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## Mission Moment

History gives us the ability to stop and remember significant past events that have shaped the world in which we live. This is why every year the month of February is designated as *Black History Month*. Black history is not merely the history of African Americans; it is our history as the American people, and our history impacts the church.

In black history, we find a narrative richly woven with the themes of the gospel. It is a history that helps us to better understand God, to comprehend His plan for humanity and to see tangible evidence of His deliverance, love and blessings.

Black history offers stunning examples of what unity should look like, serving as a present day reminder of the unifying truth that Jesus spoke to both the Jews and Gentiles. It is a story filled with modern day faith heroes who persevered for truth, sometimes to the point of death.

Our church's recognition of *Black History Month* ought not to be based on obligation.... but out of our sincere love for humanity. Our love for humanity flows from the love we have received from God in Christ.

May this month sharpen our memories so that every month is one in which we see each other as brothers and sisters.