very sophisticated program. There were soloists, choral selections, creative writings, poems and personal testimonies. One of the female inmates once lived in Africa with her husband. She is of Greek origin. She told of her adventure in the prejudice and segregation of South Africa... How she was thrown into jail for walking in a district without a sponsor... How she met Winnie Mandela and the many hardships she had to encounter while in a South African prison.

The following is a detailed account of some of the personalities of the Civil Rights Period who touched the life of another presenter, Dee Nitson. This is the presentation she rendered:

Before I begin, I have something for both blacks and whites to think about:

If the whole world followed you --  
Followed you to the letter --  
Tell me --

If I followed you --  
Would the world be any better?  
"Ignorant people fear what they don't understand."

Two people, through the years, have brought my attention toward the black people. Meeting them was years apart but their effect on me still remains. They gave me the learning curiosity I have about the black people, and the wishing that there were no barriers between blacks and whites.

**ROBERT KENNEDY**

He was my hero. He was my inspiration. To me, he was almost everything. He was the hope of people. Yes, people of both races. He had knowledge to bring to both blacks and to whites, and the power to do something about it. It was a great loss, to all of us, when he was killed. He was a healer between the two races. He could open the ears of white people. He made them listen to the unjust and wrongdoings that were falling on the blacks.

Learning on May 20, 1961 that a hostile mob threatened Martin Luther King, Jr. and 1200 of his supporters, Attorney General Robert Kennedy sent 400 federal marshals to protect them. In other racial crises, he used long telephone sessions to work out strategies of the peace officers in the south. He put vigor into protecting civil rights through administrative action and he played a role in shaping the civil rights law in this country.

He was a black man's friend and he was admired by whites.

The chance of my lifetime came when I was able to work for him and with him on the campaign circuit. I worked four of six states for him. He did win five of six states, on his way to becoming the next president of the United States. He was killed June 5, 1968. I was there! I was devastated. My dedication to him and his memory did and still exists unshaken. He was the door to knowledge and he had the ability to bring out compassion from both sides. I was with him on numerous occasions and would melt every time...

**ANGELA DAVIS**

The second was Angela Davis. She was a U.S. Black militant philosophy professor at the University of California in Los Angeles, California. She gained an international following during her imprisonment and trial charges from 1970 to 1972. She was discharged from teaching after she admitted to communist party membership. After coming out and admitting this -- it, at once, made her a popular figure among both races.

She was devoted to the cause of justice for black prisoners. She was attached to one of the so-called Soledad Prison brothers. In an abortive escape and kidnapping attempt from the Justice Hall of Marin County California, in the city of San Rafael, California, the brother of the black man she liked was killed also. This happened in August of 1970.

Miss Davis made the "Most Wanted" criminal list after she went underground. She was found in October and was charged with kidnapping, murder and conspiracy.

Held in solitary confinement for many months, Angela Davis and her cause became the focus of a world-

wide campaign. It was probably the best organized defense effort in the history of recent United States political trials.

A committee to free Angela Davis collected thousands of dollars, not only from radicals but from moderate sympathizers. There were "FREE ANGELA" posters, rallies and protests blanketed around the world on her behalf. Following a thirteen-week trial, she was acquitted on all charges by an all-white jury. This was in June of 1972. She went out on a three-week United States speaking tour. Then she toured the world.

I went to one of her appearances in San Francisco. When she came out on stage, she stood behind a bullet-proof shield with a lot of security guards around her. This was the first experience that I had hearing and seeing the hostility, confusion, ignorance and the lack of communication between blacks and whites. It was scary being there and not knowing if you would be shot or what. Just like a lot of innocent bystanders, I stood in awe. I was then one of the chosen few who got to meet her and shake her hand.

What she brought out in me was the need for "wanting to learn." I wanted to learn what was keeping blacks and whites from uniting.

It is never safe to consider individual people in groups, classes or races. To accredit rightness or wrong doings to all the individuals of a group is senseless. It is unjust and inaccurate.

The opposite of ignorance, of one man's race, is knowledge. As a rule, an understanding of the nature of a person should rule out hostility. This holds good between races as well as between individuals.

◆ It's not what people eat, but what knowledge they digest that makes them strong.

◆ It's not what they read, but what they remember that makes them learn. And learning will eventually lead to knowledge.

◆ Once people possess the knowledge of other races of people, they can easily accept each other as individuals.

Remember: There is one God and one God ONLY! He doesn't see color. He sees us. We should all try to do the

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For the sixth year in a row, Oregonians filled grocery bags with nonperishable food items and brought them to their nearest First Interstate Bank branch. Thirty-eight newspaper publishers (members of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers Association) inserted 700,000 printed grocery bags in their publications to promote the drive. Willamette Industries, Georgia-Pacific and Cupples Paper Bag Co. donated the printed bags for distribution. Nearly 180 First Interstate Bank branches served as collection sites throughout Oregon.

## The Churches Of God In Christ Hold Annual State Convention

The First Jurisdiction of the Churches of God in Christ will hold its 47th Annual State Convention July 8 through July 14 at its state headquarters, McKinney Temple, 1737 N.E. Alberta St.

Services will be at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Day services will be 10 a.m. Monday through Friday. Bishop A.R. Hopkins will preside.

Guest speakers for the Civic Program of the convention will be Ken Boddie, news anchor and reporter for KOIN-TV, and president of the Portland Association of Black Journalists, and Officer Dorothy Elmore of Portland Police Bureau's Gang Enforcement Team.

Both Elmore and Boddie will speak Monday, July 8 at 8 p.m. Elmore will address the issues of gang activity in Portland: Have gangs gone away? What to be on the lookout for? What can the church and community do? Boddie will discuss alternatives to gang activities and introduce the newly formed PABJ's plans to encourage youths to stay in school and prepare for the future. The public is welcome.



Dorothy Elmore

A pre-musical for the convention, will be held July 6 at 7:30 p.m., at the Greater Solid Rock, COGIC, 1705 N.E. Dekum St. Host pastor will be Bishop A.R. Hopkins. Admission is free.

For more information contact Dee J. Walker, Director of Public Relations for Oregon First Jurisdiction, at 281-5593 or 283-1524.



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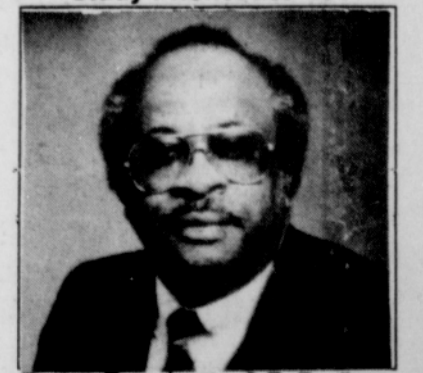
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