

CHAPTER SEVEN

The Choice Is Yours

*“The responsibility of tolerance lies with those
who have the wider vision.”*

George Eliot

We are at a crossroads. What are we going to do about prejudice within ourselves and in our communities, cities, states and nation?

Some of us may have already chosen to sift out the seed of prejudice and toss it aside. The choice may have been made before reading this book; the choice may have been made while reading this book. Either way, the choice has been made, and that’s where it all starts.

On the other hand, some of us may sit back and accept that prejudice exists and resign themselves to the belief that it will never change. They might say: “Prejudice, intolerance and persecution have been a part of history for thousands of years. Even if we choose to

address prejudice within ourselves and others, what can one person ever do to make a difference, to help change the course of human events?”

Wrestling with that concern is a common response. It is also precisely why we must recognize the importance of each person in the world, and truly understand that each person’s actions and inactions can have dramatic effects on others, whether we see those effects or not.

