



Transcript for Integration Generation:

Keith: We were just ostracized twice because our friends from Wallace would say. You think your something because your going to the white school. Then we would go a few blocks down the street and get to St. Andrews then you would get that small group that would shout out these obscenities nigga go home. It was known among the black students do not go to the bathroom during the changing of class because you probably would be ganged in the bathroom. It actually happened several times.

Narrator: Macfarland says the fight was for academic access as well.

Arthur Macfarland: There was a belief that we were inferior. Our education was inferior. So certainly I could not compete on the same academic level. So they had to make the adjustment. It was more hostility coming from other students at other schools because I was something unusual for them.

Narrator: Macfarland and Waring knew what to expect they lived in a segregated society. Their parents warned them of the dangers the boundaries, but what about today.

Jerome: Clearly the society is still racist and has only taken different forms and now we have not prepared our children. We see the manifestations of that each and every day. We have lost the ability to sense potentially dangerous situations before we are forced to confront them.

Lauren Waring: By the time I figured it out I couldn't lash out and get angry. But from each situation I just I had to learn. And from each situation I knew okay well. If something similar to this happen next time. I'll know what to do.

Macfarland: Because so many of us want to believe that we have arrived. It takes a particular mind set to accept the fact that you are still being considered as inferior or a second class citizens.

Narrator: So in our denial or wishful thinking that our children will not endure what we did. Have we failed to pass on survival instincts?

Tracey Waring: I think their better (cough) because you know we



have more black doctors, lawyers, teachers and more black people owning their own businesses.

Nathan: You can't say that all white folks are racist or you can't say that all black folks aren't racist. I think you have to judge them by what they are. Just like the Bible says you'll know them by their fruits. You'll know within yourself if that person is racist or if they are for you or against you.

Lauren Waring: I think we are as prepared as we can be, but there is that brick wall out there because as far as our generation goes and as far as dealing with the history. You have some black people our age out there who want to pursue and learn about black history and learn about the things our parents and our grandparents went through. Then you have those who kinda just brush it off. Oh you know that was the past.

Jerome: If you don't know where you have been you don't know where you are going. If you don't your earlier history you certainly have know idea what your future is going to be.

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