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“Have there ever in history been men who had so ground under their feet—for whom all present alter appeared at once as unbearable . . . ?” Though Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote these words to the German people of World War II, he spoke with the voice of a prophet to all countries and all times.

In this volume are letters, essays, fragments of and drama, and a poem, all written during the final of Bonhoeffer’s uncompromising opposition to Nazi. Each selection testifies to his deep concern for his countrymen, and each echoes the call to the “responsible which Bonhoeffer advocated and exemplified.

I Loved This People offers inspiration and strength men and women for those times when there is “so ground under their feet.”

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER (1906-1945) had taught in such places as Barcelona, New York, and London, but chose to return to Germany to minister to his own people during World War II. He was persecuted, imprisoned, and finally hanged by the Nazis.

The quality of Bonhoeffer’s life and faith is reflected in his provocative writings: The Cost of Discipleship, Ethics, Life Together, Letters and Papers from Prison.