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we have been looking

Thank you to Dr. Eddie Glaude for joining us tonight. It's like a celebrity is in the house. So welcome Eddie. We're calling each other Eddie and Marcus tonight, so we're not doing all of that. And welcome and how are you doing today?

First of all, I am so delighted to be here. I'm amazed at what this school, this district represents in so many ways, Lonnie and what Fan has been doing is just a gift. I want to thank all the people behind the scenes; those who are getting our mic levels right. Just the folks we

It's hard to summarize. I delivered these lectures in 2011, and when I delivered the lectures, Michael Brown was still alive. Sandra Bland was still alive. Baltimore hadn't exploded. Ferguson. The quick trip in Ferguson was still around as it were. So, so much happened between then and now. How did we get here? In July 5th, 1852, Douglass delivered his July 5th oration at Old Corinthian Hall in Rochester, New York. And he said that there was, in that speech, he said that there was a reptile, a serious reptile in the nation's bosom, which was slavery, right? So we could tell a story about that serpent that has been eating the entrails of the nation since its formas

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Exactly. So you see what I mean? So now we're nerding out. We're

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Lord have mercy. Why would you put that question on? What is our resp...
moment? What is our responsibility? Well, we have to model, at least it...
It means not to lose one's soul in the face of evil. What does it mean to...
of ugliness? What does it mean to refuse to take the bribe? How does o...
world where integrity, love, care, sincerity, courage, or values that matte...
our children in this moment? Oh my God. How to don't run away from y...
moment, doc, the country, the foundations of the republic have cracked...
Lemme just say this every 10 minutes, I said it earlier today, every 10 mi...
injured or killed. I don't care where you stand in terms of the position. I...
vis-a-vis, I do care, but it's not really what I'm trying to suggest about Isr...
with that stat, something is happening in the soul. And what we need to...
it's in the journey between womb and tomb, from the first breath to the...
how you live in between with courage, decency, integrity, and love. And...
hearts in the midst of all of this ugliness and evil.

Yesterday I was prepping for this convey... I can hear the helicop...
of what was happening at Northwester... h,

point, much of the way in which our society has been organized is collapsing right now. We have a generation of young people who've come of age, and a lot of them have grown up knowing that the place is broken and it's a reasonable conclusion to draw that the question that's in front of them, they're trying to answer in interesting sort of ways and in complicated ways, and they're trying to answer it in a country that has forgotten how to disagree. We're expecting our children to disagree reasonably when we can't disagree reasonably as adults. And this book fits in the moment, I think Marcus, as a call for us to take responsibility for ourselves so that we can take responsibility for the nation.

In the book you say disposition matters and character matters. And what do you say to folks who... they're all about justice and they're not about character. They justify maybe unpleasant dispositions because it's really about justice.

Oh, see, the moral question is the beating heart of everything. And the question is, what kind of human being do you aspire to be? What kind of human being do you want to be? And when you are pursuing just and democratic ends by undemocratic means, when you're using the means that is that you're going to end up producing another set of means, you're going to end up with the same way you struggle, you're going to end up with the same kind of government. The means will distort the aims and ends. So when you're talking about independence, and you're talking about the National Party and the Jamaican Labour Party and you're talking about the PNP and the JLP party that they are just simply functioning against each other and they're just doing just what you just do. They're just doing just what you just do.

the dangers of when a person has not gone through this journey of self-creation who want to advocate for justice?

Oh, absolutely. If you don't have this kind of self-reflexivity, unexamined life, Socrates says it isn't worth living. One of the things we need to be teaching our children beyond this moment is that this

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b[that the prophetic is an act of the imagination to be able to see beyond the current condition of one's living, to imagine what is possible. And by imagining what is possible, we can critique what is. And all of us have that capacity. So let's bring the prophetic down to the ground. We don't need heroes, although we have them. We need representative folk, great people. Emerson teaches us great people come to us such that even greater people of possible. I don't want to lose myself in my imitation of my heroes. So because Malcolm was so important to me, I bought my horn rim glasses. I grew my goatee. I tried to smell like revolutionaries. I didn't know that they had oils. So I was rubbing incense on my neck, right? I'm from the country, right? I'm country. Yeah, you were that guy, huh? Yeah, I was that guy. Oh, he walks in, he smelled like Egyptian musk. I still do you want to smell it? I still do. Right? So heroes, just like prophets, can distort and disfigure democracy because when you give yourself over to the hero, you stop working on yourself and you follow them.

It's not about the pulpit, but the pew.

It's not about the pulpit; it's about the pew. And remember, when you got fans in the pew mercy and celebrities in the pulpit, the church is dead, right? Because somebody has outsourced their faith journey and then somebody else is doing something else. We ain't going to get into that. (laughter) So heroes tend to bulge out and obscure. They can become immediately tyrannical. They're not necessarily that, but they can overrun democratic life. So here I am, I bring Dr. King down to the ground. He's a hero. One of my models, I bring my

...that needs to be written entitled "All the King's Men." Yeah, those are some complicated
...s. And then there's a reason why when in 1960, April of 1960, after the Wildcat sit-ins in Nashville,
in Atlanta, in parts of North Carolina... people who became the shock troops, troops of
...movement, they gather at Shaw... April of 1960, they found the Student Nonviolent
Coordinating Committee. Why are... Baker's alma mater, and she's the one holding
... legacy organizations from... this... energy. ... at the heart of our politics is
this idea that is not to helicopter in... and direct in local communities, but to create the
conditions under which indigenous leadership will emerge. How else does a Anita Blackwell show up?
How else does a Fannie Lou Hamer show up? How... to the brothers and sisters of Lawrence County,
... And so the idea... all the... organizers, "shut up and listen," is

Well, I think we're just about at time, but thank you, Dr. Glaude.

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