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Begin In Me

In just a few days we will be celebrating July 4, the birth of our nation. It is a time to celebrate, reflect, and pray for God's guidance. I can never celebrate July 4 without considering the price paid by our forefathers in establishing this nation. There were many hardships. There was the war for independence. Always, there was the acknowledgement of God and prayer for His guidance. On several occasions I've stood in the Jefferson Memorial and been moved by the words which have expressed dependence on God. While we have often had gifted leaders, make no mistake about it, depending on God and seeking His help is what has made this a great nation.



While I long for national leaders who will have the courage to not only acknowledge God as supreme, call on Him for help, and who will embrace Biblical truth and principals, perhaps the real need is for individuals and churches to take their responsibility to be spiritual leaders. Do I want spiritual leaders in high places in government? Absolutely! Yet with or without them, the course of the nation will be set by the people of this nation going on their knees before God. I believe that is our greatest need. People on fire for God, and churches on fire for God can set the course for a nation. It all has to start with you and me! Maybe instead of saying God bless America we should pray, "God, set the hearts of people who call themselves Christians on fire, and begin in me!"