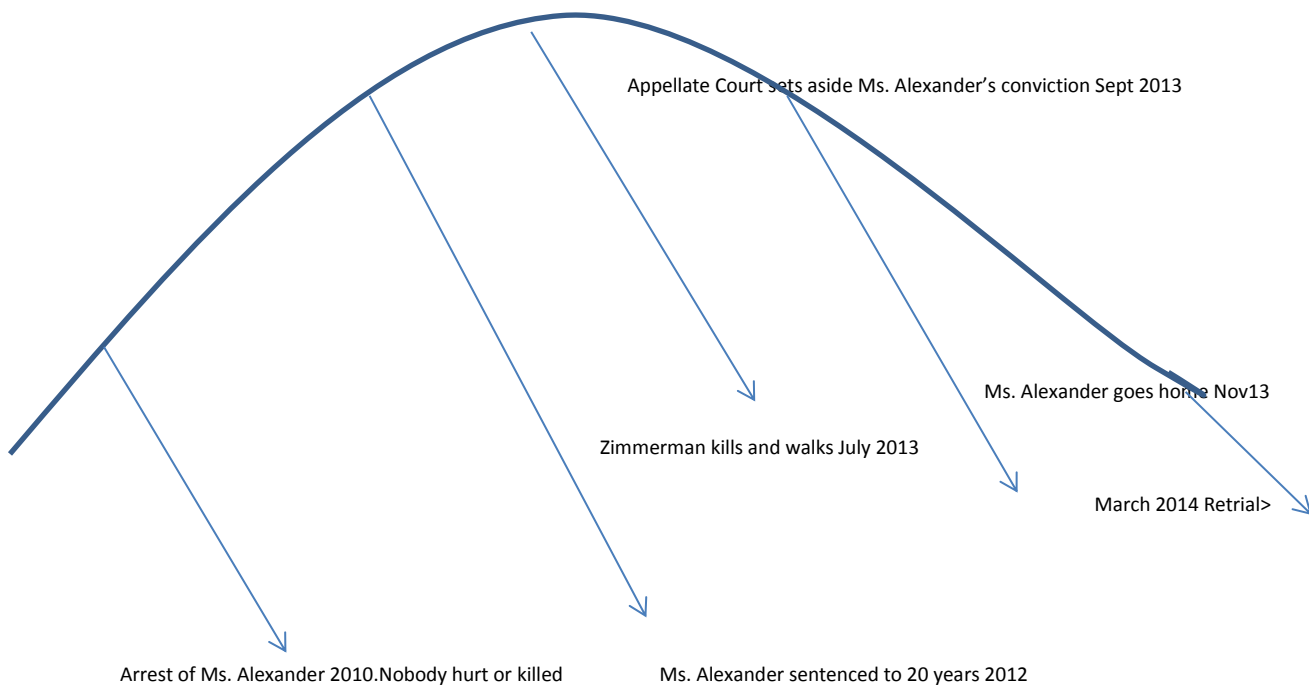


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From our beloved revered martyred Brother Martin’s “Our God is marching on” speech at the conclusion of the March from Selma to Montgomery in Alabama, March 26 1965

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These eloquent and heartbreaking, compelling and evocative expressions of outrage and pain preceded the answer to the question “How Long?”

“I know you are asking today: “How long will it take?” Somebody’s asking: “How long will prejudice blind the visions of men, darken their understanding, and drive bright-eyed Wisdom from her sacred throne?” Somebody’s asking: “When will wounded Justice, lying prostrate on the streets of Selma and Birmingham and communities all over the South, be lifted from this dust of shame to reign supreme among the children of men?” Somebody’s asking: “When will the radiant star of hope be plunged against the nocturnal bosom of this lonely night, plucked from weary souls with chains of fear and the manacles of death? How long will Justice be crucified, and Truth bear it?”

King then answered this question many times, beginning with the basic “it will not be long,” and building to the most famous quotation from this speech:

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