

## **A Force More Powerful Summary**

Engaged citizens may be called activists or foot-soldiers and they may be leaders or followers. What they share is an instinct to act in order to resolve issues of injustice. They seek answers that will not only benefit themselves, but their community at large. They act as catalysts for social and political change. They do not have to be prominent leaders. They could simply be individuals who chose to step outside of their established patterns in order to promote freedom or equality in some small way.

A good citizen may follow the law, pay taxes, even vote, but not be particularly engaged in civic life. Citizens who are actively engaged in civic life respond to conditions and involve themselves in efforts to change and improve civic life.