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CORRIE TEN BOOM

Cornelia ten Boom was born on April 15th, 1892. She was a loving and dedicated Christian who believed in peace and hid Jews in her home. In the time of worldwide destruction and death, in the time Hitler's regime was the most evil of trends, Cornelia ten Boom, affectionately labeled by many as "Corrie", stood up to Nazi police by hiding over 800 Jewish people in her small Netherland house before being arrested with her sister, father, nephew, and even more helpers. Corrie ten Boom's book, *The Hiding Place*, gives us a view of her thoughts, actions, and life during this crisis. Corrie was a firm believer in Christ, but never discriminated or spoke awful of other people and their religions. She, with the help of her sister, Elizabeth "Betsie", her father, Casper, and more family such as her nephew Peter, developed a popular code. Since the Casper owned a watch shop, Peter suggested the code be that Jews were called, "watches," and that when they were to be hidden, they were in need of, "fixing".

The aforementioned number of Jews saved is not proven accurate, but the estimate is well within the range of the number, we know. When in detention, Corrie discovered her father had died, but light was put onto the subject when she found out Betsie was there with her, although it appeared she was in detention elsewhere. Their excitement quickly faded as they stepped off the train to see an actual concentration camp. Betsie caught an illness, resulting in her death. This left Corrie distraught, and almost faithless in God. Corrie thought Betsie was suffering from a fierce delirium when she had told her she would be free before the end of the year, and reported to Corrie that she would continue her work for God in a big house with a garden and travel as a popular spokeswoman, an ambassador of the Lord. When her number-number six six

seven three zero-was called, Corrie figured they had called her number to send her to another concentration camp, where she would be put to death.

However, they instead sent her to freedom. And she soon followed Betsie's prophecy. Someone donated a big house, practically a mansion, with an enormous garden of flowers and trees, where Corrie continued to work for God, building a monastery and place for disabled children to learn. She also traveled around the world, visiting churches, schools, public gatherings and more to speak about God. Coincidentally, she ran into the same man who had beaten Betsie. He asked for forgiveness. She forgave him. She continued her work until her death in Placentia, CA, upon her birthdate in 1983, at the age of 91. But her influence lives on, and many have been moved by any speech she gave.