

PEOPLE OF DESTINY

At critical times in the history of mankind, certain people have been chosen to become His “special leaders to be used in a very unique way of service—to lift, inspire, shape, and change the course of history. All of life is changed and moved, not by masses of people, but by individuals. There is always the leader—and the people follow. The biggest doors open on the smallest hinges. As I study the bible for examples of God’s direction, the fascinating thought that grips my mind is the fact that—of this type of person, none really wanted to lead, most not even brave. As a matter of fact, when God’s call came—not even willing – usually saying, as Moses, Gideon, and others, “Couldn’t you send someone else? I’m scared—not able—etc.” But it seems this is the best type of individual. All God wants is availability—and sincere desire to be at the center of His will. He chooses the ordinary, the timid, the fearful—the outcast and failures, the rejects of life—and does the extraordinary through them. A modern example is Chuck Colson, and his prison ministry—you should read his new book, *Life Sentence*. In the worst of times God works in the best of ways—no one will deny today that we are in most trying turbulent times. We are in a period of time where the forces of evil move like a thunderstorm from all directions. Moral values/ goodness/ love seems to be evaporating around us. While every evil under the sun flourishes like a body without a head, there is confusion and darkness everywhere.

My friends it is in exactly such times that the spirit of God works through the lives of men and women. I believe that to whom much is given, much is expected. I believe that in this time – in this place – in history is our time to live- for this we have been born and we are now called to rise up – come forth and be used by God in a special way. We are here now called together by divine appointment. For purposes that are beyond our understanding. We are called only to be true to Him who has called us, and to allow Him to do His work through us for His Purposes, and to love and support one another. Not everyone who could be is here today – some of you have not moved toward leadership at this point. However, you have been chosen to be here by divine appointment. I don’t even know you as a person, but it is not I who calls you. We have been called together, we have a job to do – we will be used if we are willing, right here, right now, to do the best we can – to be the best we are. This is your life. This is my life. This is our Time to Live. We are people of testing- we have only to respond. We must redeem the time with what is left of our lives. We must make the choice to live in service or die in nothingness. God has a plan for you and me. We can say yes or no. The choice is ours. The results are HIS.

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