

## CROSSING OUR BRIDGES

HEBREWS 12:1

### INTRODUCTION

WE'VE GATHERED TO CELEBRATE OUR BLACK HISTORY, BUT EXACTLY WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING?

ARE WE CELEBRATING THE FULLFILLMENT OF DR. KING'S DREAM? YOU DO KNOW THAT WE HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED AT OUR FINAL DESTINATION, DON'T YOU?

ARE WE CELEBRATING THE HISTORY OF A PEOPLE WHO HAVE FINALLY LEARNED TO SHED THE DIVISIONS IMPLANTED BY THE SLAVE MASTER AND EMBRACE OUR BLACK BROTHERS AND SISTERS WITH LOVE? YOU DO KNOW THAT WE STILL CIRCULATE OUR BLACK DOLLARS IN THE WHITE COMMUNITY MORE THAN IN OUR OWN, DON'T YOU?

ARE WE CELEBRATING JUSTICE AND EQUALITY? YOU DO KNOW THAT THE JAILS ARE STILL FILLED WITH JUST US, DON'T YOU?

SO WHAT HAVE WE COME TO CELEBRATE?

I PRAY THAT WE'VE COME TO CELEBRATE OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO WALLOW IN THE SEAT OF COMPLACENCY OR PARK OURSELVES IN THE HALLS OF THE STATUS QUO.