

Changing a Would-Be Assassin

Virginia Prodan is an international human rights attorney associated with the Alliance Defending Freedom and is president of Virginia Prodan Ministries.

She grew up under the Communist government in Romania, led by Nicolae Ceausescu, in which citizens were encouraged to spy on one another and report on any anti-government activity they witnessed. Anyone arrested for anti-government behavior could be imprisoned, tortured or killed.

All around her, Prodan witnessed isolation, sadness, confusion and hopelessness. She hungered for truth and for freedom from her oppressive society.

Prodan earned her law degree from Bucharest Law School in Romania and went to work for a government agency. Through a Christian client, she became a Christian and discovered the peace, joy, truth and freedom she had been searching for her entire life.

But she immediately faced opposition from others. Her tires were slashed. Her life was threatened. She was beaten by the secret police. Christians in Romania were often arrested, beaten and imprisoned.

One day, a man showed up at her law offices and requested a meeting. It was a trap. As soon as she shut the office door, the man pulled a gun. He had been sent to kill her.



In spite of her fear, Prodan decided to share her faith with the man. She said, “Have you ever asked yourself: ‘Why do I exist?’ or ‘Why am I here?’ or ‘What is the meaning of my life?’ I once asked myself those questions. You are here because God put you here, and He has put you to a test. Will you abide in God or in the will of a man – your boss, President Ceausescu, who requires you to worship him? God has given you free will to choose.”

The man put away his gun and agreed to attend church with her. Today, Virginia Prodan’s would-be assassin is a Christian and has even enrolled in a seminary.

Her story is one of courage in the face of intimidation and death, and it is a testament to her unwavering faith in a God who delivers.

Today, Prodan is a resident of Dallas, Texas, and is a sought-after international keynote speaker, including for public and private schools and universities. Her life is also the focus of a full-length documentary.

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The questions she asked herself and the man who came to kill her are important ones for us to consider: Why am I here? What is the meaning of my life?

The answers are the same as those she discovered: A faith in Jesus Christ, allowing Him to be the Lord of our lives, and serving others.

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others (Philippians 2:1-4 ESV).

– Beecher Hunter