

# KEEP GOING

## Black Women Have Been Leading Change for Centuries

How do you hold onto your own humanity? – Carrie Mae Weems

When you hit a wall, you just kick it in. – Daphne Brooks

My story ends with freedom. – Harriet Jacobs

Racism is not ignorance, it is the most sophisticated, slippery, elusive ideology since the creation of gender. – Imani Perry

People resist by... telling their story. – bell hooks

I'm no longer accepting the things I cannot change...I'm changing the things I cannot accept. – Angela Davis

Caring for myself is not self-indulgence, it is self-preservation and that is an act of political warfare. – Audre Lorde

Has anyone ever told you that you are important? – Maya Angelou

I recognize that my power as well as my primary oppressions come as a result of my blackness as well as my womanness, and therefore my struggles on both of these fronts are inseparable. – Audre Lorde

This is *precisely* the time when artists go to work. There is no time for despair, no place for self-pity, no need for silence, no room for fear. We speak, we write, we do language. That is how civilizations heal.

I know the world is bruised and bleeding, and though it is important not to ignore its pain, it is also critical to refuse to succumb to its malevolence. Like failure, chaos contains information that can lead to knowledge — even wisdom. Like art. – Toni Morrison

We have to work together. They are going to try to divide and conquer us as they've done before. We haven't seemed to get over that. – Jamala Rogers

We are the one's we've been waiting for. – June Jordan

