

## **BLACK LIVES MATTER!!!**

What does this slogan say to you? What images come to mind?

Do you reflect on the comments so boldly shared in the media by those concerned that the interests and position of the privileged are being attacked? Or, do you hear the words “I AM A MAN” chanted by the sanitation workers during the strike in 1968 shortly before the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.? Do you strain to see images of bodies of individuals other than those of color hanging from tree limbs with a noose around their neck. Or, do you see Emmett Till’s disfigured body ravaged by hate and tossed into a river like trash? What about the image of George Floyd with a foot on his neck for nine minutes while visibly showing signs of distress?

We began our Black History Month Temple Talk series with the tragedy of Emmett Till which sparked the civil rights movement and end today with acknowledging that 55 years later a modern-day lynching is still taking place. We lift up the thousands that also suffered inhumane treatment within the 55 years that separated the events. Yes, the struggle continues but we have “Come this far by Faith” and need to continue “leaning on the Lord” until BLACK LIVES MATTER!

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[17 Ways Black People Are Killed in America](#)