

Wright: Obama example of ignoring limits, 'rules'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Barack Obama's controversial former pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Wright, said Sunday that the lesson in Obama's rise to the White House is that Black people shouldn't limit themselves — or allow others to.

Wright had been Obama's longtime pastor at Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago before Obama quit the church and ended the relationship with Wright during the presidential campaign. Obama acted after the uproar over some of Wright's videotaped sermons, in which he blamed the U.S. for the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, among other things.

Two days before Obama took the oath of office, becoming the nation's first Black president, Wright delivered an encouraging sermon during worship services at Howard University, urging those watching him from inside Crampton Auditorium, and two overflow rooms elsewhere on campus, to follow Obama's example and shrug off the negativity of others.

Wright said Obama

would not be the president-elect had he listened to the voices of those who doubted whether he could win the caucuses in mostly White Iowa, the Democratic presidential nomination and the presidency itself.

Of Obama, he said the Lord had "stepped into his story and gave him a new attitude."

"The scrawny kid with the big ears and the funny name said, 'Yes, we can,'" said Wright, who for the past five years has delivered the sermon at Howard on the eve of the Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday.

Obama, he said, had freed himself from "other people trying to put him in a prison, defining him as they saw him."

"No more seeing ourselves through the eyes of others who don't look like us," added Wright, now pastor emeritus at Trinity United. "We're now free and seeing ourselves through the eyes of a God who loves us and loves all of God's children equally."

As Wright waited on stage to deliver his hourlong ser-

mon, Obama, his wife, Michelle, and their two daughters attended Sunday services across town at the Nineteenth Street Baptist Church.

A graduate of Howard, Wright had been Obama's minister for 20 years. He helped Obama embrace Christianity, officiated at Obama's wedding and baptized Obama and his two daughters.

But Obama resigned from Trinity United and, ultimately, cut ties with Wright because of the uproar caused by videotaped snippets of some of Wright's sermons, in which he shouted "God damn America" and accused the government of creating AIDS.

Campaign ads during the presidential campaign portrayed Wright as a bigot and asked why Obama would listen to him for so many years.



THE NEWEST U.S. SENATOR

Sen. Roland Burris, D-Ill., accompanied by his wife Berlean takes part in a mock swearing-in ceremony administered by then-Vice President Dick Cheney on Capitol Hill in Washington last week after an official swearing-in on the floor of the Senate.

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hand the mendacity and machinations that have kept African-Americans invisible on and to Madison Avenue for over four decades," Moore said. "Madison Avenue has created and perpetuated a 'separate and unequal' marketing paradigm which is reflected in their advertising, their workforce and among their executive ranks. Even though our dollars provide the profits, the industry is still afraid of the dark."

Ciccolo added, "The Madison Avenue Project is designed to send a special wake-up call to the advertising industry... It's time for Madison Avenue to wake up to civil rights and to the meaningful inclusion of African-Americans in this highly segregated industry."

The NAACP also plans to circulate the report not just to its members, but also to Fortune 100 companies to urge them to stop aiding and abetting widespread discrimination by this industry.

The study, entitled "Research Perspectives on Race and Employment in the Advertising Industry," was conducted by a leading research firm, Bendick and Egan Economic Consultants. The complete study can be found at findjustice.com, naacp.org, and bendickegan.com.

Your Horoscope Says... Jan. 22-28

ARIES

Lucky! Your natural ability to shine is magnified this week. You'll be garnering positive attention on a project you recently completed. Bask in the glow of public admiration!

Soul Affirmation: This week I forgive myself for everything that has happened.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 13, 29

TAURUS

A celebration is in store and you are the guest of honor! You've achieved something wonderful and you need to take some time to enjoy it. Let yourself enjoy the applause then move onward and upward.

Soul Affirmation: I entertain wild ideas about making money this week.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 24, 36

GEMINI

Let someone else make a few decisions this week. Take a backseat and enjoy the respite from doing all the driving. You'll enjoy the ride more this week if you just admire the view as it goes by.

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy living in my dream.

Lucky Numbers: 19, 43, 50

CANCER

Sometimes you imagine that everyone needs to hear your sensible opinions on all matters of significance. And other weeks you know that you are wise and generous enough to listen to others as they share their good ideas. This week is a week for listening. You'll learn much.

Soul Affirmation: I listen with an open heart.

Lucky Numbers: 15, 21, 27

LEO

Anybody may occasionally have a week when their energy feels low. Your natural good health will see you through a possible down time if you just go with the flow and let yourself relax. Rest if you have the chance and you'll feel like your wonderful self in no time flat!

Soul Affirmation: I calm my emotions by forgetting about the past.

Lucky Numbers: 16, 28, 35

VIRGO

You are the center of attention this week and while you'll be very busy you'll love every moment. Enjoy your time in the spotlight! You may want to indulge yourself with some emotional theatrics this week. Add up the costs and benefits before acting out. If you can afford it go for it! If not count to ten and smile, smile smile!

Soul Affirmation: All vibes are good, and good for me this week!

Lucky Numbers: 3, 10, 34

LIBRA

Stay flexible this week, especially where a partner is concerned. While they may be moody there's no need for you to join them in their attitude unless you really, really want to! Stay positive and go with the good vibrations that surround you.

Soul Affirmation: I exercise to lower tension this week.

Lucky Numbers: 33, 45, 54

SCORPIO

Ding-dong! Destiny is at the door. Let it in and enjoy the change of pace. You'll be happy to make a few adjustments for this most welcome guest. Follow through on instincts and hunches!

Soul Affirmation: My spirit makes

all things new.

Lucky Numbers: 38, 41, 55

SAGITTARIUS

Stay on course with your current decisions and dreams. You may doubt your progress this week but you really are moving toward a better tomorrow with your determined attitude.

Soul Affirmation: I enlarge my happiness by forgetting about myself this week.

Lucky Numbers: 20, 27, 32

CAPRICORN

You feel great! Your shining spirit attracts many seekers this week so let your best wisest self answer questions that are put to you by those who want advice. You'll smooth over a sticky situation at work with ease.

Soul Affirmation: Distant love is sometimes sweeter.

Lucky Numbers: 12, 24, 36

AQUARIUS

Busy week. You'll want to get up with the birdies and you may even want to whistle a happy little tune. You'll be very much in demand for your expertise and positive attitude. Way to go!

Soul Affirmation: I enjoy the act of adoring.

Lucky Numbers: 11, 16, 18

PISCES

Happiness arrives and sits on your shoulder like a bright butterfly this week. A relationship can make significant progress if you stay open to love. Keep your evening free for romance in a social setting.

Soul Affirmation: I give thanks for who I am this week.

Lucky Numbers: 5, 26, 49

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