



**11/7/2019 – Dr. Alveda King**

- God really touched my heart through listening to the wisdom and love she has for people. I want to walk righteously in the Lord and stand against the sin culture that the world is constantly bragging about. I've always had a broken heart for women who've had abortions and for the sex trafficking victims. When I leave from Mercy, I want to be involved in helping these women/children and I want to be the hands and feet of Jesus to them. I loved how she is for reformation and restoration because I have a passion for seeing those come to pass in lives. I have so much awe and adoration for her.
- I was truly inspired by the speaker and her honesty about how she really felt in love not covering up truth to look better. In all honesty when she began to talk about how she liked the president I almost started to tune her out, but I felt that God was trying to get me to listen. Where I was from I heard about all the bad things, quite horrible lies about him. Before coming to Mercy I had an actual hate for him and what represented to me which was unjust treatment. Through her speaking I realized how harshly I judged him for what I heard about him when in reality I've never met him. So who am I to judge someone I've never even met. It helped me forgive and see the importance of listening to others opinions.
- What impacted me most was when she said, "The more God loves me the more I can forgive. It comes from the Holy Spirit." This showed me I needed to see how much God kept me safe in situations. I could have been somewhere worse, but God loves me so much to keep me safe. When she said this on forgiveness it let me see I can forgive the ones who hurt and used me. That now that I can forgive them I can let the Holy Spirit shine through more in me. I've been struggling forgive the major hurts done by others, but she showed that God's love helps you forgive. For what I got out of this is God will help me be better out of all my hurt, pain, and depression. That my body is my own and God is on my side to help me stay strong period also to help me stay confident enough to forgive. It is very difficult to forgive the worst hurts. But today showed me I can do this through God. Now I can officially say I forgiven them who have hurt me.

- Her love for others was so apparent and that affected me most. I really liked how she said, “Humans make mistakes; God does not make any mistakes.” She seemed so confident in the healing and freedom God has given her. I really admired that. I also really was helped by how she said the more open we are to God’s love (let God love on us), the greater our capacity to forgive will be.
- What impacted me most was when she said Be You. The reason why that impacted me was because last night Megan showed us a video of her daughter telling us some words that God gave her and she said just be yourself and when Dr. King said that today with all the principals it just really helps me grasp that and give me a sense of confidence moving forward out of Mercy. I just need to be me.
- This message was so amazing for me. To see a woman so full of Jesus, forgiveness and love despite what has happened to her and her family or even the choices she made in her life was exactly what I needed to encourage me to press into Jesus. A few of the things that really stuck out to me was when she said, “When you really understand and get the fact that God loves the world and that we all bleed the same then you have the ability to love everyone. Doesn't mean you have to always agree, you can still walk away but you love.”
- Dr. Alveda King talked about her story and how God so loved the world. She said how after her father and uncle were killed that she hated white people. But then her Grandpa would hold her and say that God so loved the world. And how we have one blood and one race, the human race I loved that because I try and stay out of arguments and bad talking people. Because I know everyone has their own story, own struggles. Hearing that she fully loves the world, gives me hope that one day I’ll be so full of love that I can love the world to that intensity too.
- I really enjoyed her message and everything she had to say. I really loved how she was so and is still so strong in her faith and also strong with all of the bad things that happened in her life. She loves everyone no matter what. I also loved how open she was about parts of her story and even when she used to hate white people, then she realized it wasn't white people who killed her uncle and dad it was the devil. I also was very surprised when she talked about how she supported Trump. I, myself, am a supporter of him, and I think it's absolutely amazing that she knows him personally and voted for him. It is very inspiring to me. I really look up to her because even through her abortions and her miscarriage and the still current death threats, she still loves everyone and loves God, because everyone bleeds the same.

- What impacted me the most was Dr. Alveda King's compassion and love for everyone. She has every single right to hate white people, or at least the people that broke her family, but she doesn't. She really inspired me to work on my attitude with others and learn how to like/love everyone.
- I felt a great privilege and honor to sit in the session with Dr. King this morning. Her heart and vulnerability was so refreshing and inspiring. We definitely live in an age where it's so easy to take sides and see nothing but color. We need more individuals like her to stand up and be bold in the message of God's love for all – no matter the race or ethnicity. I pray that God continues to use her voice and testimony in a mighty way for as long as possible. She is definitely a mighty woman of God!
- It was such a privilege to meet Dr. Alveda King in person today! I loved hearing about her family history and her personal testimony. She is a really strong lady that has gone through a lot. She's someone I definitely look up to. A couple things she said that stood out to me is, "Humans make mistakes, but God makes no mistakes." and "We are all one blood no matter what our skin color may be." Those two statements she made really impacted me. I'm so glad she was able to come speak with us today!
- I think it was amazing how she learned to forgive white people, even though they killed her loved ones. It makes me think if she can forgive and still love those who hurt her, I can do that with those that hurt me. I need to be grateful and thank God for what I have left. I may not have my birth family, but I am thankful for the family God gave me. The more love I have from God the more forgiveness I can have for others.
- One thing that stood out to me from this was towards the end, she said something along the lines of "those conversations are hard but they need to happen." That stood out to me because when I go home I'm going to have to have some conversations and set some boundaries and all that fun stuff. And I'm not really looking forward to it and not even totally sure how I'm going to go about it, but this was just, like, affirming that this needs to happen and it's going to be hard but I need to do it.
- I love how she shared her life experience with us, good and the bad. If her grandfather can forgive the man who shot his wife and still thank God for what he had, I can forgive and thank God too. I love how she said that we are all one blood, that all of our blood is red. I felt a sense of freedom when she talked about forgiving people who are racist. I related to the racism stuff, because of my Hispanic heritage.

- There was a lot I appreciated about Dr. King's talk, but one of the biggest was her unyielding faith. No matter what life throws at her or what circumstances she's had to walk through, she fully relies on God to work all things for her good knowing that earthly situations are temporary and an eternity of perfection awaits her. She doesn't have it all together, but she cultivates a relationship with Jesus that is intimate and sustaining to her whole self.
- What impacted me the most from this message was how she said that her grandfather said, "But look at all we have left." It made me realize how even when so much is taken or lost I still have so much left that I can be content with. I also loved how she loves everyone and chooses to love everyone with 1 Corinthians 13 love. I am going to start being content and grateful with what I have and loving everyone.
- One of the things that Dr. King said was "thank God for what we have left and thank God no matter what happens." I love that because while spending time here at Mercy Multiplied the Lord has been teaching me to have a heart of gratitude, even when it's hard to be grateful. Being grateful has overall improved how I view things in life.
- What impacted me most was that how she brought up black and white people. It impacted me because of how her uncle and dad were killed by white men and she fought through it and didn't back down even after losing people she loved. Also, I like how she supported Trump like that's amazing, absolutely amazing. One more thing is she forgave the men which is amazing, like I could never forgive the person that killed a family member.
- One part that impacted me is "I am designed to love." This makes me think about how God designed me before sin. He did not install the tendency to hate, hurt, lie, or abuse in us; That is all sin-nature. When I repent from sin, choose God, and receive His love inside my heart I receive the nature of God, which is love, hope, forgiveness, joy, grace, kindness, and honesty. It gives me hope to know that is what God created me for.
- I was amazed at how her grandfather forgave the person who did harm to his family (wife). I love how she talked about forgiveness. I do know for me it has been a struggle for the people that have done me wrong. I love how she mentioned that we should thank God for what we have left. I know that if God can forgive us, we can forgive ourselves, and in return we are given strength to forgive others.

- In life there is a reason for everything, and we are all made to be God's children. Dr. Alveda lost her dad and several others in her family, but she had the strength of God to overcome those big issues. If God can wipe away the pain and hurt she had to deal with, I'm sure my battles that I am facing will be overcome. Like she stated, humans make mistakes, but God does not. Within all of that we just need to honor God and He will be sure to bless you.
- Our skin may be different colors, but our blood *is* the same color. We are all the same in God's eyes, therefore, we should not treat someone as if they are less than human just because our skin color may be different. The fact that she can have such a warm heart and be so forgiving is amazing. She spoke about how she at first loathed white people because of what they did to her family, but found love, compassion, and forgiveness because of her grandfather and the word of the Lord.
- What impacted me most from this message was when she said people make mistakes, but God does not. God revealed to me that He did not make a mistake when I made the choice to come to Mercy. This part of my life was planned out before I even knew that I would come here.
- What impacted me most was when Dr. King said, "Thank God for what we have left." Her grandfather, Dr. Martin Luther King Sr., said this about losing his 2 sons and his wife in a matter of a few years. We shouldn't focus on what we have lost, but we should focus on what we still have. I recently lost my best friend, my dog Marcy. For the longest time I focused on the fact that I'd lost her, more than focus on what I had left.