

# Interviewen (Dutch)

by Corrie Ten Boom

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*Corrie Ten Boom shares her profound experiences of faith, suffering, and the hope found in Jesus Christ's ascension and promised return.*

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**Scripture:** Psalm 119:105, Isaiah 11:9, Matthew 6:33, John 14:6, Romans 3:23, 2 Corinthians 5:20, Revelation 21:5

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## Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares a personal story about the love and support he received from his father, which helped him endure a difficult time in prison. He emphasizes that everyone can come to the Lord, as Jesus has made salvation available to all. The speaker also discusses the importance of living a life that reflects the love and peace of God, and being ambassadors for Christ. He encourages listeners to have faith in God, as He is the one who empowers and works through them. The sermon concludes with the reminder that Jesus is coming again and will make all things new.

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## Transcript

Yes, I think it is the most important speech there is. Because here is the climax of everything that Jesus did on earth. He went to heaven for his throne ascension.

I think that is so important. And also for the assignment he gave us before he left. What do you mean by the throne ascension? Jesus went to heaven to rule in the right hand of the Father.

He gave him all power. And that is very important for us now and especially for the future. We still have to fight with the power of Satan, who still has power on earth.

But he can no longer, he no longer has to try to ascend the throne, Satan. He tried that at his request in the desert, but that is no longer possible. But now we still have to fight with the power of Satan.

But it is wonderful to know that Jesus has already won. And should we then say that Jesus has all power on earth, or does he already have it? I don't quite understand that, but the Bible says that he has all power in heaven and on earth. But it will be one way that we will understand.

If he comes, if he comes again and has promised that he will make all things new. Then this earth will also be covered, as we know it here and in the water, the bottom of the sea. But now at the moment we still have a battle.

There is a battle between Jesus and Satan. Because Satan still rules here. But it is a battle of victory.

We are on the ground of victory. Those who are with us are much more and much stronger than those who are against us. And our side is a mighty high priesthood and legion of angels.

You have been in the concentration camp. And many people find that, the concentration camp and such terrible conditions, the proof that there is no God who is love and almighty. Have you experienced the power of Christ in the concentration camp? I had always believed.

But now I know from experience that the light of Jesus Christ is stronger than the deepest darkness. Those who have been in a concentration camp know how dark it was. But there I have experienced that the Lord was always with me.

And that He was Lord in my life. He is my redeemer and my Lord. And I have experienced that so intensely.

I could not do it. But I have always put my weak hand in the strong hand of Him. And that has been a reality.

And still. And now I understand the problem of suffering. I don't know.

It doesn't tell me that I understand why everything was like that. Because I have seen so many things. But I know one thing.

That one day we will understand. Now we have to accept it. That those who have God's love, work with all things for the good.

And I have actually experienced that for myself. But the Lord was my redeemer. But He was also my Lord.

And that is so wonderful that you know that. After your experiences in the concentration camp, you have traveled the world with the story of what God has done in your life. You get invitations from everywhere to come and speak about it.

And people admire it. They think it's great that there is such a faith. But is that reachable for others? Yes.

I don't have a big faith. But I have faith in a great God. But it is reachable for everyone.

Because the faith is not of myself. But it is of the Lord. Through His Holy Spirit that faith works in my heart.

And Jesus said, come to me all. And that is why it is also reachable for all. But not everyone always understands what it is to come to Him.

And then I find it so wonderful that it is described so incredibly simply in the Bible. In that great book of Revelation, Revelation 3 verse 20, that the Lord says, I knock on the door of your heart. If you hear me, I open the door and I come in.

And that is actually the acceptance of the Lord. But if the Lord is inside, then you have to give Him the government. And then He has to rule in you.

And then you really have to leave the dominion to Him. That means obedience. And then you will experience it too.

But it is a choice. And if you do not accept the dominion of the Lord and obey Him, then you come under the dominion of the enemy. And everyone experiences that.

So Christ is on the throne and He can already be king in your life. And He will be in the future, all over the world. What do you think is the greatest assignment now, for the Christians who want to be king in their lives? That is the most beautiful climax, as it were, of the Heavenly Father's Day.

That the Lord said, I have been given all power in heaven and on earth. Go then and make all the peoples My disciples. And do them, and teach them, and maintain all that I have commanded you.

And see, I am with you all the days, until the end of the world. We have an enormous, wonderful message to bring. And that is, to bring the light of the Lord into this dark world.

And that is so great, because there is so much darkness in the world. And then to show that there is a plan of God, that He has such a wonderful future. And it is so very clear that the Lord also said, and the angels also said, when the Lord was ascended to heaven, the angels said, this one will return to where He went.

The return of the Lord, that is such a wonderful certainty. I hardly understood it, but now I understand it so very strongly when I read the newspaper. Because in it I read the signs of the times.

And then I see that we live in a time that we can reach the Lord very quickly. And now, of course, that if the Lord Jesus would come, that I would want to be pure, as He is pure. But that is not yet, in the first place, a striving.

It is not striving and trying. But He, who has started in our good work, will finish it. It is the Lord Himself who will prepare us for His return.

That is so wonderful. He works it out. He has all dominion over us.

And I am so happy that for this dark world there is a wonderful future. And the Kingdom of God is coming. It is coming.

And I believe that we really live in the moment, in the final battle. But we are on the winning ground because Jesus was the winner. He is the winner.

And He will be the winner. And then everyone will see it. Every knee will bow in front of Him.

It is a wonderful future. The best is yet to come. You have been in a concentration camp.

We all know the film Hiding Place. Did the Bible play a big role in that? A very big role, yes. I have always believed.

But now I know from experience that the light of Jesus Christ is stronger than the deepest darkness. And I had my Bible in the camp. It was only a small one, but a very old and new testament.

And I had it on my back, under my clothes. And when I stood in front of the crematorium I did not know that one week before all the women of my age would be killed I would be saved by a miracle of the Lord. That is how I saw death in the eyes.

And it is so wonderful when you have the Word of God. All firmnesses were completely lost. All certainties of the world were very uncertain.

And then it is so wonderful when we have the certainty of the Word of God. It is somewhere in the Bible that it says heaven and earth will pass, but the Word of God will never pass. This is a piece of firmness.

And that this book has helped me so greatly is because it gave me the answer. And not only me, but everyone who wants to read it and listen to it. The answer to the great problems of the people.

Look, our best deeds are not good enough in the eyes of God. And if we know ourselves, then we know that we are sinners. And if we do not bow down to the Bible, then a psychiatrist will tell us.

We actually all know in the ground that we are sinners. That we have done sin. And I have now worked in 63 countries among the people and I have to say, I have never met anyone who thought he had done no sin.

The Bible is the way, the truth, the life, because it shows the Lord Jesus. And if you know the Lord Jesus, then you are so safe. And the Bible always gives us the way to the Lord Jesus.

It always tells us what it means to know Him. I am actually so incredibly grateful to the Jews who wrote this book. The whole Bible is written by Jews.

No, not Lukas and his actions. Lukas was opposed to a Jew. Yes, I am so grateful to the Jewish people for this word, for the Bible.

And I have now worked in many countries. I have met many people. And there were people who knew very little, but who could read and write very little.

And I have met intellectuals who were very well educated and very aware of the wisdom of the wise. But always that foolishness of God, that wise man is the wisdom of the wise, that was the answer for them. And that was such a wonderful wealth.

I will never forget that man, a nobleman in one of the communist countries, whom I gave a Bible in his language. And he began to cry. And he kissed that Bible.

He was a fool who did not have a Bible. What a great wealth it is to have this book. This book.

Yes, I don't know. It may be that we don't need the Bible in heaven, but I believe I will take it with me. Is it for older people to keep up, maybe? Yes, certainly.

And it is, as it were, a certain gymnastics for your brain. And when you are old, you have a little danger that you will live in a circle around yourself. And it is good to read what happens in the lives of others.

But I find it very important that you know what a good book is. Because a bad book is like bad food. It makes you... it poisons you.

So it is very important what we read. You are 84. I don't want to count to your very old age, because you are still very fit.

But do you read a lot? Actually, yes. I read very often. And how it comes together, I sometimes don't know.

But I read one book after the other. And I don't have the time to read books for days, but I do it between everything. And I love it.

And what do you think is the difference between reading the Bible and other books, treatises, books next to the Bible? Do you see a difference? Do you read the Bible differently? Yes, of course. The Bible is the word of God. And that is incredibly deep.

Because if you think about it, I have known this book for so long. When I was five years old, I asked Jesus to come into my heart. And he made me a child of God.

And now I am 84. So I have read a lot in the Bible. And you know, it is... It is a new book, even today.

And that is not the case with other books. Other books, if I have read them once or a few times, well, then I put them aside. Then you don't find them interesting anymore.

Well, look... Now you know what's in it. In the Bible you also know what's in it. No, that is a source that always gives new life.

Because it is actually the Lord. It is God who speaks to us. He speaks to us through the Bible.

I have read a lot of things. Well, I have never read... Corrie ten Boom. From an early age, Corrie has learned to be open to the people around her.

Because in the Ten Boom family there was always enough room for someone else around the dinner table. Together with Betsy, Corrie was active in leading youth clubs and camps. And during the day she helped her father in the watchmaking business.

He was also the one with whom Corrie had a very special bond. When I was a little girl, my father always covered me every day. And then he covered me and then he put his big hand on my little face.

That was such a friendly thing. And I didn't want to move, because I didn't want to forget that touch of love. Do you know what happened later? When I was in that terrible environment, in that prison, where only 20% of us came out alive.

Then in the evening, when I went to sleep, I said, Oh, Heavenly Father, put your hand on my face for a moment. And because my father had taught me his fatherly love, I understood the fatherly love of the Lord. And here you see that years ago, that love of my father made me ready, strong, and helped me in the time when I was in that terrible hell.

I brought the Word. And I used the experiences as an illustration of the Word. And in the first place I showed people that anyone can come to the Lord, because the Lord has brought everything to the cross for the sins of the whole world.

And he said, Come to me all. But then I didn't stop at the first step of the return. But I spoke a lot, and I used the Lord to show people what living with the Lord means.

And, for example, how ready to be for the return of the Lord, that we have peace with God and peace with people. And that we are ambassadors for Christ. And that is everyone, everyone who knows the Lord.

And there is an enormous work to be done. And a messenger is not in the power of himself and his authority, but in the authority of the one who has sent him. And so we are in the authority of the Lord.

And that is why we can read the Gospel to almost everyone. Yes, the kingdom is coming, the kingdom of God is coming. And someone said to me, when I read a disgusting book, I always find it weird to read weird things, but then I always look at the last page.

And when I read the last page, Oh, but they got each other and they lived happily for the rest of their lives, then I also read all those disgusting things. But when I read in the Bible what is going to happen before Jesus returns, and what happens, you can read in the newspaper, then the fear can strike my heart. But then I do just like that man.

And then I look at the last page. And when I look at the last page, then I see that the best is yet to come. Because Jesus said, I come and I make all things new.

And then this earth will be covered with the knowledge of the Lord, as the water covers the bottom of the sea. Yes, the best is yet to come. Amen.

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