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Speaker 1 (00:00:18):

Uh, early people in the, in the movement and particularly SNCC, and really was one of the people that nurtured SNCC early on, uh, Mildred foreman. And she will be introduced our speaker keynote speaker for this afternoon. Dick Gregory.

Speaker 2 (00:00:40):

Thank you. I have been given the honor and the pleasure of introducing the keynote speaker. I won the lottery because during the summer, the freedom singers traveled with Dick Gregory, who was one of our big fundraisers. And we traveled to colleges from the east coast to the west coast, raising money. I will not try to begin to tell you how much fun we had.

Speaker 2 (00:01:16):

I'm not gonna tell it all. Uh, I'm gonna just tell some things that the, uh, Atlanta office, I'm just gonna tell. One thing that the Atlanta office one day called we were on. I think we were in Kentucky. In fact, I know we were in Kentucky and they wanted to know where were, why we hadn't reported in because we used to report in from every college. So finally, I got to the phone. I said, we'll be there on time, but we're at the Kentucky Derby and we have to stop. Guess what? I never met on a race. And I think I was the only one that won and I won \$6 because I be on a horse called Mississippi mama

Speaker 3 (00:02:00):

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Speaker 2 (00:02:02):

And Dick told me, you don't know how about the next time you get something? Let me know. I ain't know how to put some money now, how to do that. But anyway, we made it, um, the freedom singers and Dick coin, the phrase they called me then mama, because I used to have to be the one to tell 'em get up. We got a plane to catch. We got a bus to take and I'd have to tell 'em. After every concert, go to bed, leave those girls alone. <laugh> go home. Let's go. But we had a wonderful thing. We were on the road, I think about a month. And Dick kept us laughing. He kept us going, and I love him to death. Ladies and gentlemen, put your hands together for Dick Gregory.

Speaker 4 (00:03:10):

And firstly, we thank and praise God.

Speaker 5 (00:03:15):

Amen.

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Speaker 4 (00:03:18):

We all made it his safely today. And I pray to God that your return and my return will be equally safe. I'll probably mention God a couple times a day, but I won't be talking about them. Isms and OSMS. I've never understood in a Christian all my life. How you can go all over the world and go into red light district at the red light district. And you can recognize a whole Just by her demeanor. But if you don't tell me you're a Christian, I don't know you. One How scary, huh?

Speaker 5 (00:04:04):

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Speaker 4 (00:04:08):

And we honored what happened 50 years ago, but the next fifties altogether different cause the questions and the bullshit that our parents and friends handed down to us is not gonna work on young folks today. They want to know how come there's no atheists on death row. What is it about people that don't believe in God don't kill folks. So if you think this is gonna be a walk in the park, like those verse 50, not on your life, I can tell you because I have 10 children and 12 grandchildren, and they're asking different questions today. They're not talking about human rights and civil rights. They talking about human rights and civil rights with dignity,

Speaker 5 (00:04:59):

Huh?

Speaker 4 (00:05:00):

Not just a whole bunch of crap. And one day we're gonna have to answer both sides of the question.

Speaker 5 (00:05:11):

You know,

Speaker 4 (00:05:12):

How far have we come in 50 years? And what price did we pay to get here? I'm not talking about those that was killed. I'm not talking about those. That was beat up. And those that was in jail. I'm talking about some sick God we believe in that, believe that you put the whole universe together, but I got to feed my children. So I have to say what they want me to say. What kind of God is that 50 years let's call my wife, buddy. Damn baby. We 50. We do it. Me and her have been mad 51 years. So, And love ain't had nothing to do with it.

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Speaker 5 (00:05:54):

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Speaker 4 (00:05:56):

She told me when we first got married. If, if you ever mess up, I will hurt you.

Speaker 5 (00:06:04):

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Speaker 4 (00:06:05):

That hurt will keep a brother home for a long time.

Speaker 5 (00:06:08):

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Speaker 4 (00:06:10):

And then when you start making big money, there's another word. That'll keep you home. That Michael Jordan just found out about call. Hey, And so when you look and think about how fast this thing has changed and, And I've been blessed two years, I'll be 80. My, I can be 75 and, And this is what the real movement do. She'll be 75 and two years. I believe we don't have a prescription between the two of us. And those of you all know me know, I used to drink a fifth scotch every day, Four packs of cigarettes every day, top weight, 365 pounds. And it was this movement. This integrity, not the integrity of what those white folks was going to give us, but the integrity of the folks that surrounded us, huh? And the truth have never come out. How do you expect a sick, insane nation To tell you the truth? And if we keep wanting to be validated by the New York times or the Washington post or NBC or CBS or ABC, then there's something wrong with you somewhere. And you old folks, you old black folks. I don't know. I mean You, you young black folks listen to the old ones, but don't listen too hard.

Speaker 4 (00:08:03):

You hear him talking now there's some old black folks of today talking about they, they wish for the good old days. I'm born 1932. I remember the good old days. The only damn thing good about the good old days was they left. We were so hungry and pour and raggedy. When I was a child, the best day we had in our house was Halloween. This day, you could wear your natural clothes. Everybody thought she was dressed for the occasion. Ooh, look at Richard, got on shoes. Look just like feet, Somewhere, The good old days Somewhere. And, and one of the things you, we understand fear and God do not occupy the same space. And that's those of you that wasn't there doing that whole snake movement.

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Remember This happened Cause fear and God don't occupy the same space. We knew that. And don't think when you substitute fear for anger, you covered it. You're not, They both worked the same way. I know how beautiful this movement was. And you heard the young folks, the old folks talking about the parties, but we still got to work. It done.

Speaker 5 (00:09:37):

Huh?

Speaker 4 (00:09:39):

And today you cannot walk down the street and see the folks that survived that movement and still alive.

And if they didn't tell you what they went through, you can't read it off their face,

Speaker 5 (00:09:50):

Huh?

Speaker 4 (00:09:53):

Somewhere. And when you think about how far we've come in 50 years in spite of black folks and white folk lying to one another Peacefully, cause you and black folk one day, you gonna have to look in your face with your real God, not this crap you run around with. And you gonna have to look and realize there's a universal that say, if you coexist within injustice, you become ingest. If you live with filth, you become filthy. So these are games And there's a young group coming up behind that. Almost don't want to hear anything you got to say, And you almost ain't got that much to say, Talking about the good old day I was born for. They was television. You know how ignorant you got to be to listen to a tap dancer on the radio In one day, black folks and white folks. When you start dealing with the lesser, the two evils, if there's any God at all, which it is, you gonna end up with the evil of the evil. There's no thing with compromise when you're talking about universal or, And this is so beautiful about what was happening here today.

Speaker 4 (00:11:30):

A whole lots of folks We can say thanks to, That's never been told, thanks by America. Many of 'em have never been told for by their own family. They thought they were crazy Somewhere. But when you understand universal law, not this crap you into the universe comes to you. You don't have to go to it. We can talk about all the important stuff you want, your family, your job, your education, outta all the things you think is important. If someone held your knows in mouth for 30 minutes, you dead and wonder what day when we gonna realize the most important thing on this planet is called oxygen. Yeah. And it comes from the universe and it's free and you can't see it. And it comes to you. Something that

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important I don't have to go to. And when you understand the laws of the universe, Can't understand everybody don't understand the, these tea party folk. Why come? You can't understand them? Nothing's changed. No. Let me tell you what I mean The civil war, The Confederate soldiers who would kill or be killed 95% of them, white boys didn't own slaves nor real estate. They couldn't even vote and didn't have money to buy slave, but they hated me so much. They willing to kill or die. So a handful of rich white men could keep misusing me.

Speaker 4 (00:13:29):

And when you sit and look at this medical bill that just came through hell deal. The white folks that was complaining is ones that got no insurance And white folks. I mean, if I be born over again, I won't be white. Y all are the luckiest

Speaker 5 (00:13:49):

Folks.

Speaker 4 (00:13:55):

I mean, slavery. I been into all of it. And then when you white folks of America, five, get a black president. You get a nice behaved, educated one who ain't mad. Now you can't get no lucky than that. And he's such a nice brother, just kind and polite. And He's the most powerful human being in the world.

But he can't go to New York tonight by himself and get a cab <laugh> Somewhere. I ran for president 1968 And had I won, I'd asked for a recount

Speaker 6 (00:14:59):

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Speaker 4 (00:15:08):

And a lot of white folk voted for me cause they just didn't know who I really was.

Speaker 6 (00:15:13):

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Speaker 4 (00:15:17): Am I

talking? Are y'all talking

Speaker 6 (00:15:19):

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Speaker 4 (00:15:23):

Back there. Like this is a slave auction shut up. And you black folks y'all really, would've been up upset first. I'd have held a press conference. And if I'd been elected, when Obama was, I wouldn't be talking about no economy or no, no insurance, or the banks I'd held the press conference and say, all Americans I'd BES your president <laugh>. And before we deal with the problems, I want all y'all to know, especially you white folks. I own the army, The Navy, the Marines, all the missiles and all the submarines Don't make me mad. And the first thing I'm gonna do, I'm going to New York city with about 50 tanks and stand on the corner and look like an ordinary Negro. And I pray for the dead CA pass me by When I've got through dealing with it, white cab, I'd be pulling over, making Negros, get in the cab, come on, get in. It don't cost in, But we finally got a black president. And like I said, you white folks. He's just so behaved. The tea party President was going out, trying to have nice civil discussion. And some of them was showing up with all weapons loaded

Speaker 4 (00:17:18):

And just show you how nice he was. Oh, that's a fourth amendment, right? If you think it's your fourth amendment, right. To carry a loaded weapon. When the president is speaking, Then Monday morning, walk in the bank with a loaded gun.

Speaker 5 (00:17:38):

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Speaker 4 (00:17:40):

Stand across the street from a police station with a loaded weapon and see what kind rights you got. See when it's my turn, the rules get changed.

Speaker 4 (00:17:52):

So now I've just when, when, when Obama, when he was, he was elected. And I remember the secret service called me like two days before the inau operation. Mr. Gregory, uh, you on the V I P list for the inauguration. And, um, we closed was down a lot of streets cause there's gonna be millions of people here, but the people on the VIP list, we want to pick up about, you know, four o'clock in the morning, where can we pick you up at <laugh> and see a lot of you, black will feel like you got to sound intelligent when you talking to white folks. So I I say is, y'all be the same, uh, secret service that was in Dallas when JFK got shot. No that's okay. I watch it on TV Polo, little type of wood. No, no. He got a right to, you know, He sent me a Christmas call. I don't even know him, But I kept waiting for my new year's card. So

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I'm on one of them, radio shows other day and I showed my Christmas card and he said, well, why you expect the new year's card? I said, cause he didn't complete the Christmas card.

Speaker 4 (00:19:27):

I opened up the card, say how, how, how ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho, ho. Hoho, Hoho. And so he left about 18 of 'em off. So I had to, And I've got a cousin He's so dumb in ignorant. He don't even understand what people's complained about. He don't know nothing about no golf. He say, every time you see him, they say he, he playing 18 holes. The ball kind of strange though. Now, if some of them white folk probably didn't know him, but you don't have to. They get some money. And that boy car theirselves in a way that anybody can say, I, I, I slept with him except for sister wouldn't nobody believe that. And now he around there, he went down to that, uh, um, that, that house for sex addicts.

Speaker 5 (00:20:43):

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Speaker 4 (00:20:43):

Now what he need to do is go to ghetto and get a ghetto sister. Then you don't have to be trying no, 22, I'm talking about big tall, six foot, five ghetto sister with no teasing Raising about five crack babies. That's what he need. And her sister wouldn't have ratted on him. No NBC. They, they, they catch, they, they catch, they catch him coming out her house and together at four o'clock in the morning said, what you doing? She said, why, why you as that? What you doing in your house? What you teach? He's He's teaching my son. How to play golf.

Speaker 5 (00:21:33):

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Speaker 4 (00:21:34):

At four o'clock in the morning. Yeah. How old is your son? He eight years old. Why he coming here at four o'clock to teach him. Boy, don't get until three

Speaker 5 (00:21:42):

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Speaker 4 (00:21:49):

And see, I don't know if you white folks know if black folks, why we're not trying to impress. Y'all the ones that's cool. We don't need to impress. And the ones who ain't cool. You're not gonna impress 'em anyway. So just be yourself. So if I've been president, the first thing I said after I've cleaned up that cab

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mess, I make an announcement. There'd be no white folks in my cabinet. None And black folk will go crazy. I just see them preachers on. I can't believe you yet. I said it. I'm the president. I own the army, the tanks and the missiles. I say it again. There'd be no white folks in my cabinet. And then you black folk would be mad at me. Cause the qualification to be in my cabinet is if you went past the third grade, you don't qualify.

Speaker 5 (00:22:38):

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Speaker 4 (00:22:39):

If you read or write, you don't qualify. See my logic is that if all these white folks in these cabinets with all these pH and all this money and top part, if they messed up the country like this, let's try something else. My cousin, he can't read or write flunk out the kindergarten. He'd be my secretary of defense. I'm just, I'm just seeing in now, uh, uh, uh, uh, Mr. Jabo, uh, not you secretary, what you plan on doing about defense to go first, I'm gonna fix it, then paint it Somewhere. When you understand how fast this thing is, moving And white folks, don't let nobody convince you that it ain't no different between black folks and white folks. Some black folks even buy into that. All you gotta do is just turn on TV and look at that. See Alice commercial. Hi there. If you take this to Alice and have four hour erection, go to the emergency room, you know, they talking to white folks in my neighborhood of four erections called a treat.

Speaker 6 (00:24:12):

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Speaker 4 (00:24:17):

You go down to the drug store and tip the pharmacist. You know what I'm talking about? Don't your sister

Speaker 6 (00:24:31):

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Speaker 4 (00:24:36):

And one day when we realized the strongest two forces in the history of America has always been the black woman in the black church. And when we brothers realized that things, I mean, think of I've been married 51. I didn't realize how smart my wife was Until Kobe Bryan got caught up in that mess. You remember that white woman accused Kobe raping her. And he went home, bought his wife a \$4 million

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diamond ring. Remember that Tonight, if a white woman in this town accused me of raping her and I give Lil a \$4 million diamond ring, he will get two more white women

Speaker 5 (00:25:13):

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Speaker 4 (00:25:16):

But she got enough sense to know wherever that ring came from. There's a match of necklace. And, And that was, see how that come in your living room, that ain some stuff on the corner. My little six year old grandson walked up me and said, said, granddad, what's an erection. I said, go ask your grandmother. He came back with that funny look on his face. I said, what does she tell you? And she said, she told me, she'll tell me later, but to tell you, she hadn't seen one of them things around the house in years. So I hope in celebrating this 50 years, we, we will move to the next few years with a whole different mindset.

You know, being non-violent and being evil and mean is almost the same For what to do to your body. Somewhere. Get angry. You, I mean, you've been living in this country. Why you surprised when somebody call you a nigga or something? Mm-hmm

Speaker 5 (00:26:54):

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Speaker 4 (00:27:01):

That's why I love the Irish. They convinced you black folks to niggas call it the N word white folk getting embarrassed, not and you stupid enough to say, yeah, we call it the N word. See the Irish. They had a word for them. Just like nigger. It was drunken fighting Irish. Huh? They didn't try to hide it. They just dropped drunk and went to Notre Dame with the fight Irish Somewhere. So like I said, this thing is moving so, so fast, Just, just the next 50 years your children and your children don't get all upset and uptight. I was in the airport about six months ago and I saw that white lady at LaGuardia looking at me and the little white girl, they looking and pointing at me. So the little girl, she up five years old, she said, Mr you did great. I said, yeah. She said, do you have a tail? I said, yeah, but tell your mama mine's in the front. How stupid you gonna get to be mad at a five year old child? Was it games? And then I highway, I've got my brand new rose. Roy I'm kicking back, man. I'm, I'm laying out there. I'm doing 150 just to see if it works. You know,

Speaker 4 (00:28:46):

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Here, this, this white cop jump out the hill catch me and I am disappointed. And he sees something on my plate. She said, You doing 145 miles an hour? What you so disappointed about? I said, I'm trying to, this is a rose rock, man. I paid 400,000. I'm how you caught me with that cheap Chevy. But when you're in order, the universe will be right there. He said, I really have a problem. He know I did great. We used to broke on the highway, 1130 that night. He said, listen, he said, maybe you can help me. I think this a true. I said, what do you mean? He said, um, Tonight is my worst. My wife's birthday.

Speaker 5 (00:29:44):

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Speaker 4 (00:29:46):

I said, what that gotta do with me? He said, well, we having a surprise birthday party for her at midnight, I get off at midnight. So I knew I was gonna be 30 minutes late. And now, you know, I mean 140 miles an hour. I mean, I owe it to the people of my state, not to let you off cause my wife's birthday. And, but I also owe it to my wife to kind of work this out. And he said, look, I've been a, I've been a state trooper for 35 years. I've heard every excuse you can hear. But just to give my wife the benefit of the doubt. If, if you can tell me why you was doing 140 miles an hour and, and tell me something I had never heard before. I'll let you go. I said, how long you been state trooper say 37 years. See 37 years ago, a white state trooper ran off with my black wife. <laugh> when I looked through the rear view mirror and saw you, I thought you was bringing her back. And so you, you, you get UPT tight over everything. Get UPT tight over debt. You, you didn't have the money when you bought the stuff.

Speaker 4 (00:31:26):

Just be happy. You got it. That Neman Marcus called me the other day. Uh, uh, Mr. Gregory, uh, when can we expect a payment? I said, well, I'm not in charge of your expectations. You can expect a time. Now, if you wanna know, when you going get it, that's a different story. Everybody's scared. And this old dumb brother, he was, he was, he, he was making big money and everything crash, and he wouldn't even speak. Call me the other day, brother. They about to repossess my car. What must I? I do don't park in front of the house.

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Speaker 6 (00:32:09):

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Speaker 4 (00:32:13):

You know the repo man, ain't that smart. You know, you know, he, he called me It about the repos, his house. I say, you can't get no sympathy here. They took my house when times was good,

Speaker 6 (00:32:34):

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Speaker 4 (00:32:36):

It? Repose my Rose Roy from me. And my wife was in it. You ain't getting no sympathy here. And everybody seemed surprised the governor of Virginia the other

Speaker 5 (00:32:50): Day,

Speaker 4 (00:32:51):

You know, he want,

Speaker 5 (00:32:53):

Uh,

Speaker 4 (00:32:55):

Confederate soldier history month. Somebody said they didn't make you mad. Now the only thing I got upset about that, you know, we got black history month. And to show you how far we come, you know, it used to be called Negro history week. Now it's called black month. That's probably, but wouldn't you wouldn't, you know, when they get ready to give us a month, be that month of February, all them days missing

Speaker 5 (00:33:23):

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Speaker 4 (00:33:25):

Now I didn't expect no 31 day, but February, I don't even know black folks that even liked February.

Speaker 5 (00:33:31):

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Speaker 4 (00:33:33):

February, the second ground hog day, watch a ground hall. If the ground hog sees this shadow, six more weeks of winter. This February 2nd, I was in New York city. I was doing this radio show. This white dude said, uh, uh, great today's ground hog day. What do you thinking happen at the ground? Hog seasons. Sad. I don't play that ground hog mess, man. Back all. And the white ball got upset with you. anti-American you antisocial or something? What do you mean you don't play? I said, I know you feel that way about ask me again. I'll play it.

Speaker 5 (00:34:05):

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Speaker 4 (00:34:06):

Said today. It's ground hall day. What do you think will happen today? If the ground hall season shatter? Boy, I said, I don't know, sir, but since you asked it over that ground hall, come out today and don't see his shadow white bar, but see five black dudes. What do that mean? He said, I don't know, six more weeks of basketball. I mean, do you white folk feel silly to some of the stuff you look, look February the second ground, all day, ground old seasons out, six more weeks. And one now, you know, spring don't come in till March the 21st, right? One day when you by yourself, right? Go get a calendar and count from February the second to March the 21st, that is six weeks Ground hog. Ain't got a damn thing to do with it. <laugh> And so he's just a little common sense. That's what, when Michael Vick got caught up in all that stuff, he got one to brilliant lawyers dismissing. They thought they was gonna be there. They thought it was gonna be a walk in the park. And he like walking be so stupid. Do you know how white folk feel about do

Speaker 5 (00:35:31):

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Speaker 4 (00:35:35):

I live in Plymouth, man. I live around rich white folks Made across the ponds, Steinway, piano air up to hear ocean spray. They lie about their dog's age.

Speaker 5 (00:35:49):

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Speaker 4 (00:35:52):

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I said, how's the dog at four years old, a damn dog, bit me 10 years ago. So I telling all my black men, Michael, be in trouble. They gonna get him on this. And they, and after they busted him, they sent him to jail. They can ask me how'd you know, how'd, you know, look, man, the white folks, I know how nanny to change their babies die, but walk their own dog and pick up the dog shit. Then he gets outta jail And everybody kept saying, well, he don't need to play. Look what he, well, he served his time. I was pulling for him. I don't even like football. I think that got to be the dumbest stupidest ain't on the planet. They talk about all these computers. They have never, and never will make a computer to eat for what the universe put inside your head. Huh? And yet you take this head and run it into somebody else, but you wouldn't let your child take your car on a lot and run it into another car Somewhere <affirmative> Somewhere. So I was hoping Michael big. When he went with Philadelphia, you know, Philadelphia, I was hoping that that first game,

Speaker 4 (00:37:35):

You know, right out of jail, He would intercept the ball and be kind this I tell you and run the wrong way.

Speaker 5 (00:37:43):

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Speaker 4 (00:37:44):

50 yards, the long wrong way. And then just as he step out, he reversed the field and cock back and go a hundred yards, hundred and 50 yards and score a touchdown. You know how black folks do it? They do it. They do that little, that little. And then they take the ball. And I would hope when he took that ball at B, it would bounce up in the stands and kill a dog. Again, we say, thank you To those of you. All that worked hard. Uh, those of us that particip our job's easy. We just produce a body. A whole, lots of work had to go in to what had happened here these last couple days. And so for those of you, who's responsible. We say, thank you. And for those of you youngsters, who's the children of, And those for you, older folks that was there. What a blessing.

Speaker 5 (00:39:00):

Yeah.

Speaker 4 (00:39:01):

What a blessing. And don't get upset cause nobody know your name or nobody calls you out and say, thanks. When the universe picks you, it leaves no footprints At all. And then we want to look and see, well, what's happening to America today and black men damn near as bad as white men. I tell you what happened to America today, the good old days and you women, y'all better be obsessed by your, when they're talking about the good old days. They talking about when women was damn near as oppressed

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it's minorities and you ain't no press no more. And they trying to figure out what's wrong with America. Nothing you free Ever stop all my life. The girls is in the kitchen, cooking, cooking. I ain't never seen no, no, no. You bar in the kitchen, cooking the girls cooking. Then I start making big money and go around the world. And he eating the best restaurants in, in the, in the world. And they all men cooks. When did they learn how to cook?

Speaker 5 (00:40:05):

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Speaker 4 (00:40:08):

All at once now. You not going to be my babysitter just cause you my sister. Cause there's opportunity. Stay to the civil rights movement That read. See the great thing about this movement. When that legislation come through it, didn't say for Niros, only Think about that. So everybody was covered. You go back before the SNCC, before the civil rights movement. Before that big push handicapped folks was ashamed to come out in the street. Now you can park free. Every damn sidewalk got an indenture in it.

Speaker 5 (00:40:54):

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Speaker 4 (00:40:57):

You go to the damn shopping mall. They gotta place 50,000 cars. All the cars are full, except they handicap. You know, they ain't coming, but you better not park there.

Speaker 5 (00:41:07):

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Speaker 4 (00:41:11):

You know what I'm talking about? Let's be honest. You be mad. So I had to pee And I'm not about to pee at my ride. So I parked in the handicap. Wasn't it? The lost was dipping my pants on. When I came back 12 Cold blooded, evil, white. He said some black dude in park in my parking space for the handicap. I said, I can't believe That some black cat could be that disrespectful. The 12 white CRI boys. What you planning on doing said, we going, when he come back, I said, I'm just so depressed. I said, give me here, Libby, I'll deal with it for you. He said you black dude. You willing to, To deal with a, a black dude that parked in. I parking fast. Damn right. Said what you going to do? I said, I'm steal this nigga. So this next 50 years, huh? Black men. You just as guilty. Well, the problem in the black community, ain't no black man at home. Nier you wasn't home. When you was home.

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Speaker 5 (00:42:50):

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Speaker 4 (00:42:52):

Hitler had a mother and father at home. You can't get no more family like than the goddamn mafia. Mama mayor, mama said, huh? All these thug that ripped off wall street. They didn't come from broken homes. And there's some crazy black brother in the New York state that just played it. Y'all see that crap. Last, last week he went and put a big boil board up on Broadway of black dude with his pants hanging down below his huh? I called him. I said, anybody can pick on children. Why don't you put a billboard up of the 12 ladies, black and Hispanic and women that been beat up by cops in New York. Huh? We can always pick on the children. Why don't you go take a picture of 12 drug corners and take the picture of them. Drug cats, stand out there and put them up on a billboard.

Speaker 5 (00:43:48):

Wow.

Speaker 4 (00:43:49):

Matter of fact, why don't you go to the post office and get the FBI's top most wanted? They would, the FBI don't put that list. They hide it in the post office And we are not going any further until you clean up the mess. It's a game. I know. Cause I have to look myself in the face every day. There's somebody from Canada. One great thing about Obama. The world short on Negros now. So if you just halfway behave yourself, they'll pick you

Speaker 5 (00:44:36):

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Speaker 4 (00:44:38):

So they wanted to honor me in Toronto, Five of the year, You've been married 51 years, 10 children. What a better person. I said, no, I can't accept. It Said, what do you mean? And what do you see When you Have a child? The universe have gave you the privilege of creating another God.

Speaker 5 (00:45:12):

Hmm.

Speaker 4 (00:45:14):

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Universe. They don't ask no questions. What color, what sex, How much money you make? How much education can you read? Can you write? There's a universe. And so I, I have 10 children And I never had a, with my wife to create new life.

Speaker 5 (00:45:40):

Hmm.

Speaker 4 (00:45:42):

I realize every time I buy a car, I check out the year to make the model, the down payment, the monthly notes, the insurance and the tradein bad one. I got to look at myself, say thug, you put more Researching, owning a car, then creating God's new life. So I'm part of the problem. Every time I go to a peace rally, anywhere in the world, they take my tax money off that ticket and buy bums and drop it on little children and say, God, when the bums fall on my grandchildren, give me the courage to understand I'm part of that. See, y'all playing games. It's a game somewhere. When I looked, how fast this thing had moved, No one could have made me believe 50 years ago when I was running down there in Mississippi, Knowing I'm gonna die. But when anyway, That's when I found out that's when I come here to say, thanks. That's when I found out there's something more on this planet than done Is when you tolerate the craziness and accept it, then that real God takes your grace away. That's what that game's about. And I went down and I kept going down and, and, and the more I go down, the more I see you, are you young folks out there? And the more I wasn't scared.

Speaker 4 (00:47:27):

And if someone would've told me 50 years ago, That Mississippi would end up having a black man head of Mississippi state troopers. I wouldn't have believed it with no guns, no hatred, no foul, no army, just a bunch of dedicated folks, white folk, black folk, Willing to die, came to that. And out of that, huh? Did I ever think? I'd see today. This thing would change so fast that white folks would ask me to comment on white folks' problems. I came in from bud past two weeks ago and, and CNN met at Kennedy. Mr. Gregory, you think we'll ever catch Ben Loudon? I say we, I ain't looking for him. I'm still trying to find out who my daddy is. And so when you stop and think What this movement, what we really celebrating 50 years ago, a white woman couldn't do anything on a commercial, but be a steward is you couldn't be a pilot. Couldn't be a mechanic. You couldn't work the bandage room. And in order to be a stewards back then white woman, you had to look like something about the center page, your play bar magazine, black woman. Couldn't be a steward. Black man. Couldn't fly a plane and cause of the civil rights legislation, not saying for black, only all y'all benefit by. And anytime you get on a plane anytime soon and see all ugly, short, fat, white stewards, we got her that job,

Speaker 5 (00:49:33):

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Huh?

Speaker 4 (00:49:34):

We got that job. Not her white brother, not the president, not the Marines of bunch. Snotting those kid in some black church with some old black preachers and a handful of white folk that say, I dare you. That's what happened 50 years ago. If we'd have been on this campus with these black folks and white folks talking like this, these black folks, would've lost their funding. That's how far we've come. That's what this is about. I get in insult it every time somebody say to me, Mr. Gregory, um, you know, uh, Are you happy now? All that you went through in the civil rights movement, you got a, a black president. That's an insult. We wasn't out there. Black folk might vote With our lives. Not knowing if we see our family or Our Ken folks, our children For black man to be president. We was out there. So black folk couldn't get the right to vote. Damn. Did you go to Harvard? But damn, if you are a lawyer, we talking about basic rights that the constitution guarantee me, not president, just simple rights. That's what we was out there for. That's what we was willing to die for.

Speaker 4 (00:51:10):

And so when you stop and think now, What do this day mean? This weekend Ladies, 50 years ago, you couldn't be a cop,

Speaker 5 (00:51:26):

Huh?

Speaker 4 (00:51:27):

I'm talking about white women. You couldn't be a cop. And, and, and now You had police departments Had homicide division, huh? Criminal investigations. Why? Cause a handful of snotty old, huh? That cuff all the old folks out, Talked about the NAACP. And every time we got busted, it was the NAACP came with the money to get us out. Cause I didn't know. No sneak lawyers. Yeah. We were just willing to take the whooping. NAACP legal defense coming there side. I dare you to hit.

Speaker 5 (00:52:18):

Hm.

Speaker 4 (00:52:20):

This is how far

Speaker 5 (00:52:23):

We come.

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Speaker 4 (00:52:25):

This is how far. So when you stop and think The mental piece, now I can black folk Be ashamed of the word nigga. When you can't be a nigga. If I say, are you ho you stand up, you get upset. Your whole, I didn't call your name, This whole mindset To change somewhere. And, and you know, You nice folks in here. The next time you go to Washington DC, It was, it was up in your town last week. That, that, uh, uh, what would it do? No. I'm talking about the trees. Cherry blossom boy, your white folk got beat the dumbest. You know, who sent you to the Japanese? Who you beat up? I don't know what's coming off them. Damn trees Go back next year. See how many black folks you see. We don't fall for that. Y'all and kick the Japanese butt beat. 'em up. Call 'em chinks and all kind of name. And now you just bring your children, the seat a little, I leave town. I gotta leave town doing that. Cherry blossom Some. And so I say, thanks, Nick NAACP. <inaudible> Changed my life. I start fasting and, And meditating.

Speaker 4 (00:54:23):

Somebody asked me other day, they said, Mr. Gregory, um, you've been fasting 40 years. What is your doctor? Think my doctor been dead 30 years.

Speaker 5 (00:54:33):

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Speaker 4 (00:54:45):

I get up every morning. What? Five miles rock. The Said two years, you be 80. You look so well. How do you know when you getting old? You know, when you getting old, when somebody compliment them, beautiful alligator shoes you in and you barefoot it. You know, when you getting old, when your lady or man yelled downstairs, run upstairs, miss has some quick sex and you yell back. You know, I can just do one or the other. You know, when you getting old, when you go in a restaurant and order a three minute egg and they make you pay in advance

Speaker 6 (00:55:37):

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Speaker 4 (00:55:43):

So let me leave you with this. You old folks, Better stop dealing with this thing. From emotion 50 years ago, there was leeway for it. There's no leeway for now. I got 10 Bri children and I never played the educational game.

Speaker 5 (00:56:07):

Uhhuh.

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Speaker 4 (00:56:08):

I said, these books you read in school. They racist. They sexes. How can Columbus discover America? Where's the Indians. When that boy got here, And if you can discover a country that's already occupied, I can walk out in the parking lot. Now discover your car with you in there.

Speaker 5 (00:56:24):

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Speaker 4 (00:56:25):

Shut up. Get in the back seat and teach me Thanksgiving.

Speaker 5 (00:56:29):

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Speaker 4 (00:56:35):

It's a mind game. You can't find a better Christian than me. They killed my Jesus Christ and then told me, call it a good day, nigga. I call it good Friday,

Speaker 5 (00:56:46):

Right?

Speaker 4 (00:56:49):

The only way you can enter the kingdom of heaven, you have to Embrace your Lord. Jesus Christ. As your savior. I say, well damn Jesus. Couldn't get in. He was a Jew.

Speaker 5 (00:57:00):

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Speaker 4 (00:57:07):

How can y'all in America? Cry with the crucifixion of Christ. Don't condone capital punishment, or you too ignorant to know, or you too ignorant know the state killed Jesus. It's a capital. He wasn't mugged to death by some drunken. He was killed by the state, Which means if Jesus Christ come back to America today and bug the wrong people, they give Jesus electric chair. Then we all Christians be walking around with big chairs around our neck. Where are you there? How do you make the sign of the chair? So we need to get a quiet period where we clean up the crap. There were some black folks that went to war Cause they loved America. But most black folks, I went to war, went for the benefits. And let me tell you

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something black folk, there is a universal. I'm not talking about your church. I'm talking about there's a universal God that says to you before I sit back and let you go someplace to kill or be killed for somebody else. Just so you can go to college. I'll drop blood off your degrees to four generations. Now you understand what's happening on your corners.

Speaker 4 (00:58:53):

You willing to kill somebody, not cause you love America So I can get some GI bill. And then you look in the mirror and think you something special something,

Speaker 5 (00:59:07):

Huh?

Speaker 4 (00:59:09):

You for it. You got black neighborhoods. You scared to walk down the street. Those aren't people from Mars, those aren't redneck cracker, nigger hating CLA them and tears. Those guys and girl came out your black belly, God put out they little bitty feet. They celebrated Christmas that he and so went so crazy. You scared to walk past that thing that came out your belly And you don't know somebody trying to tell you something,

Speaker 5 (00:59:44):

Huh?

Speaker 4 (00:59:49):

Laughing at these youngsters Pants all down. They butt Hitler never wore his pants down though. Look how he turned down. No black man at home. What does that mean? Queen Elizabeth, the richest white woman on the planet. She make 360 million. Every 24 hours just interest on her money. She's always lived in that palace with one man Philip, You can't find no more messed up drug out trifling children than hers. Or tell me about a man being at home.

Speaker 5 (01:00:32):

Huh?

Speaker 4 (01:00:33):

It takes more than just a man being at home. And when you got two people, that whole man and one that's full of hate, Then the child's really messed up. This is what after happened. The whole thing got to be turned around White women today with a PhD, make 87 cents on the dollar tour, a white dude with

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a masters. It looked like we haven't come far in 50 years. You heard him this morning talking about Who would ever believe today. A black man is twice as more likely to go to jail than it was 50 years ago. You damn right. I'm not going jail for the crime. I'm going jail for the attitude. And if we would've had the same attitude, these jokes just had 50 years ago. We would've been under the jail. That's what it's about. Walk down the street nigger. And don't laugh. When you see me, don't scratch your butt. Like you scared of me. You damn right. I put you all in jail. He says a game,

Speaker 5 (01:01:44):

Huh?

Speaker 4 (01:01:46):

And don't tell how many times that white boy, my mother in the butt. She just love miss. Why you don't mean to grab mom? One of my daughters in the butt, The attitude done changed. And we can take that back to 50 years ago May to start feeling good. I was with Stokley in Greenwood, Mississippi. When he yelled black is beautiful and black folk got upset. We, we need green power. We wasn't talking about that. We wasn't saying black is beautiful at the expense that white was ugly. We were saying black is beautiful. Cause we had been convinced that black was ugly.

Speaker 5 (01:02:27):

Yeah.

Speaker 4 (01:02:28):

And it worked. You see black folks white than white folks in I'm black.

Speaker 5 (01:02:34):

Yeah.

Speaker 4 (01:02:35):

It was the time.

Speaker 5 (01:02:36):

Yeah.

Speaker 4 (01:02:37):

We worry about the word Nier that's you can never be a Nier There's black folks that have to been at this conference that if your son or daughter come home or grandson or daughter, well, a black as dark as me, y'all have some problems, but that ain't for discussion.

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Speaker 5 (01:02:55):

Huh?

Speaker 4 (01:02:56):

That's not for discussion. And so we, you today and we say, thank you

Speaker 5 (01:03:02):

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Speaker 4 (01:03:03):

Thank you For what you were able to do. I look around, I see you. I see family members. I see folks that ain't never got your name mentioned, But in the real book, In the real book.

Speaker 5 (01:03:23):

Hmm? Yes sir.

Speaker 4 (01:03:25):

What you've done. John Brown In the real book, had it not been for him. There wouldn't have been a civil war And the union respected what he did so much a white mate, willing to die or kill for me. He could get nothing out of that, But he did it anyway. And it scanned this country so bad after he made the raid on Harper ferry, 16 months later, civil war.

Speaker 5 (01:03:57):

Huh?

Speaker 4 (01:03:59):

And he told them as they hanged him from December to second, I was trying to give you God's last warning Now will be with your blood And show how stupid we are in America.

Speaker 5 (01:04:15): Revolution,

Speaker 4 (01:04:17):

Your Confederate revolution. Ain't nothing. Y'all be revolution. Like you invented revolution. Ain't nothing but an extension evolution, evolution. Ain't number of the graduate naturistic change. After long periods of time leads in the revolution, which is quick change. When a woman gets pregnant, the first nine months is evolution. When the water bag break that's nigga, you ain't invented nothing. And

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when that water bag break, All the bums, all the soldiers that have existed can make her cross her leg and keep that baby on.

Speaker 5 (01:04:55):

That's right.

Speaker 4 (01:04:55):

That's what's happening. And so I say to you as we leave here, Thank you. Thank you for coming up. Thank you for being here. What you witnessed these young folks, the folks from sneaker, this ain't no damn baseball game. This ain't something you could bet on and cheat on. I looked at that damn super bowl that boy through that, that quarterback, through that ball of that boy, Y also wrapped up. You thought it was legit. You crazy.

Speaker 4 (01:05:24):

This was real university of Texas. As we speak, have a football budget, annual of a hundred million dollars. There's never been that type of budget for free, huh? For liberation of women for fairness of children, huh? Somewhere. So we say to you enjoy, go back. You don't even have to go back telling what you heard. Just go back with a new smile, go back with that bitterness. And that meaningness go back and just help people go back and call your mama. Who, who you ain't talked to or your brother or your sister. And just in your voice, just say hi there. Not just say nothing else. That simple. That's what real freedom and liberation is about. Something happens in here until you SNI you youngsters. I thank you. Thank you. I made all the money I wanna make. Then I bumped into Y's and found out there's another bank account That I had nothing in that universal bank. Love you. God bless you. Thank you.