



Many years ago I read Corrie Ten Boom's book, "The Hiding Place" and saw the movie on her life of the same title. My Mom also had mail corresponded with Corrie for years. For those who have never heard of Corrie Ten Boom, she was from a Dutch family that hid hundreds of Jews in WWII. Her family was arrested in 1944, her father died 10 days later, while Corrie and her sister Betsie were sent to Ravensbruck.

Quote from Corrie's book, "Ravensbruck was one of the worst concentration camps in Germany. Fleas and lice were so thick that upon entering the bunkroom, one became swarmed in them. The stench of burning flesh from those that were murdered without warning was a constant stare into the face of death. The food was one half pound of bread and one half liter of soup per day. The work was so hard that the women had swollen legs and were losing circulation in no time. To make matters worse, the women fought one another for everything. They cursed, pushed, and shoved each other. Even if someone was simply stepped on or bumped. Rarely donated clothes and blankets caused horrible uproars."

How did Corrie survive?

The only think she brought into camp besides the clothes on her back... she smuggled in a Bible. Guards missed it in a search when she arrived.

Corrie and Betsie started having Bible meetings in their bunkroom. If caught with the Bible and holding Bible meetings, they would be executed. The guards never came into the bunkroom... because of the fleas!

They daily thanked God for the fleas!

Corrie describes a typical evening in which they would use their secreted Bible to hold worship services:

"At first Betsie and I called these meetings with great timidity. But as night after night went by and no guard ever came near us, we grew bolder. So many now wanted to join us that we held a second service after evening roll call. . .

(These) were services like no others, these times in Barracks 28. A single meeting night might include a recital of the Magnificat in Latin by a group of Roman Catholics, a whispered hymn by some Lutherans, and a sotto-voce chant by Eastern Orthodox women. With each moment the crowd around us would swell, packing the nearby platforms, hanging over the edges, until the high structures groaned and swayed."

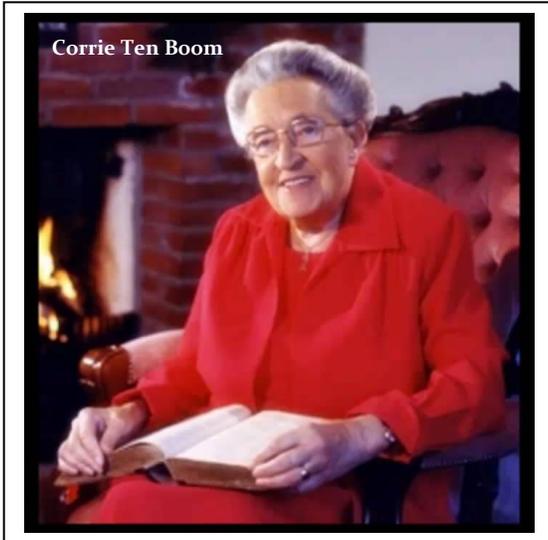
"At last either Betsie or I would open the Bible. Because only the Hollanders could understand the Dutch text we would translate aloud in German. And then we would hear the life-giving words passed back along the aisles in French, Polish, Russian, Czech, and back into Dutch. They were little previews of heaven, these evenings beneath the light bulb" (Ten Boom 1971, p. 201)"

The Bible brought survival.

The women now, "Instead of shoving, clawing, pushing, kicking, or cursing each other, the women were responding with "Sorry! That's okay! No harm done! Excuse me please!" What a change this ray of hope brought in by two women had made."

Betsie died just before New Year of 1945.

“Corrie was released very shortly after Betsie died, also before the New Year. She found out that just one week after her release, all the women her age were taken to the gas chambers. Corrie later learned that her release came through a “clerical error.” She was not supposed to get released at all.”



“Corrie went to over 60 countries over the next 40 years until she died. She told her story to anyone who would listen.”

So let's listen and learn from Corrie and Betsie's story still.

They are Xtreme Survivors!

The ladies at Ravensbruck became Xtreme Survivors! They didn't survive the gas chamber; they survived the 2nd death... the lake of fire! They're all in heaven right now!

They dared to SOAR!

To survive they didn't have religion; they didn't have seminary degrees; they didn't have nice clothes or fine shoes; they didn't have a fancy building; they had no money for tithes or offerings.

They had God's Word. God's Word didn't save them from the beatings or from the bad food or from the lice and fleas or from the gas chamber. God's Word gave them hope and life beyond all that. God's Word gave them Xtreme Survival skills.

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,”
2 Timothy 3:16 NIV

Most of the world would say that all of this is a nice story and these women found comfort with this Bible when they needed to cling to something, but how do we know the Bible is real? How do we know that the stories in the Bible aren't fables and myths for children and old ladies or that God really exists?

I read a book years ago, “The Creator and the Cosmos”, by an astrophysicist, Dr. Hugh Ross, who was an atheist. He set out to prove that all religions were false. He quickly proved the Islamic Quran was full of false information. He proved the same for other religious scriptures that people believe in around the world. Then he got started on the Bible. He analyzed it from historical facts, and from a scientific and mathematical perspective. He spent a year examining it to prove it was fake and that God didn't exist. After a year of study, this atheist ended up proving that the Bible was more accurate than the laws of thermodynamics or gravity! Dr. Ross said he had no choice but to become a Christian, as he had proven without a doubt that the Bible had to be true. Any atheist, evolutionist, Muslim, Buddhist, Jew or any non-Christian could discover the truth themselves, as the proof is available, if one wants the truth. Here's a quote from Dr. Ross of just one example of what he discovered:

“Unique among all books ever written, the Bible accurately foretells specific events--in detail--many years, sometimes centuries, before they occur. Approximately 2500 prophecies appear in the pages of the Bible, about 2000 of which already have been fulfilled to the letter--no errors. (The remaining 500 or so reach into the future and may be seen unfolding as days go by.) Since the probability for any one of these prophecies having been fulfilled by chance averages less than one in ten (figured very conservatively) and since the prophecies are for the most part independent of one another, the odds for all these prophecies having been fulfilled by chance without error is less than one in 10²⁰⁰⁰ (that is 1 with 2000 zeros written after it)!

God is not the only one, however, who uses forecasts of future events to get people's attention. Satan does too. Through clairvoyants (such as Jeanne Dixon and Edgar Cayce), mediums, spiritists, and others, come remarkable predictions, though rarely with more than about 60 percent accuracy, never with total accuracy. Messages from Satan, furthermore, fail to match the detail of Bible prophecies, nor do they include a call to repentance.”

Dr. Ross says, "The acid test for identifying a prophet of God is recorded by Moses in **Deuteronomy 18:21-22**. According to this Bible passage (and others), God's prophets, as distinct from Satan's spokesmen, are 100 percent accurate in their predictions. There is no room for error." End quote

2000 prophecies have become 100% fulfilled! To understand how this proves the Bible's authenticity, Dr. Ross took just 13 of these fulfilled prophecies to make his point. 13 prophecies by Moses, Joshua, Daniel, Zechariah, King David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Jahaziel, and Shemaih that were fulfilled sometimes thousands of years later.

Dr. Ross said, "Since these thirteen prophecies cover mostly separate and independent events, the probability of chance occurrence for all thirteen is about 1 in 10^{138} (138 equals the sum of all the exponents of 10 in the probability estimates above). For the sake of putting the figure into perspective, this probability can be compared to the statistical chance that the second law of thermodynamics will be reversed in a given situation (for example, that a gasoline engine will refrigerate itself during its combustion cycle or that heat will flow from a cold body to a hot body)--that chance=1 in 10^{80} . Stating it simply, based on these thirteen prophecies alone, the Bible record may be said to be vastly more reliable than the second law of thermodynamics. Each reader should feel free to make his own reasonable estimates of probability for the chance fulfillment of the prophecies cited here. In any case, the probabilities deduced still will be absurdly remote.

Given that the Bible proves so reliable a document, there is every reason to expect that the remaining 500 prophecies, those slated for the "time of the end," also will be fulfilled to the last letter. Who can afford to ignore these coming events, much less miss out on the immeasurable blessings offered to anyone and everyone who submits to the control of the Bible's author, Jesus Christ? Would a reasonable person take lightly God's warning of judgment for those who reject what they know to be true about Jesus Christ and the Bible, or who reject Jesus' claim on their lives? Now is the day of salvation! Now is the time of God's favor! Please do not let it go by without further consideration." End quote.

We just read the mathematical probability of 13 prophecies being accurate. What would the probability of 365 prophecies that point to one man be? Who is that one man that fulfilled 365 prophecies of the Messiah, the Savior Christ as described in God's Word? That man is Jesus! Only Jesus fulfilled 1 out of every 7 prophecies in the Bible (365 of approx. 2500)! Fulfilled prophecies prove the Bible is God's Word! Fulfilled prophecies prove that God and heaven are real! Remove any doubt about Jesus being the only way for a person to survive and go to heaven, as is written in the Bible!

For many, many years I've had a survival backpack ready to go in case of social collapse and I needed to go into the woods fast to survive off the land. I have my knives, reusable water purification tubes, snares, fire starter, fish hooks, first aid kit and so on. Three main items that I consider essential... my combat folding knife, my waterproof, pocket SAS Survival guide and my pocket Bible. I have many Bibles of many versions with many Bible commentaries, but this compact one I've taken with me around the world on SAFARI hunts. I consider it to be an Xtreme Survival Essential, as did Corrie Ten Boom when risking her life to sneak her Bible into Ravensbruck. She and others risked their lives on this Xtreme Survival tool.

As Christians daring to SOAR (Survive Over All Realms), we need to consider what are the Xtreme Survival items we need in our backpack, in order to deal with and survive Satan's realm, the world, the false church, non-Christians, and persecution. We need to survive to make it to our heavenly reward and not be tricked, trapped, enticed, diverted, or deceived which can take away our survival in this realm and the next!

The Bible, God's Word, is proven to be true! Daily read it, study it, absorb it, and surrender to God's Words for you to survive. It's an essential spiritual survival book. Don't compromise with it or accept alternatives that are proven false. If someone says something that contradicts or compromises with God's Word, then you know they're false. Examine those that say they believe the Bible, but under examination they deny parts of it (such as the Holy Spirit gifts; apostles and prophets for today); or they ignore parts of it; or they add in their own false doctrine (i.e. salvation by works; a person/church doctrine is superior to the Bible (**Matthew 4:4; 1 Peter 1:25**)).

Keep a copy with you no matter where you go to survive all the tricks and traps of the devil. Corrie did when she was arrested and many survived because she did! Teach others Xtreme Survival. DARE TO SOAR!