

From The Pastor's Study

What Country Are We In?

Is this the world I was born into? A world where hate and fear run the nation, where we as a Christian nation riot in the streets, murder for no reason, where the police are to be feared? I was raised to respect the police, not fear them. Oh, yes, I am white and perhaps because I am white I have less to fear from most of them than if I was black.

I was raised by a family who stood strong as white and believed anyone who was not white was less than I was; less human, less educated, and less intelligent. And yet my great grandfather married a Native American when that was not the right thing to do. My parents couldn't understand why I had Mexican friends, why I made friends with some of the migrant workers children.

When I joined the Navy the racist ideology was still in full swing