When Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech on Aug. 28, 1963, the United States was still a long way from the declaration of 1776. Washington was white-collar, a city of reserve and formality. The Declaration of Independence was a foreign document to many Americans.

One factor contributing to this disparity was the increasing racial animosity and anti-Semitism expressed in much of the early part of the 20th century. The idea that only time can solve the problem of racial prejudice and discrimination is an illusion, according to the late civil rights leader.

He noted that Methodist suffragist Frances Willard inspired a generation of women with her fight for the vote. And another generation of women, the suffragettes, was inspired by Martin Luther King Jr., a generation of men.

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The story of America cannot be segregated any more than African-Americans have been present throughout American history. A new day is on the horizon. And when the new day finally dawns, it will be because a lot of magnificent women and some pretty phenomenal men, are fighting hard to make sure they become the leaders who take us to the time when nobody has to hear ‘me too’ again.”

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