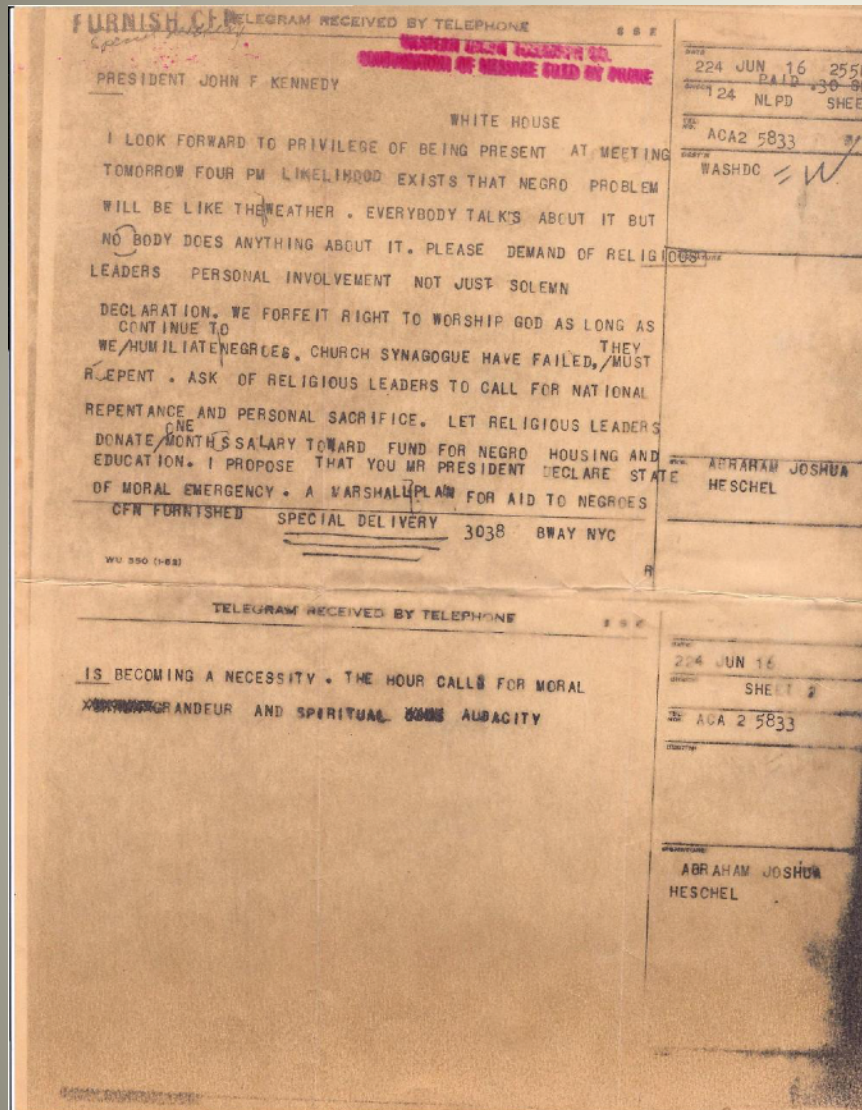


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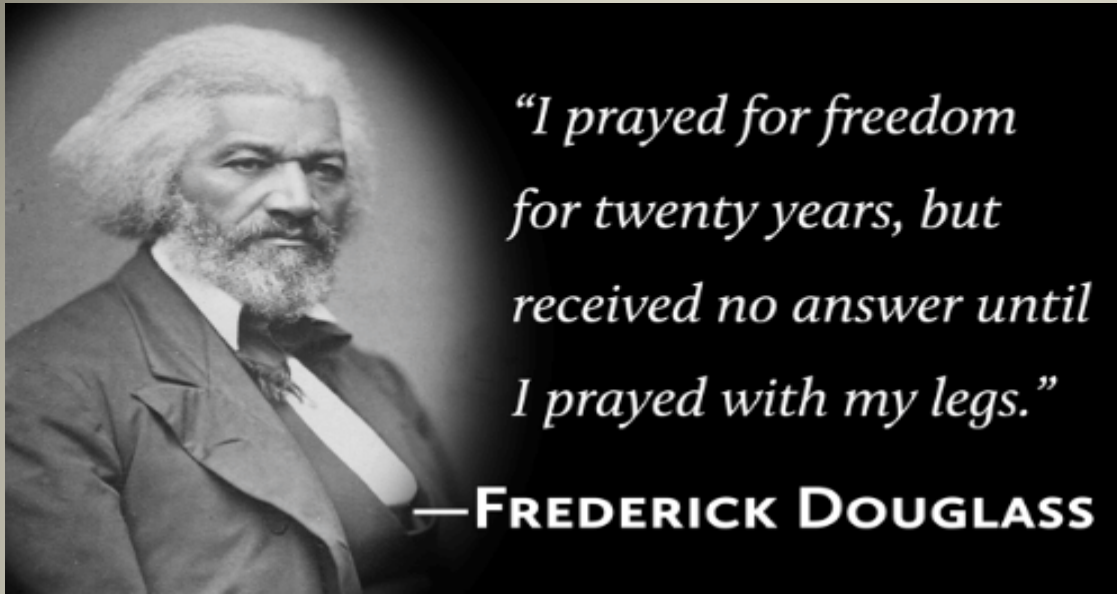
“We must believe that, morally speaking, there is no limit to the concern one must feel for the suffering of human beings, that indifference to evil is worse than evil itself, that in a free society, some are guilty, but all are responsible.”

--Abraham Joshua Heschel



I LOOK FORWARD TO PRIVILEGE OF BEING PRESENT AT MEETING TOMORROW. LIKELIHOOD EXISTS THAT NEGRO PROBLEM WILL BE LIKE THE WEATHER. EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT IT BUT NOBODY DOES ANYTHING ABOUT IT. PLEASE DEMAND OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT NOT JUST SOLEMN DECLARATION. WE FORFEIT THE RIGHT TO WORSHIP GOD AS LONG AS WE CONTINUE TO HUMILIATE NEGROES. CHURCH AND SYNAGOGUE HAVE FAILED. THEY MUST REPENT. ASK OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO CALL FOR NATIONAL REPENTANCE AND PERSONAL SACRIFICE. LET RELIGIOUS LEADERS DONATE ONE MONTH'S SALARY TOWARD FUND FOR NEGRO HOUSING AND EDUCATION. I PROPOSE THAT YOU MR. PRESIDENT DECLARE STATE OF MORAL EMERGENCY. A MARSHALL PLAN FOR AID TO NEGROES IS BECOMING A NECESSITY. THE HOUR CALLS FOR MORAL GRANDEUR AND SPIRITUAL AUDACITY

Heschel telegram to President Kennedy,
16 June 1963



“A Day of Sanctification”

21 March 1965

For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying.

Abraham Joshua Heschel



“Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence”



Riverside Church, New York, April 4, 1967

“We have been repeatedly faced with the cruel irony of watching Negro and white boys on TV screens as they kill and die together for a nation that has been unable to seat them together in the same schools.”

“A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.”



**Heschel, King, R. Maurice Eisendrath (with Torah scrolls)
leading anti-war prayer vigil at Arlington National Cemetery, Feb. 6, 1968**

Silent March in Memphis

April 8, 1968



Harry Belafonte, the King family, Jesse Jackson, Ralph Abernathy, Andrew Young, Heschel



Civil Rights Memorial, Montgomery, Alabama