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   The NAACP was not simply pursuing access to public education in Brown. They were pursuing an end to Jim Crow. For me, the promise of Brown resonates every time a person of color checks into a hotel, every time a person of color is served in a restaurant or goes for a job interview, presumably unobstructed.