

# 50 Years After MLK, Hispanic Leader Samuel Rodriguez Also Has a Dream

As we commemorate Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech delivered 50 years ago, permit me to share my dreams.

I have a dream.

I have a dream that this generation will recognize the image of God in every human being, in and out of the womb, without exception.

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I have a dream that Christ followers will stop hiding at the bottom of the threshing floor and emerge as mighty heroes of righteousness and justice.

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I have a dream that as Christians we will be known not by what we oppose or attempt to impose but rather by what we propose; eternal life through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

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I have a dream that the children of the cross realize that today's complacency is tomorrow's captivity, that moral stagnation leads to spiritual atrophy and that there is no such animal as comfortable Christianity.

I have a dream. I have a dream that children will not be aborted, marriages will thrive and religious liberty will prevail for generations to come.

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I have a dream that truth will never be sacrificed on the altar of expediency, that love will overcome hate, and the prophetic will silence the pathetic.

I have a dream that one day we primarily see ourselves not as black, white, brown or yellow, Hispanic, charismatic or automatic but first and foremost as children of the living God.

The dream lives!

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