

“My Sacrifices”

I will be willing to sacrifice a lot for a cause that I believe in. Throughout history humanity has sacrificed a great deal for their beliefs. Dr. King is a prime example of standing up for his dreams and making them a reality, Rosa Parks is a prime example of another great case for making dreams come true. The one thing that sets these two civil rights workers apart from others is, they were willing to risk their lives for what they believed in.

I aspire to go to their lengths to express what I believe in myself and what I believe in. Eliminating segregation in all aspects of the world is something worth dying for. I know in some parts of Norway and other secluded areas in the world blacks don't even exist to them. I want to make it clear that blacks aren't the dark-skinned, nappy-headed, ignorant race that many assume we are. In many countries people still think African Americans are prone to the slave life. This makes me infuriated because they are not educated about our culture.

I would be willing to hand over my life like the people that lived decades ago, just to make a difference in the way we live today. Traveling thousands of miles would be no problem, if it meant giving lectures and cultivating the minds of others with knowledge. Even if the struggle for equality getting threats, chased by mobs, and receiving all kinds of hate mail. I will embrace what I believe with a willing and a rooted spirit. Sure my spirit might get broken a couple of times here and there and my faith might crack but I will remain steadfast until my goals are met. This situation is not something that I cannot ignore nor will I let others drop the ball. Action must be taken immediately, especially in these foreign countries, to get the point across. African Americans must let it be known

that we are worthy of our respect and demand equal treatment. There is no such thing as a superior race, as a matter of fact, race is only skin deep. Race is one way to define yourself on the outside and what others perceive you to be.

Why should other races feel superior to blacks? That's a question that I have pondered since the first time somebody spoke to me about slavery. Just because someone's skin color is darker doesn't make them any different than me. To every single person that thinks blacks are only good for manual labor, I want to embed it in their head that we are much more than that. To get this point across I would do sit-ins at all places that have segregated areas and risk getting taken to jail. I do not at all believe in the separate but equal decision and the Jim Crow laws in schools in today's time.

It is a goal of mine to support African American talents. After our ancestors rose from slavery life was not easy for them, however in today's society blacks have moved up in the world. We do not all live in the "ghetto" as some would say. It is appalling to me that our world is still in this kind of disarray. Sacrifices must be made to get this point across.

If the world continues to remain the same African Americans won't get the full credit they deserve. We as African Americans have this image hovering over us, and I wish to make it vanish into thin air. I want people to no longer look at us and think we are just the opposite of whites; they will look and see us as equal. Individually there will be more of the Oprah Winfrey's and Will Smith's in the world. By doing this our world will improve socially, economically, and politically. There will be more middle class and upper class blacks versus over half of our population living in poverty. As Charles Du Bos once quoted," The important thing is this: To be able at any moment to sacrifice

what we are for what we could become.” I will abide by this quote for the remainder of my life.