



## January 19 – I Have a Dream

Perhaps one of the most well-known phrases ever uttered, on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial are these four words: “I have a dream.” Rev Dr Martin Luther King, Jr’s dream was more than words on a page to sound good. It was in fact, a vision based on scripture and our need to let go of fear. Join us this weekend as we hear what Jesus has to say about dreams and not letting fear be the driver of your life’s bus!

### Scripture:

**I John 4:7-9, 13-21** <sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup> God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him...

<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup> Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup> Those who say, “I love God,” and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup> The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**John 13:12-16, 33-34** <sup>12</sup> After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had reclined again, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? <sup>13</sup> You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup> So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. <sup>15</sup> For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup> Very truly, I tell you, slaves are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them.

<sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now, I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ <sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

### Questions:

- Have you ever read Martin Luther King’s “I have a Dream” speech? If not, this week google it and read it through a few times. See what jumps out at you, what questions it raises for you, what things to remember?
- In today’s message Pastor Jane talked about how fear can derail us. Where does fear “derail” you? What might it look like and feel like in your life, if you didn’t allow that fear to drive your life?
- What do you dream of for our world? Nation? Your neighborhood? This faith community? How might God be calling you to lay down your fear and help make your dream a reality?

### Reading for the Week:

**Monday:** Isaiah 41:10

**Tuesday:** 2 Timothy 1:7

**Wednesday:** Deuteronomy 31:6

**Thursday:** Psalm 27:1

**Friday:** 1 Peter 5:7