

Today's Devotional is provided by Jacqueline Laughlin

## Sunday Best ..... Dress for Success! Part 1



I found this photograph of my father and grandfather (he on the left in top hat) taken on Easter Sunday in 1954 as they took their stroll after church. Family lore tells that it was my first visit over to Sunday dinner at my grandfather's house on April 18<sup>th</sup>. I was barely four months old born late in January of the same year. I wish I could have heard what they talked about that day as they walked the streets of Harlem. The very next month, a long-awaited case filed by Mr. Brown in Kansas on behalf of his daughter would be a GAME CHANGER. On May 17, 1954, a newly appointed US

Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren ruled unanimously that racial segregation in public schools was unconstitutional. The granddaughter of slaves and immigrants would live in a completely different world that my parents were only too excited to prepare me for.

During my Devotion time these days, I so like to think about Lent as the lead up spiritual prep-time of 40 days and 40 nights in the unknown wilderness on the road to Easter. As a dutiful follower of the Christ, no manner of identification of pious suffering would be too great to align myself with the joyous message of a spectacular resurrection Sunday. It is easy for me to forget about the fun part of dressing up for success. We get to know in advance how the story ends as a reminder of all the miraculous possibilities we couldn't possibly foresee. Imagine after three days in the smelly grave to be bought back fully and defiantly to life as a visual manifestation of prophecy and God's Glory.

Easter Sunday, even if you dare not go to church all year long might be the one time you might go, or at least take a stroll around town in your new garments full of faith, promise, resiliency and expectancy...My brother and I loved to watch old musicals. Easter Parade was one of our favorites. This just might get you in the mood for dancing and dressing up! ...<https://youtu.be/KKr9S2UNFAU>

Pick out something nice to wear this Sunday & stay tuned for part 2 tomorrow...