

THEN I SAW A NEWS DISPATCH THAT MADE MY HEART JUMP...



THE U.S. SUPREME COURT HAS DECLARED BUS SEGREGATION ILLEGAL IN MONTGOMERY!

BUT NOW IT WAS DIFFERENT FOR ALL OF US. WE ALL JUST **SMILED**. AND THAT DID SOMETHING TO THE MAN WHO SHOUTED. THE NEWSPAPER FELLOWS TOOK HIS PICTURE...



HEY! YOU'RE SMILING! I THOUGHT YOU WERE MAD AT THESE PEOPLE!

I AM! BUT IT'S PRETTY HARD TO **STAY** MAD WHEN THEY DON'T FIGHT BACK!

ON DECEMBER 21, WE WENT BACK ON THE BUSES. SOMEONE SHOUTED VILE AND ABUSIVE WORDS AT A YOUNG FELLOW WHO WAS GETTING ON THE BUS.



ONCE I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN SORE ABOUT THAT-- AND SHOUTED DIRTY WORDS BACK--AND MAYBE HIT BACK!

ONE BUS DRIVER MADE A WOMAN PAY HER FARE TWICE.



I'M GOING TO PRAY FOR YOU.

HERE! TAKE BACK YOUR FARE-- I DON'T WANT YOU PRAYING FOR ME!

ON ANOTHER BUS, SOMEONE SLAPPED A WOMAN.



I COULD REALLY WALLOP HIM-- HE'S SMALLER THAN ME! BUT I'M GOING TO REMEMBER WHAT REVEREND KING TOLD ME ABOUT PEACE AND NON-VIOLENCE. I'LL JUST KEEP MY HANDS CLASPED THAT WAY THERE WON'T BE ANY TROUBLE.

AT FIRST, A FEW BUSES ON NIGHT RUNS WERE PEPPERED WITH SHOTGUN BLASTS.



CRASH!

THEN THINGS SEEMED TO QUIET DOWN. IT WAS A FALSE QUIET.



THE KU KLUX KLAN PARADED THROUGH THE STREETS... CROSSES WERE BURNED IN THE NIGHT...



THEN THE NIGHT BOMBINGS BEGAN. THERE WERE SEVEN OF THEM.



ONE OF THE HOMES BOMBED WAS THAT OF REVEREND ROBERT GRAETZ, WHITE PASTOR OF A NEGRO LUTHERAN CHURCH, WHO HAD BEEN ONE OF US RIGHT FROM THE START.



NEGRO CHURCHES WERE BOMBED AND AN UNEXPLODED BOMB WAS FOUND ON KING'S FRONT PORCH. BUT NOW MONTGOMERY'S LAW-ABIDING WHITE CITIZENS TURNED AGAINST THE VIOLENCE.



IT'S GOT TO STOP THESE BOMBINGS ARE GIVING MONTGOMERY A BAD NAME.

I AGREE. THE BUS FIGHT IS OVER ANYWAY. IT'S THE LAW OF THE LAND.

IF WHAT HAPPENED HERE IS A VICTORY FOR ANYONE AT ALL, IT'S FOR ALL MONTGOMERY. WE RESPECT OURSELVES MORE AND WE KNOW THAT THE IDEA OF LOVE AND NON-VIOLENCE IS SPREADING. I'VE THROWN MY GUN AWAY--IT HAD GOTTEN MUCH TOO HEAVY FOR ME EVER TO LIFT AGAIN!





# MARTIN LUTHER KING TELLS HOW A NATION WON ITS FREEDOM BY THE MONTGOMERY METHOD



"MAHATMA GANDHI STARTED HIS CAMPAIGN FOR FREEDOM IN INDIA IN 1919. IT LOOKED HOPELESS. THE BRITISH EMPIRE WAS THE **STRONGEST** THE WORLD HAD EVER KNOWN. INDIA'S PEOPLE WERE POOR AND POWERLESS."



"THE NEW CAMPAIGN MEANT **SUFFERING** AND EVEN DEATH. WHEN GANDHI CALLED ON THE PEOPLE TO FAST AND PRAY TO PROTEST A BAD LAW, THE BRITISH SHOT DOWN HUNDREDS OF THEM AT AMRITSAR. IT RAISED HORRIFIED PROTESTS ALL OVER THE WORLD."



"AGAIN AND AGAIN THEY PUT GANDHI IN **PRISON**, BUT THAT DID NOT STOP HIM. HE WOULD WAIT PATIENTLY, THINKING AND PRAYING, AND AS SOON AS HE WAS OUT WOULD START AGAIN..."

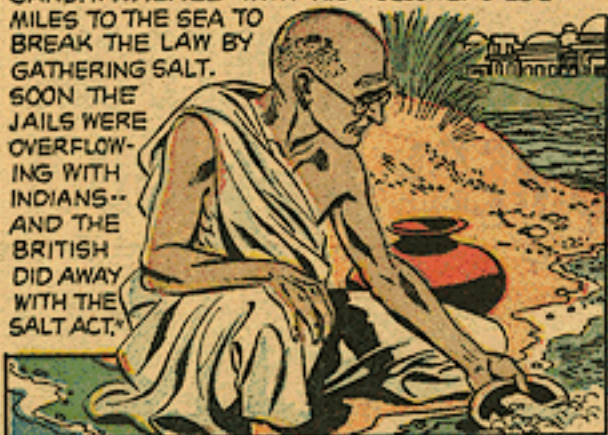


"MILLIONS OF THE POORER PEOPLE IN INDIA WERE CALLED '**UNTOUCHABLES**! THEY COULD NOT EVEN USE THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY. GANDHI RENAMED THEM '**HARIJAN--CHILDREN OF GOD**,' AND LED THEM TO STAND IN THE FORBIDDEN ROAD. IT TOOK 16 MONTHS OF STANDING, BUT THEN THE POLICE GAVE IN AND LET THEM PASS."





"THE BRITISH PUT A TAX ON SALT, AND SAID INDIANS COULD NOT MAKE THEIR OWN SALT. GANDHI **WALKED** WITH HIS FOLLOWERS 200 MILES TO THE SEA TO BREAK THE LAW BY GATHERING SALT. SOON THE JAILS WERE OVERFLOWING WITH INDIANS--AND THE BRITISH DID AWAY WITH THE SALT ACT."



"IT BECAME HARDER AND HARDER FOR THE BRITISH TO KEEP CONTROL. THEIR **JAILS WERE FILLED** WITH INDIA'S BEST-LOVED LEADERS, INCLUDING SUCH MEN AS NEHRU, WHO LATER BECAME PRIME MINISTER."



"BESIDES, THE NEWS THAT BRITISH SOLDIERS WERE SHOOTING UNARMED MEN AND WOMEN AND PUTTING LEADERS IN JAIL, WAS TROUBLING THE BRITISH AT HOME."

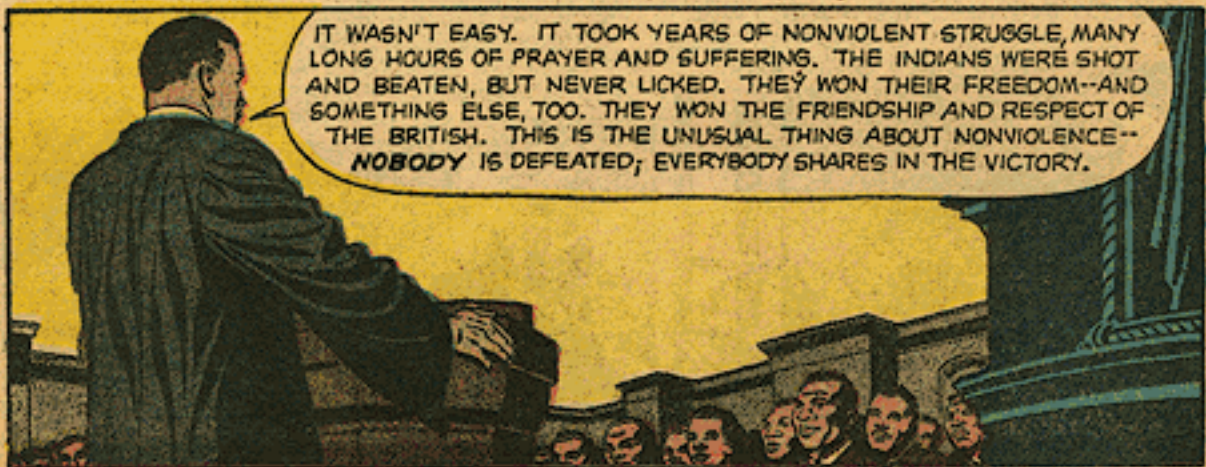
THE VOTERS IN MY DISTRICT DON'T LIKE WHAT WE'RE DOING IN INDIA. WE'LL HAVE TO GET OUT. THAT'S CLEAR.



"...FINALLY THE BRITISH GAVE IN AND GRANTED INDIA'S **INDEPENDENCE**. GANDHI HAD MADE A REVOLUTION WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT."



IT WASN'T EASY. IT TOOK YEARS OF NONVIOLENT STRUGGLE, MANY LONG HOURS OF PRAYER AND SUFFERING. THE INDIANS WERE SHOT AND BEATEN, BUT NEVER LICKED. THEY WON THEIR FREEDOM--AND SOMETHING ELSE, TOO. THEY WON THE FRIENDSHIP AND RESPECT OF THE BRITISH. THIS IS THE UNUSUAL THING ABOUT NONVIOLENCE--**NOBODY** IS DEFEATED; EVERYBODY SHARES IN THE VICTORY.





## HOW THE MONTGOMERY METHOD WORKS



IN MONTGOMERY WE USED THIS NONVIOLENT CHRISTIAN ACTION TO GET JIM CROW OFF THE BUSES. IT CAN BE USED ANYWHERE, THOUGH, AGAINST ANY KIND OF EVIL. HERE IS HOW IT WORKS.

FIRST, REMEMBER THAT **YOU** CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE SITUATION. NOT JUST THE GOVERNMENT, OR SOME BIG ORGANIZATION, BUT **YOU**. GOD SAYS **YOU** ARE IMPORTANT. HE NEEDS **YOU** TO CHANGE THINGS.



THE SECOND THING IS MUCH HARDER. GOD LOVES YOUR **ENEMY**, TOO, AND THAT MAKES **HIM** IMPORTANT TO YOU. YOU HAVE TO SEE **HIM** AS A HUMAN BEING, LIKE YOURSELF. YOU HAVE TO TRY TO **UNDERSTAND** HIM AND **SYMPATHIZE** WITH HIM.



WHITES  
ONLY



TO SEE YOUR ENEMY AS A HUMAN BEING, YOU HAVE TO **STOP** SEEING HIM AS YOUR ENEMY. EVEN WHEN HE DOES CRUEL, HEARTLESS THINGS TO YOU, HE IS A CHILD OF GOD. HE IS YOUR **BROTHER**, EVEN WHEN HE HURTS YOU.



**H**ARDEST OF ALL, YOU HAVE TO HELP YOUR ENEMY TO SEE YOU AS A HUMAN BEING. HE HAS TO SEE YOU AS A PERSON WHO WANTS THE **SAME KIND** OF THINGS HE WANTS: LOVE, A FAMILY, A JOB, THE RESPECT OF HIS NEIGHBORS.



IT WILL BE EASIER FOR HIM TO SEE YOU THIS WAY IF YOU ACT LIKE A BROTHER. SO, EVEN WHEN HE TRIES TO HURT YOU, YOU MUST NOT STRIKE BACK. EVEN IN YOUR THOUGHTS, YOU MUST NOT STRIKE BACK. YOU MUST GO ON **LOVING** HIM. LIKE THE SCHOOLGIRL IN LITTLE ROCK, YOU MUST SAY, "FATHER, FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO."



**T**HIS DOES NOT MEAN GIVING UP, THOUGH. IT IS **WRONG** FOR THIS BROTHER OF YOURS TO TREAT YOU AS THOUGH YOU WERE NOT A HUMAN BEING, AND IT WOULD BE **WRONG** FOR YOU TO HELP HIM TREAT YOU THIS WAY. YOU HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO STOP HIM.



**H**E IS A HUMAN BEING AND SO HE CAN TREAT YOU BADLY ONLY BECAUSE, SOMEHOW, HE IS **AFRAID** OF YOU, OR OF WHAT YOU MIGHT DO TO HIM. IF YOU TRY TO STOP HIM BY USING VIOLENCE AND BY "GETTING EVEN," HE WILL BE SURE HE IS RIGHT IN BEING AFRAID OF YOU.

**I**F YOU SHOW HIM LOVE, THOUGH, YOU START TO TAKE AWAY THE REASON FOR HIS FEAR AND YOU MAKE IT **HARDER** FOR HIM TO GO ON HATING YOU. HERE'S HOW TO GO ABOUT IT.



**FIRST,** DECIDE WHAT SPECIAL THING YOU'RE GOING TO WORK ON. IN MONTGOMERY, IT WAS BUSES, SOMEWHERE ELSE IT MIGHT BE VOTING, OR SCHOOLS, OR INTEGRATED CHURCHES. DON'T TRY TO DEAL WITH EVERYTHING WRONG AT ONCE.



**SECOND,** BE SURE YOU KNOW THE FACTS ABOUT THE SITUATION. DON'T ACT ON THE BASIS OF RUMORS OR HALF-TRUTHS. FIND OUT.



**THIRD,** WHERE YOU CAN, TALK TO THE PEOPLE CONCERNED. TRY TO EXPLAIN HOW YOU FEEL AND WHY YOU FEEL AS YOU DO. **DON'T ARGUE**--JUST TELL THEM YOUR SIDE, AND LISTEN TO THEIRS. SOMETIMES YOU'LL BE SURPRISED TO FIND **FRIENDS** AMONG THOSE YOU THOUGHT WERE ENEMIES.

**NEXT,** BE SURE YOU ARE READY. JOIN WITH OTHERS WHO FEEL THE WAY YOU DO. HAVE SOMEONE WITH EXPERIENCE COME IN TO TELL YOU HOW TO GET READY. TRY **PRACTICE** SITUATIONS AS WE DID IN MONTGOMERY. MAKE SURE YOU CAN FACE ANY OPPOSITION **WITHOUT HITTING BACK, OR RUNNING AWAY, OR HATING.**



**WHEN** YOU ARE READY, THEN GO AHEAD, AND **DON'T TURN BACK** NO MATTER HOW HARD THE WAY OR HOW LONG THE STRUGGLE. WHEN MY FRIEND, THE REV. RALPH ABERNATHY, FOUND HIMSELF ABOUT TO BE PUT IN JAIL IN MONTGOMERY, HE PRAYED, "GOD, I'M AFRAID TO GO TO JAIL. I'VE NEVER BEEN IN JAIL BEFORE. IF I GO, GOD, WILL YOU GO WITH ME?"







AND GOD ANSWERED:  
"RALPH, YOU GO AHEAD  
TO JAIL, AND WHEN YOU GET  
THERE, YOU'LL FIND ME WAITING  
THERE FOR YOU." THAT'S HOW IT  
WILL BE WITH YOU, TOO. WHEN THE  
GOING GETS HARDEST, IF YOU REMAIN  
TRUE TO CHRISTIAN LOVE, YOU'LL  
FIND GOD WAITING THERE FOR YOU,  
HOLDING YOU AND SUPPORTING  
YOU, GIVING YOU A VICTORY  
FAR BEYOND WHAT YOU  
HAD HOPED.



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