

Facing a Tormentor

In World War 2, Corrie Ten Boom and her sister, Betsie, were arrested for concealing Jews and were sent to a German concentration camp. Betsie died a slow and terrible death as a result of the cruel treatment by their captors.

In 1947, Corrie spoke about God's forgiveness to a church in Munich. Afterward, a man sought her out. She recognized him as one of the guards who had mistreated her and Betsie. Emotions cascaded inside her.

The man told Corrie that he had become a Christian and, with extended hand, he asked for her forgiveness. What would Corrie do?

She struggled with her feelings, but when she recalled the words of Jesus in Matthew 6:15, she knew she had to forgive. She silently prayed, "Jesus, help me!" and thrust her hand into the hand of her former tormentor.

What an incredible test of love and grace!

God asks us to do for others what He has done for us through His Son, Jesus Christ. He will give us the strength to forgive.

Our associates who work in Life Care, Century Park and Life Care at Home have difficult and demanding jobs. Occasionally, we are faced with reacting to residents who carelessly, recklessly, or even purposely say or do something to hurt us. Sometimes, the wound comes from a fellow associate.

Forgiveness must be the response. Remember: Since we all need forgiveness, we should always be forgiving.

--Beecher Hunter