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## Chapter 8 summary of the hiding place

Corrie ten Boom begins its narrative by recalling he and his sister Betsie are hosting their Father's Watch Shop for the 100th anniversary. Corrie helps Besne make breakfast and do last-minute cleaning. Soon, his sister Nollie will arrive with several of her children. As the day progresses, ten Boom houses (nicknamed Beje) will be filled with colleagues and family friends, including Pickwick, a wealthy client and a one-father confidant. All afternoon, Corrie keeps an eye on his older brother Willem. When he arrives, he brings a Jewish man with him, announcing that he has just fled Germany after being attacked in the street. Willem operates a nursing home for old Jews, and lately he has been hiding many people trying to escape the Nazis. Father and Corrie bring a man's coffee and make him feel welcome, while other guests conclude that Germany, a civilized country, will soon cease to act as such hooligans. Corrie then resigns reminiscent of his childhood and adolescence. He grew up in Beje with his older siblings, Nollie, Betsie and Willem. Also living in the house are father and mother, as well as mother sisters: Tante Jans, who writes about flaming Christian Tracts, Tante Bep, a former governess, and Tante Anna, who takes care of most of the chores due to Mother's repeated bouts of illness. One morning, Corrie has to go to school for the first time; nervous and shy, he decides that he will simply refuse. However, over breakfast the Father reads a long psalm describing God's ability to create a hiding place for the faithful. Dad then walks Corrie to school himself. His father often takes Corrie with him on business trips to Amsterdam. He sets his watch, as well as all the clocks in the store, the exact navy clock in the capital. He also visits wholesalers who sell parts to him, many of whom are Jewish. After the business discussions are over, men bring out their Bibles and conduct lively discussions. When Corrie finishes high school, he'll take over the household. He cares especially about Tante Jans, who has developed diabetes. The disease usually makes the harsh Tante Jans worried and nervous. Every week Corrie performs a complicated blood test for his aunt; one week the results are bad, and he knows that Jans only has a few weeks to live. The family gently delivers the news to the old woman, but she reacts very calmly and calmly. To Corrie, it is the confidence that God will always feel the moral power of the moment they need it most. As a teenager, Corrie meets Willem's best friend at university with Karel and falls in love. Corrie thinks he's shy and simple, so he's flattered that Karel notices him. When Willem is finally appointed minister and hired by his first church, family and friends gather to listen to his first sermon. In these weeks of celebration, Corrie and Karel became close, discussing a shared future even Karel hasn't proposed yet. One morning Willem warns Corrie that Karel will never actually marry her; his parents are demanding that he marry a wealthy woman and he has given up to meet his expectations. Corrie doesn't want to believe what Willem says, but after he returns home, Karel writes his only randomly. Months later, he arrives in Beje, bringing the woman he introduces as his fiancée. When they leave, Corrie runs upstairs. In an effort to comfort him, the Father says that he should ask God for help to resolve the pain and anger he now feels. Corrie prays that he can love Karel without self-doubt, as God does. Soon after, mom's having a stroke. Now he's permanently in his bed and can't talk or write. However, he can communicate with family and friends by having Corrie write letters to them. Meanwhile, Nollie becomes engaged to Flip, another student teaching at the school she is currently studying at. On her wedding day, Corrie realizes that she will probably never get married or leave home. He recalls his earlier hopes for life in Karel, but finds that he can think of her without the slightest trace of hurt. He knows that Jesus has helped him forgive Karel and sincerely pray for him. Several weeks after the wedding, mom dies. Corrie has run the house while Betsie acts as an accountant at the shop, but eventually the sisters swap roles, as Betsie turns out to be a better housekeeper and Corrie has a sincere interest in the business. As she learns more about her father's trade, she becomes the first certified female bellmaster in the Netherlands. Between running a shop, visiting his siblings and their children, and caring for stepchildren that the Father takes, Corrie is a busy and rewarding life in the store for the century anniversary. Ten Booms have heard of Germany's ominous transformation of radio, but they only realise how serious the situation is when Otto, a young watchgirl apprentice and decorated Nazi, comes to work in a shop. Otto makes a habit of taunting Christoffels, an elderly employee of the store, even kicking and hitting him in the street. Willem explains that Nazi philosophy encourages disrespect for the elderly because they are useless to society. Trying and unable to stay with the young man, the Father finally unleashes him. Soon after, Germany declares war against the Netherlands, surpassing its army in five short days. Ten Booms then must adapt to life in the occupied city: German soldiers and tanks are everywhere, curfews are in place, groceries are purchased in ration coupons and newspapers only carry German propaganda. More frightening, allied bombings are often audible at night, sometimes smashing windows. The most vicious aspect of the occupation, however, is the growing persecution of Jews. Many shops stop serving Jews, and eventually they are forced to wear yellow stars on their clothes. Some families are taken away without Corrie is terrified to see that many Dutch people are not opposed to or even participating in this injustice by joining the NSB (Dutch Nazi Party) in taking over the shops and residences of deported Jews. One afternoon, German soldiers ransacked a Jewish store across from Beje. Corrie and Betsie will quickly bring the owner to their house. After contacting his wife, they arrange to transport him to Willem's house. Thanks to his previous ties to the Jewish community, Willem is already hiding some Dutch Jews. Coming into the night to pick up the couple, Willem's son Kik tells Corrie that he is part of the land now. Corrie knows there's been resistance in the Netherlands, but he always associates these moves with sinful things like stealing and lying. It's hard for him to think of himself as one. As the weeks pass, ten Booms start to help Jewish neighbors in every possible way. Corrie picks up and offers watches so Jewish customers don't have to venture to the streets; rabbi stores his books in Bejes; Dad befriends a man he and Corrie have seen for years on their evening walks, Harry de Vries. Jews whose houses or shops are targeted by the Gestapo start sleeping in Beje, fearing deportation. Corrie asks Wille to find these people safer and more permanent places in the countryside, but it is difficult to put refugees without ration cards that are not issued to Jews. Corrie turns to Fred Koornstra, a family friend who works at the food agency, and they come up with a scheme to make fake food cards. It allows Corrie to shelter more people and give them the tools as they move on. Kik brings Corrie to a secret underground meeting; To his surprise, it's run by Pickwick, an old family friend. Pickwick sends an architect to Bejesse, who builds a secret room where fugitives can hide if the Gestapo takes over the house. Every day there are new problems, but with the help of Corrie always solves them. Pickwick introduces a Corrie man who creates a secret phone in his house, he finds more sources of fake ration cards, and a policeman named Rolf turns out sympathetic and gives him information about the Gestapo movements. But not everything's going well. When Corrie is struggling to find a hiding place for a mother and a small child; He asks the pastor and family acquaintance to take them, but he is too scared and refuses. Corrie has to put the couple in a less secure house and they'll be deported later. Some people will also permanently beje. Ten Booms take on one man, Meyer, because his qualities are so stereotypically Semitic that other safe houses consider him too risky. Meyer is very religious and aware of the scriptures, and he and the Father become close friends. Corrie also takes two young men, Henk and Leendert, as well as some Jewish women. They do exercises on a regular basis, where refugees collect their and hide in the secret room as quickly as possible. Corrie's nephews prepare him for possible interrogation, waking him up at night and questioning him. This part is especially difficult for Corrie because he's not used to lying. One night, an unknown man arrives in Beje, asking Corrie how he can help his wife, who has been imprisoned for helping the Jews. Corrie gives him directions and some money; he has the flu, and is too sick and tired to think a lot. That night, the Gestapo stormed the house. For hours, they interrogate Corrie and other family members, but they refuse to admit that the Jews are hiding there and the Germans won't reveal the secret room. Eventually, they arrest the entire family, including Peter, Willem, Nollie and his wife. The family will be taken to a prison in The Hague. Corrie is separated from his sisters and placed in a cell with many other women where he is sick, worried and bored. Because of her illness, she is eventually placed in an individual cell where she languishes until her health improves. He spends four months in a cell. Finally, nollie receives a letter announcing that her father had died in hospital 10 days after their arrest. Corrie is interrogated several times by Lieutenant Rahms, a German army officer. Instead of giving him any information, Corrie tells him about the Bible, which seems to strike a chord with the officer. He tells her he hates the work he does in prison and just wants to go home to his family. At the same time, he feels that it is not possible to change the terms of the prison or change the circumstances of his work. After a while, Lieutenant Rahms will allow the whole family to come together in prison under the pretext of reading the Father's will. This is the first time Corrie has seen his family in months. By now, everything has been released except for him and Betsie. Willem tells him that all the Jews hiding in Beje managed to escape, even though police watched the house for several days. Some time later, the women in prison are transported to the Dutch concentration camp Vught. Corrie is grateful to be reunited with Betsie, even though they are housed in a frustrating barracks. Corrie is destined to work at a factory that assembles German radios. The atmosphere is congratulatory, as the warden encourages people to work slowly. In the evenings, Corrie talks to Betsie, who is destined to knit his socks. Betsie learns that the spy who exposed them, Jan Vogel, is a collaborator infamous throughout the Netherlands. Corrie feels furious every time he thinks of her, but Betsie says she must be suffering terribly and encourages Corrie to pray for her. As rumors spread that Germany is losing the war and the Allies are approaching the Netherlands, female prisoners are being transported to Ravensbruck, a concentration camp in Germany. While waiting to be processed, they must sleep outside the rain for several days, after which Betsie contracts a chronic cough. However, Corrie succeeds sweater with his sister and a little Bible through control. She's terrified that the barracks are full of fleas and that many women have to share every bed. However, Betsie reminds him that the Bible instructs people to thank God in all circumstances. There are many complaining and fighting barracks, but Betsie improves the circumstances and creates cohesion by praying and ultimately leading prayer services for women of all Christian denominations. Finally, they realize that the guards have not discovered their illegal activities because they are too scared of fleas to control the barracks. Corrie understands that even fleas are part of God's plan. Betsie gets sicker and has to spend the day in hospital; otherwise he will knit socks with other women too weak for outdoor labor. Eventually Corrie joins this group as well, and women spend the day praying and imagining their lives

after the war. Betsie says he and Corrie are opening a house for people who have to recover from the life of a concentration camp. But one day Betsie is too sick to get out of bed in the morning to roll out the call. He was taken to the hospital, and by the time Corrie ran away from work to see him, he's already dead. One day, Corrie will be released for seemingly no reason. He and several other prisoners have fallen into the train station to make their way home. When he reaches Holland, he limps to the hospital, where kindly the nurses take care of him for several days and then arrange his transport to Willem's home. His siblings are delighted to see him, albeit devastated to hear of Betsie's death. Corrie, in turn, is shocked to hear that Kik has been deported to Germany and no one knows where he is. In a few days, Corrie will return to Beje, where he now lives alone. The house feels empty and is haunted by the memory of its former inhabitants. In order to fill his time and give himself a sense of purpose, he makes a house school and a meeting place for mentally disabled children who cannot go out due to the constant harassment of Nazi soldiers. Even before the war is over, Corrie meets a wealthy widow who agrees to let Corrie turn his country house into the rescue center that Betsie dreamed of in Ravensbruck. Almost as soon as the Allies take on the Netherlands, drives people to start arriving at the house, coming to concentration camps or hiding places within the Netherlands. At home, they re-learn all the tasks of a normal life and try to overcome their resentment towards both German and Dutch collaborators. Corrie always encourages his residents to forgive those who have harmed them, even though he knows it is hard to do. As time goes on, Corrie becomes known as a public speaker, related to Betsie's teachings about the importance of forgiveness to a large audience. He's even going to be talking in Germany. At one church service, he recognizes a former S.S. guard from Ravensbruck. When a man comes up to shake his hand, he All the suffering Betsie experienced there and feels that he can't forgive him. However, when he prays for help, he feels that his hand gets warm and lift, seemingly on his own initiative. He knows that God has helped him in his personal task of forgiveness. Finally, corrie, in cooperation with a German aid organisation, helps turn the former concentration camp into a shadow of the displaced Germans, the refuge of the people who once imprisoned him. His.

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