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*(excerpt from Friday Fragments, following the death of George Floyd)*

## **The World Around Us**

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Ordinarily, I try to steer clear of discussing topics of major import outside the world of disability services. You didn't sign up for *The Last Word* to hear **my** views about such things. But this week has been filled with such striking images on our screens, and such compelling news in our headlines, that I felt it was impossible to ignore. But what can I say?

In floundering for a message I might share, I came across a quote from an unlikely source. Meghan Markle, the Duchess of Sussex, gave a virtual graduation address to students of the high school she graduated from in Los Angeles. She described the killing of George Floyd and the anger and demonstrations that have followed as "absolutely devastating." And then she said,

***"And I wasn't sure what I could say to you. I wanted to say the right thing. And I was really nervous that I wouldn't, or that it would get picked apart, and I realized, the only wrong thing to say is to say nothing."***

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