

Introduction: Call this what you will, a movement, initiative, crusade, or campaign. We call it strategic evangelism. It is missions work. It addresses a national crisis, including a matter of national security. The question is what or who is the answer? And what can each person do?

Fact Check 1: President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation in 1863 was not law. Nearly four million slaves were freed by law ratified by the states in December 1865. They could not free themselves. The Civil War was about slavery from a Biblical perspective, and God operated on the heart and mind of President Lincoln and others who were not of African descent to sign the 13th Amendment of the Constitution making slavery unlawful, and freeing the slaves.

Fact Check 2: Freedom would not be secured for a century. Another 100 years after the Emancipation Proclamation and 13th Amendment of the Constitution, descendants of the slaves and others continued to suffer segregation and other atrocities in the south and discrimination throughout the nation. President Lyndon B. Johnson with powerful influence from Black Christian leaders (i.e. The Southern Christian Leadership Conference and masses of others led by black and white Christians) gripped the nation through the power of God almighty. The Civil and Voting Rights Acts were passed in 1964 and 1965 (amended). It is estimated that more than 70% of people attended church at the time. It may have been as high as 80% for African Americans.

Fact Check 3: It is 2015, and fifty years after the passage of landmark Civil and Voting Rights

legislation. How have African Americans done with the freedom and laws? There's no question there have been advances in nearly every segment of society. Perhaps the pinnacle statement of national progress happened in 2008 when the nation selected the first African American president and re-elected him in 2012. No, it has not been without the ugliness of racism, but it is a remarkable achievement for African Americans and the nation.

Fact Check 4: However, concerning the Christian faith instrumental in freeing the slaves and securing rights, how have African Americans responded in proportion to the quest for freedom and civil rights? As with the nation, estimates are that less than 20% of people even attend church. While African American churches litter urban communities, attendance is not significant nationwide at all.

Fact Check 5: One researcher has found more than 270 studies on the impact of faith on young people. More than 240 of them showed the positive effect of religiosity on disadvantaged young people. The return-rate (recidivism) to prison among persons who were involved in religious programming while incarcerated compared to those who were not involved in religious programming is dramatically less for those who engaged in religious programming.

Fact Check 6: While the pains in the African American community are well documented, few sociologist, criminologist, or public officials are connecting the dots to religious faith, and particularly the fifty year decline from the Christian faith as the "root cause."

Fact Check 7: Publicly posting the crisis information to raise consciousness, we have seen comments such as, 'why do you hate black people?' This is understandable. We owe an explanation about overcoming illnesses social or otherwise.

Essentials to overcoming illness: No person are people are healed ignoring illness. Private matters are discussed privately, but public matters needing everyone's attention must demonstrate the gravity of the crisis. Take the cure for cancer campaign. The public is well aware of it. There are major campaigns concerning the disease, while years ago it was viewed as something people did not desire to share. More recently AIDS stands as an example. These diseases are being defeated because people are facing the circumstances with courage and taking action.

Therapy and healing barriers: Denial or failure to admit illness is terminal. Projecting the cause for illness on others has no therapeutic or healing value, and it is fatalistic. Threatening those who attempt to address the issue is a defense mechanism leading to deeper pathology. Marginalizing an issue as not significant allows progression and sure death. And being a talking or shouting head is nothing but show. We cannot overcome, what we do not know. Here are the documented facts outlining the depth of the condition:

- ✦ Less than 50% of African American males graduate from high school
- ✦ While the rate of having children is on a decline, 70% of African American children are being born out of wedlock.

- † Below the poverty level, 80% of African American fathers abandon their children.
- † Presently more children are born to unwed mothers than wedded mothers. African Americans are the only race with this distinction.
- † African Americans are 14% of the population, but responsible for more than 50% of the homicides in the nation.
- † African Americans represent about 14% of the population. They are 37.5% of the prison population.
- † While the whole prison population has increased dramatically since 1960, the African American prison population has outpaced all other races combined.
- † The cultural music and entertainment enjoyed by the youth and young is so violent and vile the Journal of Black Psychology, American Academy for Pediatricians and Teen Link report, it has devastating consequences.
- † Consider 70% of broken African American families with black males absorbing violent and vile music daily. Many replicate the condition producing an ever-increasing pipeline of humanity to crime and prison. This is why the African American father-less home and prison "rates" keep soaring. Their condition is also fertile for potential terrorists. *The federal government knows this.*

- † Share this fact sheet or parts with everyone you can.
- † Share African American's road to freedom & rights in this nation were paved by the Christian faith.
- † While difficult, let them know the conditions can be reversed.
- † It would be great if the person or family would attend a local church. If not share ReturntoHim.info
- † Inform young families about the Church and its positive impact on disadvantaged youth.

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Psalms 81:13, Isaiah 31:6, Matthew
13:34-35 "Adaptations"

Strengthen the nation! All of the families of the nation are weak and faltering, but no family is in peril like the African American family. The present trends are dire. The only hope based on history and Biblical truth is:

Return to Him!

#RTHPrayer: Lord you freed our fore-parents from slavery, and delivered us and our parents through the oppression of Jim Crow and unabated discrimination. We confess masses of us have forgotten Your greatness. Like the Hebrews freed from Egypt we are eating, drinking and at play (Exodus 32:6) Forgive us we pray! We promise to do our part. Please Lord, save our families.

Fact Check 9: Nothing stated here is without a conviction to action. Here's what we all can do as believers in Christ: