

# General Russel L. Honoré

## Speech Summary & Takeaways

### **“Resilient Leadership: Prepare Today to Prevail Tomorrow”**

From global and domestic terrorist threats to natural disasters, we encounter new risks to our individual, community and economic security each day. And while we can't predict what's around the corner, we can prepare—because when faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges, it is strong leadership guided by clarity of purpose and practical tactics for overcoming adversities that drive us to prevail—better prepared and more resilient. Enter Gen. Russel Honoré, who expertly connects his 3+ decades of military leadership—including his crucial role in managing New Orleans' relief efforts post Hurricane Katrina—to the natural disasters and man-made tragedies dominating global headlines to reveal critical strategies for transforming individuals into leaders and helping organizations and communities effectively prepare, react, rebound and unify.

### **Takeaways**

- Best practices before, during, and after natural, or man-made, crises or catastrophes.
- Do the routine things well.
- Don't be afraid to take on the seemingly impossible.
- Don't be afraid to act, even if you are being criticized. Change will create criticism.
- Learn and apply the tools necessary to develop, and maintain, a culture of preparedness.
- If you are going to be a leader, you must also be a great teacher. Great teachers spread and teach their ideas and, in turn, gain followers.
- Use and apply life experiences in order to adapt and overcome.
- Learn to make do with what you have available.
- Leaders take responsibility for the good, bad and ugly. You may be able to pass blame, but you cannot pass responsibility.
- Obtaining and maintaining a level of “enlightened leadership” and “enlightened individualism” in order to best serve those you lead before, during, and after a crisis or catastrophe.