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## Tomorrow is Today: The Urgency of Now

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We are now faced with the fact, my friends, that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In the unfolding conundrum of life and history, there is such a thing as being too late.

Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.  
April 4, 1967

In a remarkable speech entitled Beyond Vietnam, Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. gently and patiently explained why he opposed the war. His seven major reasons ran almost seven thousand words. The above quote came near the end of his [address](http://bit.ly/XhYQW). <http://bit.ly/XhYQW>

Imagine, if just for a moment, what it must have been like sitting in the Riverside Church in New York City that night. The most important civil rights leader in a century was laying his credibility on the line to "make a passionate plea to my beloved nation." The most eloquent, persuasive preacher in America was speaking truth to power: Somehow this madness must cease.

But Dr. King also sought to galvanize his audience to action. "Procrastination is still the thief of time," Dr. King said, "Life often leaves us standing bare, naked, and dejected with a lost opportunity. The tide in the affairs of men does not remain at flood – it ebbs."

And then Dr. King reminded us all that "if we do not act, we shall surely be dragged down the long, dark, and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight."

Echoing through the decades, Martin Luther King's words should inspire us to act as our consciences dictate. It is, after all, the time to "move past indecision to action." Please [join us](#).

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