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Martin Luther King JR.

Martin Luther King, JR. was born January 15, 1929 in Atlanta, GA as Michael King, Jr., named after his father Michael King, Sr. King was known as a minister, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African American Civil Rights Movement. He began in the mid-1950s, and was awarded the Noble Peace Prize in 1964 which came several years before his assassination in April 1968. Dr. King was known for many remarkable things throughout his life but was often referenced by his 1963 speech, “I Have Dream”. ("Martin Luther King, Jr. Biography.")

Mr. King’s life was a tribute to his intense critical personality and intelligence that pushed the African American Civil Rights Movement. He stood for millions and spoke for countless individuals who were dismissed for the color of their skin. He disapproved of slavery, inequality of education, and placement of African Americans in the world. And since others would not, could not, or didn’t have the stomach to face the nation, he did it for them strong and proud.

There is nothing in my life that captures the moments that Dr. King is trying to portray through his words. Instead of fighting for people’s rights because its moral and precise, I do it under the orders of another person for pay. When I should be speaking the truth and letting my voice be heard, I creep into the silence of my own thoughts and just watch. I don’t believe there is a page in my story yet, where I did something to make Dr. King’s words rejoice and celebrate my bravery.

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