



Blessed are the Courageous

Lecture 3

Our embodied life together

In our embodied life together, the words of our doctrines take on flesh. If one of our orthodox beliefs has no corporeal value, if we cannot come up with a single consequence it has for our embodied life together, then there is good reason to ask why we should bother with it at all.” (Barbara Brown Taylor, *An Altar in the World*)

Persistence of intention

“Sacrifice does not mean self-immolation: it means persistence of intention in the face of resistance.”
(Eugene Rogers, *Blood Theology*)

Is anyone safe?

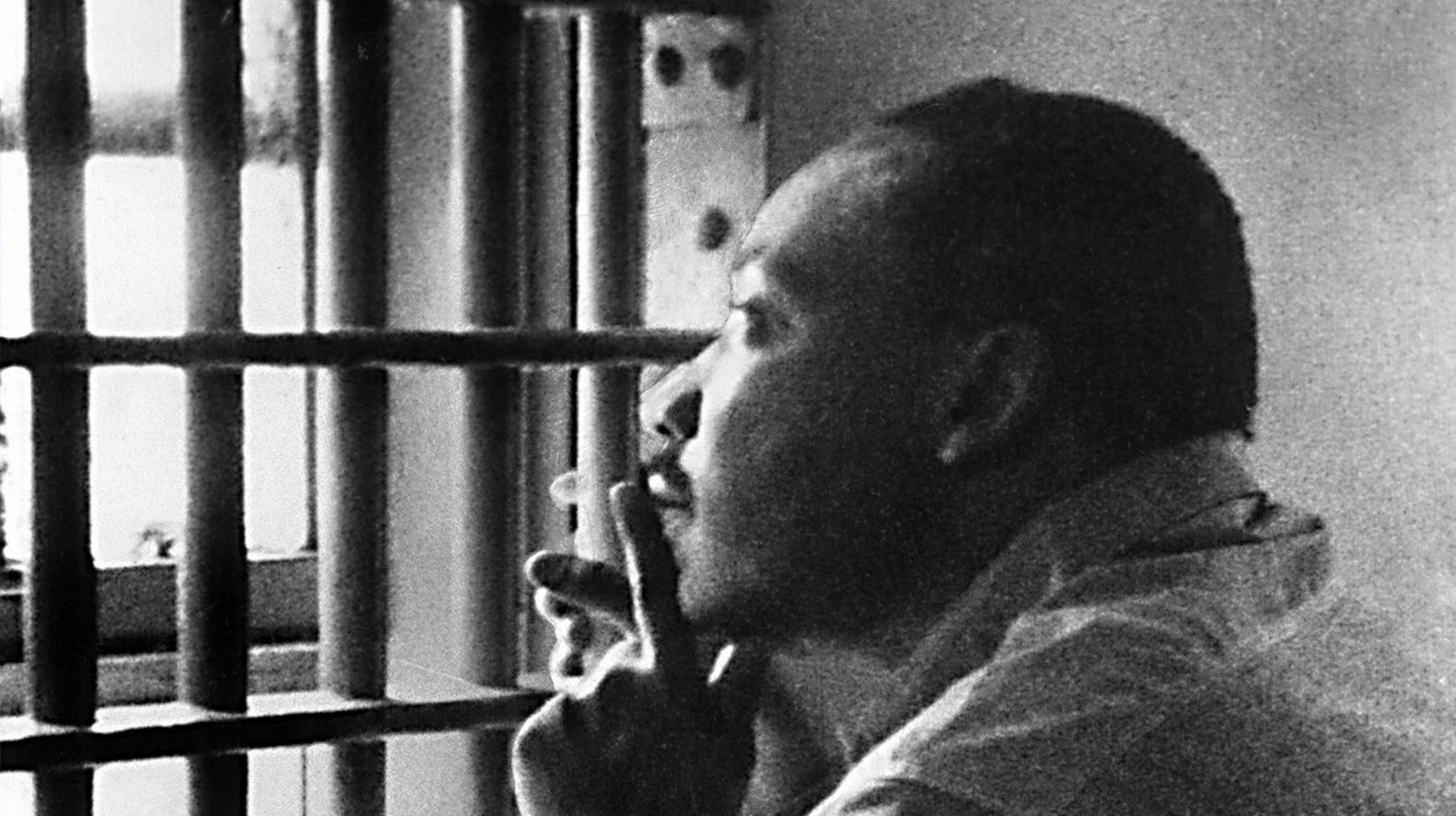
“...if a society permits one portion of its citizenry to be menaced or destroyed, then, very soon, no one in society is safe.” (James Baldwin “Nothing Personal”)

All of You

The beatitudes employ plural language, not singular, individualistic language. The content of verses 4:18-25 indicate Jesus' concern with and participation in society. And the context of the beatitudes concerns societal visions, structures and practices.” (Warren Carter, Working Preacher Commentary for Feb 1, 2026)

Idolatry of Civility

“...the Protestant ethic of bourgeois civility defers full community indefinitely in order to forge a workable, limited formal community here and now. ...this limited view is not purely secular; it is, in fact, rooted in a particular strand of American Christianity, a Calvinist strand that prioritizes a certain type of self-denial and self-restraint.” (Cathleen Kaveny *Prophecy Without Contempt*)



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“Love of God correlates with the places we occupy; loving God means to order the land in ways that fit God’s character: mercy, grace, compassion, generosity, faithfulness.”

“...it is in particularity that the love of God is most clearly expressed. God says, ‘I love this tree, this flower, this man,’ more than the idea of the thing.” (*No Home Like Place*)





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