


LOVE IS MY SUPERPOWER

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I recently encountered the phrases, “Love is our Superpower” and “Loving is our Superpower.” Corey Trevathan, a Preaching Minister at Riverside Church of Christ in Coppell, TX says, *“the love of Jesus is big enough, strong enough, [and] able enough to save anyone who would come to [Jesus]. The answer for every person that encounters Jesus is love. Love is [Jesus’] superpower. Love is His secret weapon. Love changed absolutely everyone that encountered Jesus.* “The phrases, “Love is our Superpower” and “Loving is our Superpower” resonates deeply with me. I believe at my core, that God’s  love **Empowers** me.

The love of my wife, my family, and friends gives me courage. And it strengthens me when I proudly and humbly stand on the shoulders of the women and men who came before me. Many of our ancestors loved us and sacrificed for us, without ever knowing us.

Black History month has ended, it is now Women’s History month and Gay Pride celebrations will kick off in the spring. In February, I shared with my MCCDC family that my great grandmother, Minnie, who was born in the 1890’s, could not read or write. My paternal grandpa, David had to stop going to school when he was in the second grade because his family needed him to work. My grandmother Julia and my grandmother Hattie only went to the 7th or 8th grade because there was no high school for Black people in their community in the 1920s and 1930s.

My mother attended Prince Edward County public schools during the 1950s. The 1954 Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* outlawed segregation in public schools. In 1955 the Supreme Court issued a second ruling that declared the implementation of desegregation should occur “with all deliberate speed.”

Prince Edward County, Virginia refused to integrate its public schools and in 1959, Prince Edward County closed all of its public schools. Prince Edward County public schools remained closed for five (5) long years.

It has been more than 60 years, and my mother and her schoolmates still get together to remember the lingering pain, frustration, psychological and economic impact of having their schools closed for five (5) years.

As a Black girl in the 1970s and as a young adult in the 1980s, I often daydreamed about having the physical strength and emotional resources to

rise-up against and overthrow the power structure of racism, sexism and homophobia. I wanted to beat down the oppressor in the same way that the oppressor has its foot on the neck of African Americans, women and LGBTs.

As I write this devotional, I am reminded that “Love is My Superpower.” LOVE is my emotional vitamin. Love fills me with courage, strength and vitality.

When I meditate on God’s love for me, it activates my superpower. When I walk in love, it activates my courage. When I operate from a place of love and I believe that I am loved, it strengthens me.

Love truly does make a way and it gives Us the ability to walk upright through life!



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