

# ASK ME

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Stronger

Effective

As long as you speak your truth.

That is enough.

Misconceptions

Everyone here wishes for the human race to be advanced

I speak it,

And I still speak it,

So always speak up.

What I believe and internalize will not be metabolized the same

I'm a black woman.

I leave the world better for those coming behind me.

**AUTHOR'S NOTE:** This piece is derived from an interview with Shayne Kinloch (left). Words and phrases were taken directly from the interview. She is the program and operations manager for Together SC, a non-profit organization in South Carolina. They focus on community service, leadership, and caring. We asked Shayne questions based on this year's conference theme, "Make Them Listen".