

# STRIKE THE ROCK

A STORY OF UNITY AND THE FOUR FORGOTTEN LEADERS OF THE 1956 WOMEN'S MARCH



INHERIT  
SOUTH AFRICA

## SYNOPSIS

In 1952, the despised pass laws (which had long-tormented African men) were extended to include African women.

Such was the outrage, that it transcended the race barriers being erected by the Apartheid state, as a diverse group of women came together in support of their African sisters.

It culminated in a famous march to the Union Buildings on August 9th, 1956.

The protest was conducted with such scale, diversity, and dignity, that it shook the South African state and helped usher in a new phase of the struggle movement.

This story tracks the lives of the march's four core leaders: Lilian Ngoyi, Helen Joseph, Rahima Moosa and Sophie de Bruyn.

Each had emerged from different cultural backgrounds; each from different parts of the country; and each born to a different decade.

Yet, they came together. Uniting, in order to lead decisive action against the state.

Six decades down the line, roads and hospitals bear the names of these four women, but their extraordinary lives (those meaningful, human elements) have been all but forgotten to many South Africans.

## DETAILS

LENGTH:	55 MINS
PG:	14
INTERVAL:	NO
IMAGES:	YES
SOUND:	YES
Q&A:	OPTIONAL

## CORE MESSAGE

In a time of fracture and uncertainty, this is a story about the power of unity and the pursuit of a common cause for good.

## TESTIMONIALS

THAT WAS SIMPLY IMMENSE | REMARKABLE WOMEN, REMARKABLE STORY, REMARKABLY TOLD | SUCH AN INSPIRING STORY! MAY IT BE TOLD SO THAT OUR DAUGHTERS' DAUGHTERS WILL KEEP ON STANDING UP FOR WHAT IS RIGHT | SO INSPIRING! SHOWING WIDESPREAD PEACEFUL ACTIVISM IS SO POWERFUL. THANKS FOR MAKING IT SO RELEVANT TODAY | INSPIRING – A REMINDER THAT ORDINARY PEOPLE CAN MAKE GREAT CHANGE | WONDERFUL EDUCATION DELIVERED SO ELOQUENTLY. ALL SOUTH AFRICANS SHOULD HEAR THESE STORIES | SO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN BRINGING THE STORIES OF OUR COUNTRY TO LIFE AND WITH THE MESSAGE OF UNITY. SO POWERFUL. | A MOVING STORY BEAUTIFULLY TOLD | PHENOMENAL MICHAEL, AS ALWAYS. THANK YOU! | INSPIRATIONAL. BRILLIANT. | THANK YOU. SO ENLIGHTENING! | WONDERFUL INSIGHT, SO MOVING | ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE. WHAT A PRIVILEGE | WOW. JUST ... WOW! THAT WAS INCREDIBLE | MICHAEL'S STORY TELLING AND THE STORIES HE CHOOSES TO TELL ALWAYS LEAVE ME IN TEARS AND INSPIRED | WHAT A POWERFUL PRESENTATION! I WISH THIS COULD BE PUT ON PAPER | WHAT A REMARKABLE THING YOU HAVE ACHIEVED. I WAS RIVETED, BURNING MY TOAST AS I COULDN'T LEAVE THE SCREEN | BRILLIANT TALK. IT IS INCUMBANT ON US TO DO BETTER AND TO BUILD A LEGACY THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS WILL BE PROUD OF | I WOULD JUST LIKE TO PLACE ON RECORD MY ABSOLUTE APPRECIATION FOR AN ADMIRABLE AND AWESOME TALK. AS A WOMAN, I AM DEEPLY TOUCHED | MY GOODNESS, I AM CRYING ALREADY. THE RICHNESS OF OUR PAST GIVES ME SO MUCH HOPE FOR THE FUTURE | WOW, WHAT REMARKABLE, COURAGEOUS WOMEN | THE STORY OF FOUR UNSUNG HEROES WILL ALWAYS STICK WITH ME | WHAT AN INSPIRING STORY. FILLS IN SO MANY KNOWLEDGE GAPS | RARE INSIGHT INDEED AND POWERFULLY INSPIRING | I LITERALLY SHED A TEAR AFTERWARDS THINKING ABOUT THE TREMENDOUS CHANGE BROUGHT ON BY THESE WOMEN. | A TRULY MOTIVATING AND MOVING STORY | THERE IS SO MUCH HISTORY THAT HASN'T BEEN TOLD. THANK YOU FOR THE EDUCATION | SO IMPORTANT TO RETELL THESE TYPES OF STORIES. | WE FELT THE DEEP EMOTION. AN INSPIRING STORY THAT AWAKENS THE REALIZATION THAT BY STANDING TOGETHER FOR A COMMON CAUSE ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE | I ACTUALLY HAD GOOSE-BUMPS DURING SOME OF THE NARRATION OF THIS STORY | I HAVE NOT ENCOUNTERED ANYONE WHO CALMLY PUTS OUR HISTORY IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE AND DOES IT SO WELL | ABSOLUTELY INCREDIBLE | INCREDIBLE COURAGE AND VERY INTERESTING TO HEAR THEIR STORIES. THANKS VERY MUCH | INSPIRATIONAL | AWESOME STORYTELLER | FASCINATING | BLOWN AWAY FROM THE RICH HISTORY WE HAVE. | THANK YOU. THAT'S OUR HISTORY