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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) once said, "Out of the mountain of despair, a stone of hope" (King). Throughout recent years, this country has gradually fragmented into tiny splinters of various atrocities. A "mountain" of offenses and brutality has built up. Violence has been the headline for decades. Humanity is returning to ancient instincts of savagery and cruelty, a hard place of the past that seems to have no place among 20th-century advancements and technology. When MLK was alive, he battled similar forces standing in the way of the eradication of segregation. He faced the fear of the white man for the loss of their own abused power if such a thing was to happen. What occurred in this time and continues to occur is something as old as humanity; our own ingrained fear of the unknown, and our resulting need to dominate one another for survival. Both slavery and segregation were born of this concept, and the effect of humanity when unleashed by morality is horrific; pain, suffering, and the corruption of those that inflict such torment. Through his work, MLK wished to demonstrate to the world that to annihilate segregation, people needed to put aside their fear of their differences and understand the consequences if such events were to continue, that being the destruction of society as we know it. Events that conspire today follow a similar pattern. People on either side of the political spectrum, the religious spectrum, or any spectrum cannot understand one another, and as a result, fear each other. The closest current conflict to that of MLK's battles is racial justice regarding police violence, which is represented well within the BLM movement. It is clear that there is inequity when Black people are engaged with the police, however, much of the general public and government fail to care, notice, or take action against these injustices. Black lives were and are lost in such horrific, violent manners, and yet these events have simply been ignored by the government for years. MLK worked and sacrificed so much to pass the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and to ensure that his fellow Black brothers and sisters would never again experience discrimination. However, today, police and society are brutalizing Black citizens in such a discriminatory fashion, that MLK's work and this Act have been completely demolished, developing immense, "despair" among Black people and their allies. However, due to this "despair", the BLM movement has risen up to exercise the American people's right to protest (First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution). Out of this pile of distress, the people have risen up to fight for one another. They have taken what they have been given, this "mountain of despair", the worst of humanity, hatred, and fear, and have created and become a "stone of hope". That is what I stand for; when times seem as if they could get no worse, when you have a mountain of hatred to break down, you take what you can, and you fight for mankind.