

The Man Who Heard the Silence

“In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.”-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I think this quote means that what people say does not matter. What truly matters is how words make people feel. It is important to always stand up for yourself and the people you care about. No one will remember you for what you said but rather, how you made them feel.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is one of the most well-known African-Americans in history. He fought for civil rights and freedom for all people in the United States. Martin believed that no matter what race, gender, disability, or religion somebody is, they should still have equal rights. In his speech, “I Have a Dream”, Dr. King talked about how he wishes that in the future, kids will not have to face discrimination. This man dedicated his life to fighting for our rights.

Today would not be the same if Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had not stood up for what he believed in. He left a huge impact on the United States, and he has changed people’s perspectives. Thanks to this determined man, Brookings and many other cities are united and are not separated by segregation. Because we are now united, our government is stronger and stable. Without Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. nothing would be the same.

Dr. King not only left an impact on the United States, but his ideas have also left an impact on me. In his speech, “I Have a Dream,” Martin also explained how he thinks people should be judged. Martin said that people should not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character, and I agree with this. I understand what it is like to be judged by something you cannot change because I am partially deaf. Sure, being deaf is part of who I am, but it should not define who I am. What defines who I am is how I treat others, not what people see when they look at me.

Martin Luther King, Jr. has inspired many people. He stood up for what he believed in and gave people rights. “In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends.” This man heard the silence of the people and stood up for them.