First I believe that we are here today not to merely acknowledge the Great Leadership, Vision, and Efforts of Martin Luther King by simply celebrating his name. Instead we should honor the greatness and sacrifice of this man with our actions. The work that Dr. King sacrificed himself for over 40 years ago is still incomplete. Dr. King himself said that “Nineteen sixty-three is not an end, but a beginning” (M. King, "I Have a Dream", August 28, 1963). The dream that Dr. King had, has only been half way fulfilled.

Those of you today that are within the sound of my voice, here me now and take action now by listening! We have not won the war that Dr. King lead, but instead we have only won some battles. As we all can surly agree that today, that in this our current battle socially and economically, we are losing.

The segregation of our nation by Color and Race has been replaced with the segregation of the have’s and have’s not. The have’s have the power, the influence, means, education, money, legal representation, time, leisure, and wealth to control those who have not. The have’s not are left in debt, in poverty, uneducated, dependent, disabled, and they are given social and economic barriers and constraints.

For generations now, the mass have been infected with the dieses of complacency, indifference, non-involvement, and a self absorbedness attitude. It is these values and ideas that are the root of today’s problems; they are enslaving and oppressing us. The real tragedy in all of this is that most of the time we do are doing it to ourselves. We are the keepers of our own jail.

In the Birmingham letters Dr. King acknowledge this very same issue, and I quote:

“\'I began thinking about the fact that I stand in the middle of two opposing forces in the Negro community. One is a force of complacency, made up in part of Negroes who, as a result of long years of oppression, are so drained of self respect and a sense of "somebodiness" that they have adjusted to segregation; and in part of a few middle-class Negroes who, because of a degree of academic and economic security and because in some ways they profit by segregation, have become insensitive to the problems of the masses\'” (M. King, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", April 16, 1963). End quote.
The solution to the majority of our problem can be solved or reduced by take action; we must involve ourselves in something, in some way. Each of us must make a change in our selves, in each others, and in the community for the betterment of our current circumstances and future. It doesn't matter the amount of time, money, or involvement that you put forth to change something for the sake of betterment, instead it is the consistency and effort that truly matter.

Our current state of complacency, indifference, non-involvement is an insult to those who have struggled to get us here, it is an embarrassment to those who are here, and it is an injustice to those whom will soon be inheriting our problems; like our weakening educational system, pollution, environmental catastrophes, the loss of employment longevity like tenor, morally corrupt economic systems, gangs, ghettos, crime, drugs, a overtaxed legal system, and list problems that we face today and do little about seem to go on, and on, and on.

I say to you all today to be part of the solution and not the problem, try to make a change no matter what the size, head the call and the Messages of Martin Luther King.

Dr. King said that “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere” (M. King, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", April 16, 1963).

He said “We must come to see, … , that "justice too long delayed is justice denied" (M. King, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", April 16, 1963).

“There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over, and men are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair” (M. King, "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", April 16, 1963).


“This is no time to engage in the luxury of cooling off or to take the tranquilizing drug of gradualism” (M. King, "I Have a Dream", August 28, 1963).

“We cannot walk alone” (M. King, "I Have a Dream", August 28, 1963).
“And as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead” (M. King, "I Have a Dream", August 28, 1963).

“We cannot turn back” (M. King, "I Have a Dream", August 28, 1963).

I have headed Dr. King’s message and have taken the pledge. To those of you who have not taken the pledge, I say to you start now by follow the example of those who have. To those of you who have taken the pledge and who have followed, it is now your turn to lead!
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M.L. King I have a dream speech (delivered, at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C., August 28, 1963).