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INALIENABLE RIGHTS

John Adams wrote to his wife Abigail after signing the Declaration of Independence, “Yesterday the greatest question which was ever debated in America was decided, and a greater perhaps never was nor will be decided among men.”

Prior to the conception of our Nation there were gatherings or congresses that convened to establish foundational principles upon which they and future generations could develop and grow. The war that ensued was to form a Nation with these founding principles ... to establish a nation under God. They desired to see a perpetuation of their commonly held VISION.

The Declaration of Independence, Bill of Rights, the Federalist Papers etc. are early writings which have maintained their significance for well over two hundred years. The founding fathers saw INALIENABLE RIGHTS, such as individual rights to liberty, equality and property and sought to establish a vehicle through which these might be ensured for future generations.

The founding documents are for the protection of these INALIENABLE RIGHTS. The preservation and furtherance of these truths are ultimately imperative for maintaining freedom in our future generations.

= NOTHING CAN STOP YOU

I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You. JOB 42

God had a purpose for some men to lead the cause for freedom and liberty. One such leader was George Washington. Nothing could stop him from fulfilling God's will!

It was said that Washington's tall stature actually attracted attention. He fought in the French and Indian War and had two horse killed under him and four bullets passed through his coat in one battle! The Indian Chief not only singled him out for death, but ordered his warriors to do the same!

Years later the chief claimed that he fired a dozen shots at him before becoming convinced that Washington was under the protection of the Great Spirit. The truth is—God hedged him in on all sides and protected him until he fulfilled his divine purpose. Washington could not be killed in battle—he was never even wounded!

God has a plan for you and nothing can kill or destroy you before it comes to pass! He hedges you in—defending and protecting you for future destiny. You can accomplish courageous exploits for God because He is your shield and rear guard—He fights for you! Whatever comes against you only makes you better!

= **PROVIDENCE**

America's history reveals the powerful hand of God in its formation. The capture of Fort Ticonderoga (May 10, 1775) without a gunshot clearly echoes of something similar to the biblical accounts of war in Israel! Colonel Ethan Allen awakened British Captain Delaplace of Ticonderoga in the middle of the night and ordered his surrender. The astounded captain replied, "By whose authority do you make the demand?"

Allen knew that it was the day appointed for the convening of Congress in Philadelphia and his resounding war cry was, "In the Name of Jehovah and the Continental Congress!" Delaplace immediately surrendered.

Another time on Christmas night 1776 during a blinding snowstorm, George Washington, the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army miraculously led troops across the Delaware River. The army overwhelmed the enemy in a surprise attack on Trenton. It could have been disastrous for the Continental Army if it were not for Divine Intervention.

The night before the battle the commander of the army in Trenton was playing a card game when a messenger came with a letter for him. He tucked it into his pocket to read after the game but forgot all about it. Had he opened the letter he would have found it was from a Tory warning him that the Americans were approaching the town!

Amazingly it only cost the Americans two lives! It was one of the most notable conflicts of the Revolution. Many consider it the turning point of the war. The attack was sudden and clever—the results were so spectacular and unexpected that America was thrilled with new hope! Enlistments quickly increased and everywhere there was a stronger resolve to win the cherished independence.

= **THE FORGING OF A NATION** (December 1777—June 1778)

Valley Forge was a WILDERNESS PLACE for the soldiers of the Continentals. In its womb a starving and destitute group of soldiers were trained, disciplined, and reorganized. The men were without adequate shelter, food or clothing and lived in crude

huts built by their own hands. Many died of starvation or cold and at no time were more than half of them fit for active service.

The winter at Valley Forge was one of the darkest of the American Revolution but the suffering and hardship FORGED a mighty army by spring. What began in Concord in the spring 1775 birthed a nation seven years later when the continentals had a triumphant victory at Yorktown—sealing their independence. The Congress met the next day and decided to go as a body to a local church and there "return thanks to Almighty God for crowning the allied armies of the United States and France with victory." The treaty was signed in France in the fall of 1783 and the Nation formed under God celebrated their freedom.

The Spirit of God hovered over the inception of this Nation Independence came at a tremendous cost of life, "*yet men did not love their lives to the death*"—regarding their personal loss not to be compared to the establishing of a new nation under God. They zealously fought for freedom and it's their blood that sealed these INALIENABLE RIGHTS we hold dear today.

One generation gave their lives and their fortunes to ensure our future by founding a nation that destined liberty for *all*. And yet, if that liberty is withheld from some—then all our INALIENABLE RIGHTS are threatened.

= THE REBIRTH OF FREEDOM

On another battlefield about a century later, President Abraham Lincoln spoke a message to a hurting nation that was torn over slavery. His speech seemed more like a prayer. He held the fragile threads of our Founding Father's VISION for this nation in his hands and desperately hoped to tie the North and South together again as one nation under God. He spoke of a Rebirth of Freedom for this nation—entwining the essential strands of INALIENABLE RIGHTS that gave liberty to *all* the people.

Abraham Lincoln's primary concern for commemorating a portion of a battlefield for future generations was for remembering the UNALTERABLE TRUTHS or principles of liberty. Sensing the enormity of the crisis that lay before the nation, Lincoln made a decision for future liberty. Just as men gave their lives and their fortunes to ensure the initial liberty of this nation, men were fighting again to *maintain* that liberty—that *all* men are created equal with INALIENABLE RIGHTS. On that solemn day commemorating the horrendous battle at Gettysburg, they were dedicating a portion of land as a memorial for the men who died there. The men did not die in vain if the founding principles are upheld—the INALIENABLE RIGHTS.

No higher price can a man pay than his own blood. Men and women gave their lives to secure the fate of future generations—that makes liberty and freedom PRICELESS. These are patriots of the same mind as our forefathers. A patriot ardently pursues the vision of the founding fathers. We are patriots also if we are passionately seeking the

VISION established for our nation. Those in the lineage of the fathers are remembered for the price they paid for our freedom. A patriotic generation knows the mighty sweep of spiritual events in our heritage and the history of how, when, and why "God shed His grace on thee!"

= AMERICA'S VISION

What other men and women fought and died for becomes our inheritance if we align to America's VISION. They gave us freedom. If we do not desire freedom and liberty for *all*— even the UNBORN, then our inheritance is useless and within a generation it can be squandered away! God shed His grace upon our nation to establish firm INALIENABLE RIGHTS. Unless we are ONE with Him in purpose, the freedoms of our founding fathers will never be passed on to another generation.

We pay a price to *maintain* liberty. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. picked up the chords of "a battle cry for freedom" ... and advocating nonviolence, he courageously sang, "We shall overcome." Through his unwavering efforts our nation passed the Civil Rights Act in 1964. Coretta Scott King wrote that her husband had as an "ultimate goal of healing and regenerating an entire population ... to eliminate injustice WITHIN ourselves."

Dr. King believed that this was just the beginning of a greater spiritual freedom as well "by reaching into and beyond ourselves and tapping the transcendent MORAL ETHIC OF LOVE, we shall overcome these evils. Love, truth, and the COURAGE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT should be our own guideposts on this lifelong journey."

We were destined for this hour in history. Will we courageous to stand and finish the course—the whole Body successfully working together, passionately fulfilling God's vision for America!

Will we pick up the gauntlet that's been handed to our generation? This may very well be America's finest hour!

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