JOSHUA 6:1-27

"WHAT DID #MARCHING EVER SOLVE?"

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WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Young People and 21st Century Movement Building

Ft. Pastor Danielle Ayers, Kerra Haynes, Pastor David Malcolm McGruder, and Mercedes Fulbright (Keynote)

Mercedes is the Texas Organizing Director for Working Families Party, a grassroots, multiracial political party of working people coming together across our differences to make our nation work for the many, not the few. She previously worked for Local Progress, a project of the Center for Popular Democracy, working with community organizations and local progressive electeds across Texas to pass progressive policy solutions at the municipal level. She is a strategist with the Electoral Justice Project, a national table with the Movement for Black Lives (Black Lives Matter).

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- There are people who do not believe our active engagement (Marching) solves anything.
- Joshua 6 can be read as a divine sanction of protest as God commands the nation to #MARCH around the walls of Jericho...until something happens.
- "Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and foster such a tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue." - MLK, 1964
Nonviolent direct action seeks to create such a crisis and establish such creative tension that a community that has consistently refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue.

Martin Luther King
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GENERATIONAL RIFTS (6:2)

- Joshua (representative of the Youth/Younger Generation) led the people around the wall until the walls of Jericho came 'tumbling down.'
- Generational tension are often an obstacle to collaborative efforts for change.
- **QUESTION**: How should churches support new generations of justice movements?
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SEXISM/GENDER VIOLENCE (6:17)

- Rahab is the solitary women mentioned in the Jericho narrative.
- Rahab's efforts were critical to the success and salvation of the nation.
- **QUESTION:** How do we refocus churches to support justice efforts for black women and girls?

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Pamela Turner
April 8th, 1975 - May 13th, 2019

Sandra Bland
February 7, 1987 - July 13th, 2015

Breonna Taylor
June 5th, 1993 - March 13th, 2020

Korryn Gaines
August 24th, 1992 - August 1st, 2016

 Atatiana Jefferson
November 26th, 1990 - October 12th, 2019

Shantel Davis
May 26th, 1989 - June 14th, 2012

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ECONOMIC DISPARITY (6:1)

- Jericho's walls were designed to keep undesirables out and only certain types of people within the walls.
- The walls are analogy for the Global Economy, "nothing out, and none in."
- NEOLIBERALISM
- QUESTION: How can the black church atone for the sin of prosperity gospel void of a structural analysis of economic injustice?