

The Game Hide-and-Go-Seek

When you were a child, did you play the game *Hide-and-Go-Seek*? I did. It was a regular feature among the kids in our neighborhood.

Here is how it is played: The person who is *It* closes his or her eyes, counts to 10, and then searches for the other children who are hiding. It's "1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10. Ready or not, here I come!"

The question for us today: Are you ready for what God has planned for you?

Who would have thought that relatively powerless persons could bring shifts in history – people who were ready when golden opportunity presented itself. Consider these:



- Gandhi, an unsuccessful lawyer, adapted the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount and the writings of Tolstoy and became the key to bringing independence to India, because he was ready.
- Rosa Parks, in refusing to move to the back of the bus in Montgomery, Alabama, sparked the beginning of the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s. She was a rather inauspicious person to take such critical action, but she was ready.
- Nelson Mandela was sentenced to life in prison. He was released to bring a shift in the politics of South Africa at a critical juncture when many thought either that change would never come, or if it did, it would be accompanied by a vast bloodbath. The transition to a more just society came relatively peacefully under his leadership after he was unexpectedly released from prison. Prison had prepared him, made him ready.
- Mother Teresa, a rather unpretentious nun, has been honored in the Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta, for her simple act of trying to rescue people from the streets who might otherwise die. She was ready.

So what does this mean for you? The question, again, is: Are you ready for what God has in store for you?

He created you with a purpose in mind. Oh, you may not achieve worldwide fame – or notoriety on a national, state or community stage – for what you do.

But you need to be ready for life-changing opportunities in the people you meet and those you serve. And those occasions come along regularly in Life Care and Century Park.

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On a personal, spiritual level, we must also be ready for the moment that life ends or for the return of Jesus Christ, which I believe to be imminent. That readiness means we must have a trust relationship in Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

You must also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect
(Luke 12:40 ESV).

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