00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:07,824

2 00:00:07,824 --> 00:00:10,760 Please, continue.

3 00:00:10,760 --> 00:00:19,190 As I ran away and hid in that barn I somehow later on I

4 00:00:19,190 --> 00:00:21,920 went and found--

5 00:00:21,920 --> 00:00:24,710 tried to find my father and brother.

6 00:00:24,710 --> 00:00:27,830 But I found my brother in an area

7 00:00:27,830 --> 00:00:30,470 where he know we used to get it there.

8 00:00:30,470 --> 00:00:35,240 And he somehow found me, but we couldn't find our father

9 00:00:35,240 --> 00:00:38,720 for maybe two weeks.

10 00:00:38,720 --> 00:00:41,030 We couldn't find him.

11 00:00:41,030 --> 00:00:46,520 And we both stayed together until one day somehow he

12 00:00:46,520 --> 00:00:50,950 found us in an area 13 00:00:50,950 --> 00:00:53,840 were going to be approximately.

14 00:00:53,840 --> 00:00:56,443 He wasn't sure, but he know where we were hiding.

15 00:00:56,443 --> 00:00:57,360 Your father found you?

16 00:00:57,360 --> 00:01:01,520 Yes, my father found me and my brother.

17 00:01:01,520 --> 00:01:04,489 And from there on he went back into the same place

18 00:01:04,489 --> 00:01:08,300 where he was hiding with my brother,

19 00:01:08,300 --> 00:01:10,030 and I still was left on my own.

20 00:01:10,030 --> 00:01:11,640 But we couldn't stay together.

21 00:01:11,640 --> 00:01:18,110 That was a very, very kind of--

22 00:01:18,110 --> 00:01:19,910 that was the next survival.

23 00:01:19,910 --> 00:01:27,110 You couldn't get a whole family together and stay in one place.

24 00:01:27,110 --> 00:01:33,560 As soon as the people the Poles would hit you.

25 00:01:33,560 --> 00:01:35,540 If they find out there's no more survivors,

26 00:01:35,540 --> 00:01:40,100 but then three are there, they always try to--

27 00:01:40,100 --> 00:01:42,710 many families got killed.

28 00:01:42,710 --> 00:01:46,670 And we still don't know today where they're buried,

29 00:01:46,670 --> 00:01:51,740 where their remains are, and how they got killed.

30 00:01:51,740 --> 00:01:54,880 Not from the Germans, where they're hiding out

31 00:01:54,880 --> 00:01:57,740 and they took away their money, or they thought maybe

32 00:01:57,740 --> 00:02:00,880 they had some more money they didn't give them enough.

33 00:02:00,880 --> 00:02:03,270 And they were gone.

34 00:02:03,270 --> 00:02:05,890 So is it better to be together, or was it better to be alone?

35 00:02:05,890 --> 00:02:06,390 No, better-- 36 00:02:06,390 --> 00:02:07,970 Or small groups?

37 00:02:07,970 --> 00:02:15,910 Better if the family broke up and not to stay together.

38 00:02:15,910 --> 00:02:20,340 But some people tried to stay together.

39 00:02:20,340 --> 00:02:26,480 What somehow they fear that if they stay together

40 00:02:26,480 --> 00:02:32,390 they thought it less fear, but the only thing what I feared

41 00:02:32,390 --> 00:02:34,920 is people.

42 00:02:34,920 --> 00:02:37,820 First I feared is the Poles.

43 00:02:37,820 --> 00:02:40,280 Second thing I feared is the Germans.

44 00:02:40,280 --> 00:02:42,790 Well, I hanged around between Poles,

45 00:02:42,790 --> 00:02:47,500 and they're the ones who, if they were certain,

46 00:02:47,500 --> 00:02:52,140 I would say 80%, if they caught me they would--

47 00:02:52,140 --> 00:02:55,450 or if they wouldn't take me into the Germans,

48 00:02:55,450 --> 00:02:58,060 or they're going to tell them, one of the two.

49 00:02:58,060 --> 00:03:03,460 So I tried to be protective from boredom.

50 00:03:03,460 --> 00:03:06,760 I didn't let myself--

51 00:03:06,760 --> 00:03:12,490 my mind didn't believe in them at all.

52 00:03:12,490 --> 00:03:22,620 That was what gives me the survival edge, not to trust.

53 00:03:22,620 --> 00:03:23,620 And I didn't trust them.

54 00:03:23,620 --> 00:03:26,220

55 00:03:26,220 --> 00:03:32,190 And going back even we live now, in 1989,

56 00:03:32,190 --> 00:03:37,990 I still have the notion of not--

57 00:03:37,990 --> 00:03:42,530 if some people talk to me I'm going to listen to them.

58 00:03:42,530 --> 00:03:47,830 I'm going to say things in reference, give them an answer. 59 00:03:47,830 --> 00:03:52,398 But in my mind, there's a doubt.

60 00:03:52,398 --> 00:03:53,440 It shouldn't be that way.

61 00:03:53,440 --> 00:03:59,980 That's naturally-- it's not a way to be as a human.

62 00:03:59,980 --> 00:04:03,300 You have to trust somebody.

63 00:04:03,300 --> 00:04:04,930 Naturally, I trust my family.

64 00:04:04,930 --> 00:04:06,580 I have a good family, and they're

65 00:04:06,580 --> 00:04:11,770 the ones who consume most of my time and my think.

66 00:04:11,770 --> 00:04:13,810 But when it comes to a person I don't

67 00:04:13,810 --> 00:04:22,690 know I will not mouth on him, or I will not say nothing to him.

68 00:04:22,690 --> 00:04:28,220 But I will walk away from him, fine, nice, and proper way.

69 00:04:28,220 --> 00:04:36,910 But my mind is traveling to extent where was he genuine,

70 00:04:36,910 --> 00:04:41,210 did he talk genuine to me, or didn't he?

71 00:04:41,210 --> 00:04:45,400 And that's the way I've remained even today 1989.

72 00:04:45,400 --> 00:04:47,545 Is this something that you got from that period?

73 00:04:47,545 --> 00:04:48,825 From that period, yes.

74 00:04:48,825 --> 00:04:49,700 I got this from the--

75 00:04:49,700 --> 00:04:50,492 Was that instinct--

76 00:04:50,492 --> 00:04:52,270 That's the instinct from that period.

77 00:04:52,270 --> 00:04:57,400 I had this, and that was a legitimate way--

78 00:04:57,400 --> 00:04:59,880 my instinct is legitimate.

79 00:04:59,880 --> 00:05:06,950 I have a backing, I could back this legitimacy.

80 00:05:06,950 --> 00:05:11,260 That's not just fiction, it's legitimate.

81 00:05:11,260 --> 00:05:14,800 If I were to trust somebody I would have been gone today. 00:05:14,800 --> 00:05:17,070 I didn't trust.

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00:05:17,070 --> 00:05:19,420 I'll give you a little thing.

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00:05:19,420 --> 00:05:27,800 My cousin, my father's brother's son, was hiding in the basement

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00:05:27,800 --> 00:05:34,660 not far away from his home, but with his neighbor.

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00:05:34,660 --> 00:05:38,510 His neighbor was like a laborer, but he

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00:05:38,510 --> 00:05:42,380 lived right across not far away from him with his family.

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00:05:42,380 --> 00:05:45,920 But he hid there in the side in a basement

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00:05:45,920 --> 00:05:49,520 where it was they used to put in the winter time potatoes,

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00:05:49,520 --> 00:05:52,580 but away from the house.

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00:05:52,580 --> 00:05:58,340 In that basement somehow he was a very innovative young guy.

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00:05:58,340 --> 00:06:01,640 He talked to a few guys, we going to hide there,

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00:06:01,640 --> 00:06:03,960 no one's going to

catch us down there.

94 00:06:03,960 --> 00:06:04,460 He went in.

95 00:06:04,460 --> 00:06:10,310 Somehow that neighbor knew that they're hiding.

96 00:06:10,310 --> 00:06:14,850 Well, he must have given some food or something.

97 00:06:14,850 --> 00:06:17,210 And they thought maybe he's got a lot of money, and then

98 00:06:17,210 --> 00:06:20,170 a few more people.

99 00:06:20,170 --> 00:06:25,762 And one day they kill the people down there.

100 00:06:25,762 --> 00:06:27,720 I don't know how many were there,a few of them.

101 00:06:27,720 --> 00:06:31,220 But I got the message that as he stuck out

102 00:06:31,220 --> 00:06:34,130 his head from that basement he chopped in his head.

103 00:06:34,130 --> 00:06:36,540 His own neighbor.

104 00:06:36,540 --> 00:06:39,750 Where do I come to say that? 00:06:39,750 --> 00:06:42,490 It's a fact.

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00:06:42,490 --> 00:06:45,670 Jewish people who survived not far away from them

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00:06:45,670 --> 00:06:47,020 told me that.

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00:06:47,020 --> 00:07:03,450 His name was Aaron and Abraham.

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00:07:03,450 --> 00:07:06,830 But Abraham, he's

the one who was got

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00:07:06,830 --> 00:07:11,620 chopped his head in from his own neighbor.

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00:07:11,620 --> 00:07:12,730 His own neighbor did it.

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 $00:07:12,730 \longrightarrow 00:07:15,330$

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00:07:15,330 --> 00:07:16,710 Maybe he thought they had money.

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00:07:16,710 --> 00:07:18,960 Maybe he thought he's going to get it.

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00:07:18,960 --> 00:07:22,530 And then the Germans finished him off the rest.

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00:07:22,530 --> 00:07:24,970 But he's the one where he must have been afraid that he 00:07:24,970 --> 00:07:27,945 has a weapon or something.

118 00:07:27,945 --> 00:07:29,540 And that's the

thing what happened.

119 00:07:29,540 --> 00:07:30,450 That's why I don't--

120 00:07:30,450 --> 00:07:34,100

121 00:07:34,100 --> 00:07:36,380 how can you trust people?

122 00:07:36,380 --> 00:07:40,480 Even today, everybody likes to go back their home

123 00:07:40,480 --> 00:07:43,180 to their original home.

124 00:07:43,180 --> 00:07:47,990 And I'm yearning a lot of times, not to go into Poland,

125 00:07:47,990 --> 00:07:52,100 just take a look at my place where I was born.

126 00:07:52,100 --> 00:07:54,220 Is there any crime for that?

127 00:07:54,220 --> 00:07:56,000 It's no crime for this.

128 00:07:56,000 --> 00:08:03,680 It's a human instinct of being, seeing,

129 00:08:03,680 --> 00:08:09,080 the birth right, or where they were born.

130 00:08:09,080 --> 00:08:14,670 I first thing, I have no real power to get in.

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00:08:14,670 --> 00:08:17,270 Second thing, I'm afraid.

132 00:08:17,270 --> 00:08:23,510 Maybe I will do away that to see my place of birth

133 00:08:23,510 --> 00:08:28,520 would overtake the fear, I might go in.

134 00:08:28,520 --> 00:08:34,169 But then I'm afraid in that direction.

135 00:08:34,169 --> 00:08:34,890 Even today?

136 00:08:34,890 --> 00:08:37,200 Even today, yes, even today.

137 00:08:37,200 --> 00:08:38,280 And I have the right.

138 00:08:38,280 --> 00:08:42,770 They kill my father there after the war.

139 00:08:42,770 --> 00:08:46,380 They killed many Jewish merchants after the war.

140 00:08:46,380 --> 00:08:49,825 The Germans were gone. 00:08:49,825 --> 00:08:56,470 They were away already eight months, a year almost.

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00:08:56,470 --> 00:09:01,180 And these are things where it's unbelievable to think.

143 00:09:01,180 --> 00:09:06,810 But one day I was in my town, that

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00:09:06,810 --> 00:09:16,160 was just in '41 or was it right before, when

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00:09:16,160 --> 00:09:19,330 they went to Russia to fight Russia down there.

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00:09:19,330 --> 00:09:24,250 It was just it must have been '40 and '41 when

147 00:09:24,250 --> 00:09:25,000 this started up.

148 00:09:25,000 --> 00:09:27,990 It was in the wintertime.

149 00:09:27,990 --> 00:09:31,462 The snow was terrible a few days before.

150 00:09:31,462 --> 00:09:33,730 And they somehow got--

151 00:09:33,730 --> 00:09:37,330 the Germans got some Jews together,

152 00:09:37,330 --> 00:09:38,900 and I was in between them. 153 00:09:38,900 --> 00:09:41,130 They drove us into a--

154 00:09:41,130 --> 00:09:45,780 that's another thing, they drove me into a room that was a jail.

155 00:09:45,780 --> 00:09:48,790 It must have been enough for 25 people.

156 00:09:48,790 --> 00:09:52,320 And the window was way up near the ceiling

157 00:09:52,320 --> 00:09:57,600 with things you couldn't even reach it.

158 00:09:57,600 --> 00:10:03,250 And they dove in there 100 people into that place.

159 00:10:03,250 --> 00:10:08,590 We supposed to be disposed, killed,

160 00:10:08,590 --> 00:10:10,120 or sent away in the concentration

161 00:10:10,120 --> 00:10:12,110 camp or something.

162 00:10:12,110 --> 00:10:18,050 What happened the same night from the snow

163 00:10:18,050 --> 00:10:22,010 a few days what didn't it did snow and snow, 164

00:10:22,010 --> 00:10:27,880 that night some column of German vehicles couldn't go through.

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00:10:27,880 --> 00:10:35,450 And they took us all out from jail, and they gave us shovels.

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00:10:35,450 --> 00:10:39,520 We were very poorly dressed, almost nothing.

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00:10:39,520 --> 00:10:41,950 And they told us to clean the roads,

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00:10:41,950 --> 00:10:47,680 and there was a few Germans and a few the Polish guards,

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00:10:47,680 --> 00:10:52,030 and we should clean the roads.

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00:10:52,030 --> 00:10:56,410 We started up on the road near the jail.

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00:10:56,410 --> 00:11:02,680 We were on-- the name was Ulica Lubelska.

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00:11:02,680 --> 00:11:04,070 That was the road towards Lublin.

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00:11:04,070 --> 00:11:08,670

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00:11:08,670 --> 00:11:11,800 And we start cleaning, and the impactment 00:11:11,800 --> 00:11:13,790 was so high from the snow--

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00:11:13,790 --> 00:11:16,130 terrible.

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00:11:16,130 --> 00:11:19,610 You couldn't see the other side of the field on either side.

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00:11:19,610 --> 00:11:23,330 There was like a drifting in certain spots.

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00:11:23,330 --> 00:11:26,700 You couldn't see nothing.

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00:11:26,700 --> 00:11:29,030 And there must have been--

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00:11:29,030 --> 00:11:32,180 but in the jail we were so thirsty.

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00:11:32,180 --> 00:11:37,100 So think that we were dying for water, people

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00:11:37,100 --> 00:11:39,890 fainting, old men.

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00:11:39,890 --> 00:11:43,230 I was about-- must have been the youngest one between them.

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00:11:43,230 --> 00:11:44,330 I don't know how I got in.

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00:11:44,330 --> 00:11:47,010 Somehow they caught me.

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00:11:47,010 --> 00:11:53,180

And I was very happy to get out in the air.

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00:11:53,180 --> 00:11:54,257 Everybody, not just me.

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00:11:54,257 --> 00:11:55,340 So we went out in the air.

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00:11:55,340 --> 00:12:00,400 That must have been around winter time around 6:30, 7:00,

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00:12:00,400 --> 00:12:03,137 6:30 was already dark.

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00:12:03,137 --> 00:12:04,970 And I thought to myself, give me the shovel.

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00:12:04,970 --> 00:12:10,330 I thought myself here and there I'm not going to stay here.

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00:12:10,330 --> 00:12:13,570 As they drove us up and I was watching the Germans,

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00:12:13,570 --> 00:12:15,410 there was a few of them watching us,

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00:12:15,410 --> 00:12:21,670 I somehow hid in a crevasse, in a snow embankment,

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00:12:21,670 --> 00:12:25,010 and I didn't go no further.

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00:12:25,010 --> 00:12:28,440 And somehow they went away and I remained down there 199

00:12:28,440 --> 00:12:31,680 in that area, in this spot.

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00:12:31,680 --> 00:12:33,820 Or they didn't notice

me, I don't know how.

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00:12:33,820 --> 00:12:37,246

Or it was sheer luck, and I took off.

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00:12:37,246 --> 00:12:40,925 And the rest of them, I don't know what happened after.

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00:12:40,925 --> 00:12:42,050 I don't know what happened.

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00:12:42,050 --> 00:12:46,470 All they froze to death, or they killed them,

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00:12:46,470 --> 00:12:48,510 or they send them away somewhere.

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00:12:48,510 --> 00:12:50,790 But I know they went

down to clean that road.

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00:12:50,790 --> 00:12:58,440 That road used to be no homes, just trees on the side,

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00:12:58,440 --> 00:13:00,150 and fields.

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00:13:00,150 --> 00:13:02,530 Trees and fields,

trees and fields,

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00:13:02,530 --> 00:13:06,330

then you used to come into a small little town where from

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00:13:06,330 --> 00:13:10,710 my town into the next town that was Markuszów.

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00:13:10,710 --> 00:13:14,430 That town must have been-if they arrived in that town,

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00:13:14,430 --> 00:13:16,425 they were lucky--

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00:13:16,425 --> 00:13:20,160 in that storm, in that snow, in that freezing weather.

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00:13:20,160 --> 00:13:24,900 And at that time I took off and somehow I ran away

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00:13:24,900 --> 00:13:29,460 and I even after a while I went back.

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00:13:29,460 --> 00:13:35,980 We were still somehow there till I think it was Easter time.

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00:13:35,980 --> 00:13:39,400 It was then when they took us all out.

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00:13:39,400 --> 00:13:43,000 And this stuff lies in my mind.

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00:13:43,000 --> 00:13:49,320 And it's a-- but it's unbelievable think

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00:13:49,320 --> 00:13:51,690 I was hiding out in the

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fields during the war time.

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00:13:51,690 --> 00:13:55,950

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00:13:55,950 --> 00:13:58,470 Where did I hide?

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00:13:58,470 --> 00:14:00,180 I look for cemeteries.

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00:14:00,180 --> 00:14:03,020 I was always afraid to go out from my door,

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00:14:03,020 --> 00:14:04,530 but during the wartime I undertook

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00:14:04,530 --> 00:14:07,800 such a non-fearless thing for survival.

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00:14:07,800 --> 00:14:09,900 I hid in on the cemeteries.

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00:14:09,900 --> 00:14:12,980 There was a cemetery with a--

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00:14:12,980 --> 00:14:14,720 what it called when they hide-

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00:14:14,720 --> 00:14:18,065 when they put the people into a dome?

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00:14:18,065 --> 00:14:19,440 Not a dome, what do they call it?

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00:14:19,440 --> 00:14:24,120

They put them into a

where the remains lie,

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00:14:24,120 --> 00:14:27,195 there's a little roof over it?

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00:14:27,195 --> 00:14:28,100 A crypt?

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00:14:28,100 --> 00:14:28,990

A kind of a--

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00:14:28,990 --> 00:14:29,490

Huh?

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00:14:29,490 --> 00:14:30,840

Where the body?

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00:14:30,840 --> 00:14:31,640

Yes.

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00:14:31,640 --> 00:14:32,910 Like a crypt or something?

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00:14:32,910 --> 00:14:35,060

Yeah, some kind of there, lying down there.

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00:14:35,060 --> 00:14:38,580

And somehow at night

time, in the afternoon--

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00:14:38,580 --> 00:14:40,710 it was during the afternoon--

but at nighttime I

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00:14:40,710 --> 00:14:42,690

used to go into

certain places where

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00:14:42,690 --> 00:14:44,160

I could get something to eat.

00:14:44,160 --> 00:14:47,040

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00:14:47,040 --> 00:14:53,130 And there's a time that was being thoughts Eastern time.

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00:14:53,130 --> 00:14:55,065 Well, with Easter time there it's cold.

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00:14:55,065 --> 00:14:56,700 Here it's kind of warm.

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00:14:56,700 --> 00:14:58,713 Down there it was sometimes time of year

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00:14:58,713 --> 00:15:01,020 it was for snow, freezing weather.

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00:15:01,020 --> 00:15:03,325 And the Christian people have a--

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00:15:03,325 --> 00:15:06,540 I think they put candles on.

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00:15:06,540 --> 00:15:10,890 I was lying there and all of a sudden during the day,

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00:15:10,890 --> 00:15:13,320 and I was wanting to go up during the night,

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00:15:13,320 --> 00:15:18,072 and I saw the whole cemetery some places lighten up.

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00:15:18,072 --> 00:15:19,950

And I thought, they're looking for me.

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00:15:19,950 --> 00:15:22,995 But actually, they put some candles on the graves.

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00:15:22,995 --> 00:15:29,680

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00:15:29,680 --> 00:15:34,990 And just was scared, I was lying down there for the whole night,

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00:15:34,990 --> 00:15:37,150 the next day, the next night.

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00:15:37,150 --> 00:15:41,500 I finally realized or was it that time, somebody

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00:15:41,500 --> 00:15:43,510 talking outside.

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00:15:43,510 --> 00:15:47,980 And I went away from that area without eating.

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00:15:47,980 --> 00:15:49,450 I was very exhausted.

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00:15:49,450 --> 00:15:55,810 Not from not eating, just from the fear of it, too.

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00:15:55,810 --> 00:15:59,440 And things like this--

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00:15:59,440 --> 00:16:01,010 Can we go back to your father?

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00:16:01,010 --> 00:16:01,510

Yes.

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00:16:01,510 --> 00:16:02,410 Yeah.

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00:16:02,410 --> 00:16:05,030

Yeah, but my father--

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00:16:05,030 --> 00:16:06,790

yes.

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00:16:06,790 --> 00:16:09,370

Yes, another thing is

with my father he was--

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00:16:09,370 --> 00:16:12,060

after the war, he got killed.

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00:16:12,060 --> 00:16:16,240

And I felt really, really, really,

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00:16:16,240 --> 00:16:20,435

bad that he survived,

and all of a sudden--

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00:16:20,435 --> 00:16:22,350

How was he killed?

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00:16:22,350 --> 00:16:24,290

Poles shot him on the market.

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00:16:24,290 --> 00:16:26,500

They were on the market.

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00:16:26,500 --> 00:16:29,380

But my father was a--

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00:16:29,380 --> 00:16:32,200

he thought he hadn't have an enemy in the world.

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00:16:32,200 --> 00:16:33,300 I don't think so either.

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00:16:33,300 --> 00:16:36,040 I am the same thinking, too.

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00:16:36,040 --> 00:16:39,070 For the reason is, not that I undertook my--

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00:16:39,070 --> 00:16:40,810 that was our family trait.

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00:16:40,810 --> 00:16:44,590 We are not violent people, what I mean by violent.

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00:16:44,590 --> 00:16:45,860 I don't know--

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00:16:45,860 --> 00:16:49,270 I don't want to have anything to do with you, I walk away.

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00:16:49,270 --> 00:16:51,070 Arguing with you, I will not.

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00:16:51,070 --> 00:16:52,690 I can discuss with you.

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00:16:52,690 --> 00:16:55,750 With arguments, you can't put up with me no arguments.

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00:16:55,750 --> 00:17:00,520 Why arguments don't lead no place, no way.

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00:17:00,520 --> 00:17:04,440 The only thing is if you can discuss with a person,

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00:17:04,440 --> 00:17:11,480 and if you can talk to him, to get each other's understanding.

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00:17:11,480 --> 00:17:14,720 And I don't believe in argumental things.

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00:17:14,720 --> 00:17:18,920 You can solve things only be peaceful.

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00:17:18,920 --> 00:17:24,280 I am, even today, I think only by peaceful means

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00:17:24,280 --> 00:17:28,550 you could settle the biggest problems.

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00:17:28,550 --> 00:17:39,930 Family, I would say, business, wordly things,

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00:17:39,930 --> 00:17:42,580 there isn't a thing you couldn't solve in a peaceful way.

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00:17:42,580 --> 00:17:47,190 So my father went on the market without him even thinking

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00:17:47,190 --> 00:17:49,290 that he has any enemies.

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00:17:49,290 --> 00:17:52,010 He got shot there on the market.

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00:17:52,010 --> 00:17:59,410 But people are telling me that he got shot just 00:17:59,410 --> 00:18:00,900 in the midst of the market--

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00:18:00,900 --> 00:18:01,400 Why?

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00:18:01,400 --> 00:18:03,430 Where underground-- huh?

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00:18:03,430 --> 00:18:04,550 Why?

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00:18:04,550 --> 00:18:06,250 Well, he was a Jew, that's one thing.

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00:18:06,250 --> 00:18:09,580 And that time was an organization from the OHCHR.

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00:18:09,580 --> 00:18:12,590 They call themselves organization OHCHR.

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00:18:12,590 --> 00:18:15,165 And they're the ones want to wrestle away-- they

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00:18:15,165 --> 00:18:17,290 thought in the beginning they going to wrestle away

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00:18:17,290 --> 00:18:18,970 from Russia, their rights.

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00:18:18,970 --> 00:18:21,510 They're going to self--

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00:18:21,510 --> 00:18:25,030 and they thought that the Jews stand in their way,

00:18:25,030 --> 00:18:27,140 still stand in their way of getting there.

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00:18:27,140 --> 00:18:30,100 If they couldn't get it, who you touch?

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00:18:30,100 --> 00:18:31,580 The weakest point.

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00:18:31,580 --> 00:18:33,130 So they killed my father.

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00:18:33,130 --> 00:18:40,450 And they even said to me, I was in the army, in Katowice.

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00:18:40,450 --> 00:18:47,580 And I even undertook to come down in my town

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00:18:47,580 --> 00:18:49,680 and go and look after him.

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00:18:49,680 --> 00:18:53,900 Can you imagine that, in your own home?

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00:18:53,900 --> 00:18:55,860 I was already threatened, as soon

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00:18:55,860 --> 00:19:00,177 as I came I will come there, I be killed.

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00:19:00,177 --> 00:19:02,010 But these are people who fought the Germans,

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00:19:02,010 --> 00:19:03,780 and yet they kill Jews?

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00:19:03,780 --> 00:19:05,700 They didn't fight the Germans.

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00:19:05,700 --> 00:19:08,237 They fought the Germans on their own cause.

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00:19:08,237 --> 00:19:10,320 They thought they were going to fight the Germans,

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00:19:10,320 --> 00:19:13,500 and they're going to win their own independence.

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00:19:13,500 --> 00:19:19,140 Like Poland it was in the 1920s or 19--

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00:19:19,140 --> 00:19:25,890 you know, like Pilsudski had it, and Rydz-Smigly, and things

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00:19:25,890 --> 00:19:29,850 like this, that they're going to have back in independence.

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00:19:29,850 --> 00:19:32,310 But that didn't work for them this way.

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00:19:32,310 --> 00:19:36,120 The Russians had bigger ideas than they had.

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00:19:36,120 --> 00:19:38,730 So I didn't even--

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00:19:38,730 --> 00:19:44,760 I couldn't even go down to see the remains of my father,

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00:19:44,760 --> 00:19:50,260 to get the remains, his body, for burial.

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00:19:50,260 --> 00:19:53,530 How did you learn about it?

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00:19:53,530 --> 00:19:56,890 The girl who my father--

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00:19:56,890 --> 00:20:01,710 she survived and she was without any family.

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00:20:01,710 --> 00:20:03,610 He had a few people in his home.

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00:20:03,610 --> 00:20:09,850 But that particular girl took my father as her own father,

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00:20:09,850 --> 00:20:13,260 he was so good to her.

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00:20:13,260 --> 00:20:16,960 We consider her today as I half-- as a sister.

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00:20:16,960 --> 00:20:22,790 I was there in Israel, and she really she saw me,

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00:20:22,790 --> 00:20:25,720 she was really very--

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00:20:25,720 --> 00:20:28,660 and she's the one who relayed to me that message.

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00:20:28,660 --> 00:20:34,360

But she said to me, Joe, don't go there, 352 00:20:34,360 --> 00:20:35,500 you're going to be killed.

353 00:20:35,500 --> 00:20:37,070 I tried to go down there.

354 00:20:37,070 --> 00:20:41,560 I'm near, you have to come from Katowice to Kurów.

355 00:20:41,560 --> 00:20:46,720 I went right away from Kurów to that was killed,

356 00:20:46,720 --> 00:20:50,940 and the name of the town, Wawolnica.

357 00:20:50,940 --> 00:20:57,710 Wawolnica is like between Buchalowice and Wawolnica.

358 00:20:57,710 --> 00:20:59,980 That was the area where was the market.

359 00:20:59,980 --> 00:21:03,040 Usually certain designated towns had markets,

360 00:21:03,040 --> 00:21:04,830 they're not all the towns, but there's

361 00:21:04,830 --> 00:21:09,860 Wawolnica, Markuszow, they had designated areas for markets.

362 00:21:09,860 --> 00:21:12,580 So and I couldn't even go down and pick up 363 00:21:12,580 --> 00:21:17,240 my father's remains, his body, for burial

364 00:21:17,240 --> 00:21:20,890 or I was next to be shot, to be killed.

365 00:21:20,890 --> 00:21:23,740 But when they went to look for him, the girl who survived

366 00:21:23,740 --> 00:21:28,540 in my father's house and he kept her as a child,

367 00:21:28,540 --> 00:21:32,990 she went there with another couple of people,

368 00:21:32,990 --> 00:21:35,780 and they were shooting after them.

369 00:21:35,780 --> 00:21:41,590 Somehow they kind of scared them away with shooting at them.

370 00:21:41,590 --> 00:21:44,515 Maybe they didn't try to kill them, but somehow--

371 00:21:44,515 --> 00:21:50,740 and that's I think where it's outstanding.

372 00:21:50,740 --> 00:21:54,910 And I have a very anger.

373 00:21:54,910 --> 00:21:58,700 Not from only my father, from the '30s 374 00:21:58,700 --> 00:22:05,540 as I went to school, as I was coming up as a child.

375 00:22:05,540 --> 00:22:18,500 And it's devastating blow for the Jewish people

376 00:22:18,500 --> 00:22:22,270 who settled down in Poland and all around there.

377 00:22:22,270 --> 00:22:29,810 They were-- not they where, the Jews were probably

378 00:22:29,810 --> 00:22:33,830 well-educated, not scholastically,

379 00:22:33,830 --> 00:22:37,640 but they had a good intentionally good.

380 00:22:37,640 --> 00:22:41,180 If some Jews were not educated they couldn't go to school,

381 00:22:41,180 --> 00:22:43,280 or they were hindered from going to school.

382 00:22:43,280 --> 00:22:45,620 Like I was hindered from going to school, too.

383 00:22:45,620 --> 00:22:49,427 I couldn't finish the right schooling.

384 00:22:49,427 --> 00:22:53,330 385 00:22:53,330 --> 00:23:02,300 That's to think where you could see the anxiety today

386 00:23:02,300 --> 00:23:09,410 and my mind stands out that what, I got horns?

387 00:23:09,410 --> 00:23:13,360 Do I look worse than they look?

388 00:23:13,360 --> 00:23:15,685 I'm Jewish and they're Christian or they're Poles.

389 00:23:15,685 --> 00:23:18,730

390 00:23:18,730 --> 00:23:22,390 What's the-- the only thing what baffles

391 00:23:22,390 --> 00:23:27,450 my mind, what's the cause of them to be that way?

392 00:23:27,450 --> 00:23:37,690 And I'm sorry to say, I'm not a person

393 00:23:37,690 --> 00:23:44,440 who hates another religion, or another people,

394 00:23:44,440 --> 00:23:48,100 a sect of different people.

395 00:23:48,100 --> 00:23:50,590 As a human, I couldn't understand

396 00:23:50,590 --> 00:23:53,520 why they are that way.

397 00:23:53,520 --> 00:23:57,980 Why they undertook, but as I recollect times--

398 00:23:57,980 --> 00:24:02,170 and I still go back to it vaguely--

399 00:24:02,170 --> 00:24:04,850 when they go down processions.

400 00:24:04,850 --> 00:24:06,910 In the Christian religion they used

401 00:24:06,910 --> 00:24:12,288 to go down with processions, with the icons

402 00:24:12,288 --> 00:24:13,080 they used to carry.

403 00:24:13,080 --> 00:24:19,420 And every Jew was interrogated, driven away, hit,

404 00:24:19,420 --> 00:24:22,390 rock with stones, broken the windows.

405 00:24:22,390 --> 00:24:26,110 As a child my mother used to say, Joe, come into the house,

406 00:24:26,110 --> 00:24:27,920 come into the house.

407 00:24:27,920 --> 00:24:35,740 And she used to close the shutters and say to me, 408 00:24:35,740 --> 00:24:36,910 stay in there.

409 00:24:36,910 --> 00:24:40,840 Let them go by, let them go by.

410 00:24:40,840 --> 00:24:45,480 So that must have been instigated within the church.

411 00:24:45,480 --> 00:24:48,430 That's the only thing what lays in my mind.

412 00:24:48,430 --> 00:24:53,650 Well, if you make a speech in a hall, in any hall,

413 00:24:53,650 --> 00:24:59,185 might not be in the church, if a preacher would go up

414 00:24:59,185 --> 00:25:02,850 or a theologian would go up to a group of people in a hall.

415 00:25:02,850 --> 00:25:04,770 Doesn't have to be a synagogue, it

416 00:25:04,770 --> 00:25:07,710 doesn't have to be a church, in any hall,

417 00:25:07,710 --> 00:25:12,570 and say, instigate that and that person or that and that,

418 00:25:12,570 --> 00:25:17,220 that used to be they would go out and lynch you.

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00:25:17,220 --> 00:25:20,100 Or they would go out and do anything,

420 00:25:20,100 --> 00:25:23,100 but they didn't have no halls of gatherings,

421 00:25:23,100 --> 00:25:25,170 but they had the church.

422 00:25:25,170 --> 00:25:28,620 And there must have done the damage to them people,

423 00:25:28,620 --> 00:25:30,970 to the kids.

424 00:25:30,970 --> 00:25:35,050 I was an instigated, as I recollect,

425 00:25:35,050 --> 00:25:40,020 I went to a Jewish school.

426 00:25:40,020 --> 00:25:42,450 But I wasn't instigated to hate another.

427 00:25:42,450 --> 00:25:46,800 I learned my own religion about Moses, about this, about that,

428 00:25:46,800 --> 00:25:51,330 about the Ten Commandments, and things like this.

429 00:25:51,330 --> 00:25:56,800 But I wasn't put up like that and that one is so and so.

430 00:25:56,800 --> 00:26:00,660 He is bad, and he done this and that.

431 00:26:00,660 --> 00:26:07,750 But that's I think where, even today, I

432 00:26:07,750 --> 00:26:15,480 would suggest to any theologian in the church or in a temple,

433 00:26:15,480 --> 00:26:18,920 not to incite people.

434 00:26:18,920 --> 00:26:22,355 Well, a lot of people the way I see today they

435 00:26:22,355 --> 00:26:25,650 are doctors, professors, very--

436 00:26:25,650 --> 00:26:29,690 I don't say they're not educated, very highly educated.

437 00:26:29,690 --> 00:26:36,530 They go in the church, or they go out,

438 00:26:36,530 --> 00:26:38,310 they take it very serious.

439 00:26:38,310 --> 00:26:43,130 We as Jews, we are, too, religious people,

440 00:26:43,130 --> 00:26:46,760 but we are not as serious of being instigated

441 00:26:46,760 --> 00:26:48,410 towards another people.

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00:26:48,410 --> 00:26:50,990 We might have a remark.

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00:26:50,990 --> 00:26:54,790 Everybody has a remark about any ethnic groups,

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00:26:54,790 --> 00:27:00,550 but I wouldn't go out and push somebody or hit somebody

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00:27:00,550 --> 00:27:04,550 or being I was instigated in the temple for it.

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00:27:04,550 --> 00:27:05,840 Yeah, we read out of the t--

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00:27:05,840 --> 00:27:10,310 But it seems somehow when you come in--

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00:27:10,310 --> 00:27:14,420 and I'm sorry, but I must state it--

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00:27:14,420 --> 00:27:17,270 you come into a church, what I see sometimes,

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00:27:17,270 --> 00:27:20,796 the icons what they're having hanging, like Jesus, they

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00:27:20,796 --> 00:27:26,460 have him hanging with nails put in, blood coming out of here,

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00:27:26,460 --> 00:27:30,410 a wire around his head.

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00:27:30,410 --> 00:27:38,070 And I think when you come in a place of worship that's not

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00:27:38,070 --> 00:27:41,550 the right place of worship to-

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00:27:41,550 --> 00:27:45,060 that picture of Jesus I don't say that anybody

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00:27:45,060 --> 00:27:46,290 shouldn't believe in him.

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00:27:46,290 --> 00:27:47,040 Let them believe.

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00:27:47,040 --> 00:27:48,600 But that's incitement.

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00:27:48,600 --> 00:27:52,510 I call it incitement of a person.

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00:27:52,510 --> 00:27:55,440 But a lot of people educated they take it very nicely,

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00:27:55,440 --> 00:27:59,020 they take it, oh, happened 2000 years ago, fine.

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00:27:59,020 --> 00:28:02,550 But a lot of people, the non-educated ones,

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00:28:02,550 --> 00:28:07,170 the people who are very small-minded, they'll

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00:28:07,170 --> 00:28:13,610 take this as a like it happened yesterday.

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00:28:13,610 --> 00:28:14,610 That happened yesterday.

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00:28:14,610 --> 00:28:18,470 We can see it today, even today.

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00:28:18,470 --> 00:28:22,250 They desecrate certain temples with the things.

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00:28:22,250 --> 00:28:25,680 They desecrate the cemeteries, they do things.

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00:28:25,680 --> 00:28:29,550 That only comes, what I think, if the theologians

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00:28:29,550 --> 00:28:36,850 or the priests would say first thing is, I would say to them,

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00:28:36,850 --> 00:28:38,410 and I would say to the hierarchies

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00:28:38,410 --> 00:28:40,520 in church, first thing you have to remove

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00:28:40,520 --> 00:28:42,800 them icons without incitement.

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00:28:42,800 --> 00:28:47,930 If I would put up a oven with of a concentration,

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00:28:47,930 --> 00:28:51,860 with the dead people in them the way they were lying in the oven

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00:28:51,860 --> 00:28:57,080 burning, make a picture

of it, and hang up

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00:28:57,080 --> 00:29:01,800 in every temple that will incite our Jewish population, too.

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00:29:01,800 --> 00:29:04,100 But that's not the way to do.

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00:29:04,100 --> 00:29:08,130 The way I understand it's a way of being--

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00:29:08,130 --> 00:29:18,262 at least you have to see to do things in a proper perspective.

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00:29:18,262 --> 00:29:20,220 And I don't think they're right of having this,

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00:29:20,220 --> 00:29:22,460 and I think that's done to me a lot of damage

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00:29:22,460 --> 00:29:25,670 as a child when I was a kid.

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00:29:25,670 --> 00:29:27,050 But I think they should do away.

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00:29:27,050 --> 00:29:32,920 They're smart enough, the priests or the rest of them

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00:29:32,920 --> 00:29:35,150 from the theologians.

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00:29:35,150 --> 00:29:37,890 They know it's happened 2000 years ago.

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00:29:37,890 --> 00:29:41,835 And that's not all right, they claim the Romans killed them,

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00:29:41,835 --> 00:29:42,710 that one killed them.

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00:29:42,710 --> 00:29:45,740 But it rubs off on the Jews.

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00:29:45,740 --> 00:29:48,350 And they're the ones who take a look well,

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00:29:48,350 --> 00:29:49,970 what happened, every now and then

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00:29:49,970 --> 00:29:52,130 you have some kind of flare up.

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00:29:52,130 --> 00:29:59,250 We had the Spanish Inquisition, killed the Jews, murdered them.

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00:29:59,250 --> 00:30:02,580 All right, we forgot, forgive, it went over.

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00:30:02,580 --> 00:30:07,440 We had the Italian ghettos, all that stuff.

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00:30:07,440 --> 00:30:09,950 All right, forgotten, forgiven, that's over.

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00:30:09,950 --> 00:30:13,020 We had the Russian killings, murdering the Jews

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00:30:13,020 --> 00:30:19,360 and slaughter them, the

Bolsheviks in the 1900s.

500 00:30:19,360 --> 00:30:22,980 And even recently, they having Poland

501 00:30:22,980 --> 00:30:27,030 that were slaughtering the Jews in some areas of Poland.

502 00:30:27,030 --> 00:30:29,250 I forgot the name of the towns, they were just

503 00:30:29,250 --> 00:30:30,450 slaughtering the Jews.

504 00:30:30,450 --> 00:30:35,200 That instigated was out of the church, out of the hierarchies,

505 00:30:35,200 --> 00:30:44,000 whether that's people they don't understand

506 00:30:44,000 --> 00:30:45,253 that you have to be--

507 00:30:45,253 --> 00:30:47,840

508 00:30:47,840 --> 00:30:48,950 I wouldn't call it nice.

509 00:30:48,950 --> 00:30:51,620

510 00:30:51,620 --> 00:30:55,420 You have to be human.

511 00:30:55,420 --> 00:31:00,010 To kill another, to go down, to kill another human,

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00:31:00,010 --> 00:31:01,570 that's animalistic--

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00:31:01,570 --> 00:31:03,560 animalistic I would call it.

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00:31:03,560 --> 00:31:05,140 So we you have a right to put out

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00:31:05,140 --> 00:31:11,500 all those ovens, all these icons from the Spanish Inquisition,

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00:31:11,500 --> 00:31:14,710 the Russian killings by the Russians,

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00:31:14,710 --> 00:31:16,540 the Poles who slaughtered the Jews,

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00:31:16,540 --> 00:31:19,990 the Germans who burned the Jews, and things like this.

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00:31:19,990 --> 00:31:22,180 We could have a lot of icons to put up.

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00:31:22,180 --> 00:31:25,725 But I think the icons who are hanging now

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00:31:25,725 --> 00:31:30,360 in the church, that should be removed, no question about it.

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00:31:30,360 --> 00:31:33,130 Who willing, I don't say all of them,

523 00:31:33,130 --> 00:31:37,570 but who incite, like Jesus hanging with the wires or nails

524 00:31:37,570 --> 00:31:40,150 put in, and there's bleeding coming down.

525 00:31:40,150 --> 00:31:42,940 That's incitement, that's not religion.

526 00:31:42,940 --> 00:31:45,700 That's not a theological way of handling

527 00:31:45,700 --> 00:31:56,820 your parish or your church or your people who come in there.

528 00:31:56,820 --> 00:31:59,080 The kids are seeing this.

529 00:31:59,080 --> 00:32:05,890 It's like I would put down a concentration camp amidst--

530 00:32:05,890 --> 00:32:08,710 put down the ovens from concentration

531 00:32:08,710 --> 00:32:11,080 into a Jewish temple.

532 00:32:11,080 --> 00:32:14,870 How would that look if I would take that what Hitler created?

533 00:32:14,870 --> 00:32:16,810 Or the gas chambers, I would bring 534

00:32:16,810 --> 00:32:22,760 in a part of the gas chamber into a place of worship.

535 00:32:22,760 --> 00:32:26,890 I think people go wild, even they

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00:32:26,890 --> 00:32:30,757 would think that's something-how could people do this?

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00:32:30,757 --> 00:32:31,840 The same things with this.

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00:32:31,840 --> 00:32:34,470 That did a lot of damage to a lot of--

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00:32:34,470 --> 00:32:40,600 there was four million Jews in Poland that found fine,

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00:32:40,600 --> 00:32:45,850 I think they did a good job without hurting anyone.

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00:32:45,850 --> 00:32:48,610 They didn't interfere with the Polish government.

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00:32:48,610 --> 00:32:50,463 They didn't interfere with the church.

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00:32:50,463 --> 00:32:51,880 The only thing is they didn't want

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00:32:51,880 --> 00:32:54,910 to just be peaceful left alone.

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00:32:54,910 --> 00:32:57,250 They didn't want just anything from them.

546 00:32:57,250 --> 00:33:00,430 Just leave the Jewish population alone.

547 00:33:00,430 --> 00:33:02,140 You want taxes from them?

548 00:33:02,140 --> 00:33:03,670 They'll pay you the taxes.

549 00:33:03,670 --> 00:33:06,010 You want them certain things, what they're

550 00:33:06,010 --> 00:33:07,690 supposed to do for the country?

551 00:33:07,690 --> 00:33:10,850 I'm pretty sure that a lot of Jews fought for Poland.

552 00:33:10,850 --> 00:33:15,310 My father himself fought in 1921, he fought the Bolsheviks.

553 00:33:15,310 --> 00:33:18,470 That's for Poland, it was within the Polish army.

554 00:33:18,470 --> 00:33:21,400 He was now in the Air Force, my father

555 00:33:21,400 --> 00:33:23,770 was in the Air Force in Demblin.

556 00:33:23,770 --> 00:33:27,190 557 00:33:27,190 --> 00:33:29,770 I don't know what he was doing there in the Air Force,

558 00:33:29,770 --> 00:33:31,420 maybe it wasn't flying the plane.

559 00:33:31,420 --> 00:33:33,670 But he was connected with--

560 00:33:33,670 --> 00:33:35,060 he was in the Polish army.

561 00:33:35,060 --> 00:33:39,470 We kind of defended the Polish land and the Polish government.

562 00:33:39,470 --> 00:33:45,390 But why it's coming to them in a way that put it down this way,

563 00:33:45,390 --> 00:33:49,730 it's without my comprehension, without my thinking.

564 00:33:49,730 --> 00:34:00,130 But it's still a legacy today.

565 00:34:00,130 --> 00:34:10,719 And I think what if we want to do something,

566 00:34:10,719 --> 00:34:12,630 I think first thing they got to--

567 00:34:12,630 --> 00:34:15,420 well, if you want to think about something

568 00:34:15,420 --> 00:34:18,610 about the people, the most of the people

569 00:34:18,610 --> 00:34:20,710 when they get it together themself,

570 00:34:20,710 --> 00:34:24,639 you can see it's in church or in the temple.

571 00:34:24,639 --> 00:34:30,830 And the rabbi or the priest has the control of the community,

572 00:34:30,830 --> 00:34:32,989 has the control of the church, has

573 00:34:32,989 --> 00:34:37,350 the control of the school system at times, a lot of times.

574 00:34:37,350 --> 00:34:41,080 And they're the ones should see to do something

575 00:34:41,080 --> 00:34:46,605 about it where to bring back a little human feelings.

576 00:34:46,605 --> 00:34:49,400

577 00:34:49,400 --> 00:34:51,770 What I was talking about Jesus with the icon,

578 00:34:51,770 --> 00:34:54,010 I think that's incitement.

579 00:34:54,010 --> 00:34:59,270 I don't want to go further and make a big speech about it,

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00:34:59,270 --> 00:35:01,000 or make an issue about it.

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00:35:01,000 --> 00:35:05,350 They understand-- the theologians and the church

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00:35:05,350 --> 00:35:07,500 people understand what I'm talking about.

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00:35:07,500 --> 00:35:10,505 If whoever going to see the film, the tape,

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00:35:10,505 --> 00:35:11,880 they know what I'm talking about.

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00:35:11,880 --> 00:35:15,160 And I think I'm not talking off the wall things.

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00:35:15,160 --> 00:35:17,980 The other day I was-- about a few months ago there

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00:35:17,980 --> 00:35:24,080 comes down to my house three women, one was a colored girl.

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00:35:24,080 --> 00:35:27,360 One, the way she spoke, the other two

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00:35:27,360 --> 00:35:29,530 were not from this country.

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00:35:29,530 --> 00:35:30,850

They were immigrants.

591 00:35:30,850 --> 00:35:34,450 One was I think has a German accent.

592 00:35:34,450 --> 00:35:39,740 and the other one had some kind of a maybe--

593 00:35:39,740 --> 00:35:41,740 I don't know, maybe she was Slavic or something.

594 00:35:41,740 --> 00:35:47,110 I didn't question their home from where they come.

595 00:35:47,110 --> 00:35:52,690 It's not-- human person, woman, man, they

596 00:35:52,690 --> 00:35:55,120 come down knock-- ring the door.

597 00:35:55,120 --> 00:36:00,220 And they're somehow three women in front of me.

598 00:36:00,220 --> 00:36:03,580 And I said to them, can I help you?

599 00:36:03,580 --> 00:36:07,180 They said yes, we are here to promote Jehovah's witnesses.

600 00:36:07,180 --> 00:36:10,510

601 00:36:10,510 --> 00:36:12,420 I said to them, and they said to me

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00:36:12,420 --> 00:36:16,230 they start telling me the promoting of peace,

603 00:36:16,230 --> 00:36:19,810 promoting of goodwill for the Jehovah's witnesses.

604 00:36:19,810 --> 00:36:27,040 That's a branch of the Catholic branch.

605 00:36:27,040 --> 00:36:30,014 I understand that, too.

606 00:36:30,014 --> 00:36:31,490 They start talking to me.

607 00:36:31,490 --> 00:36:33,360 I let them speak, I let them speak,

608 00:36:33,360 --> 00:36:35,320 and I let them say whatever they felt like.

609 00:36:35,320 --> 00:36:38,470 After all, they are out with a mission,

610 00:36:38,470 --> 00:36:42,300 and I'm not going to interrupt them

611 00:36:42,300 --> 00:36:45,340 if whatever they want to say.

612 00:36:45,340 --> 00:36:48,520 I think I have respect for them.

613 00:36:48,520 --> 00:36:51,340 First, I have respect for them going out and trying 614 00:36:51,340 --> 00:36:52,730 to promote things.

615 00:36:52,730 --> 00:36:55,300 When they're finished and somehow

616 00:36:55,300 --> 00:37:00,970 they're handing me some booklet, and I didn't have to pay.

617 00:37:00,970 --> 00:37:07,200 I think always for one thing is, I always try to be nice.

618 00:37:07,200 --> 00:37:10,590 What I mean by nice, even if I don't like something,

619 00:37:10,590 --> 00:37:13,690 I don't know they're asking me for \$0.25 or \$0.15,

620 00:37:13,690 --> 00:37:17,760 I took the pamphlet from them, I give them the money.

621 00:37:17,760 --> 00:37:22,640 But I said to them, I'm not of your faith, I'm Jewish.

622 00:37:22,640 --> 00:37:26,170 But anyhow, you are very nice, but if you

623 00:37:26,170 --> 00:37:32,230 want to listen to my story I got to tell you something.

624 00:37:32,230 --> 00:37:33,130 I listened to you. 625 00:37:33,130 --> 00:37:35,390 She says fine, yes, go right ahead.

626 00:37:35,390 --> 00:37:40,870 So I just said what I mentioned here before to you,

627 00:37:40,870 --> 00:37:42,370 why don't you go back to the church.

628 00:37:42,370 --> 00:37:46,420 If you want to promote goodwill and good faith

629 00:37:46,420 --> 00:37:49,940 and good things for the people of the world,

630 00:37:49,940 --> 00:37:51,700 well they're not just talking about you

631 00:37:51,700 --> 00:37:55,240 and I, they're talking about the world, the worldly things.

632 00:37:55,240 --> 00:37:57,670 So I told them, why don't you go back to your parish,

633 00:37:57,670 --> 00:38:00,730 to your priest and tell him a few things what

634 00:38:00,730 --> 00:38:02,500 I'm going to tell you.

635 00:38:02,500 --> 00:38:07,510 I said to her I came from Europe. 636 00:38:07,510 --> 00:38:13,870 All my family got killed, and the whole family not just

637 00:38:13,870 --> 00:38:18,530 killed, maimed and desecrated.

638 00:38:18,530 --> 00:38:20,560 You coming down to me and showing me

639 00:38:20,560 --> 00:38:24,160 about Jehovah witnesses, about Jesus, about things,

640 00:38:24,160 --> 00:38:27,070 why don't you go back to the church, to your parish

641 00:38:27,070 --> 00:38:33,550 or to your priest, and tell him to start up this new church

642 00:38:33,550 --> 00:38:35,560 with things to be nice.

643 00:38:35,560 --> 00:38:39,570 Well, I wasn't treated the way you are talking to me.

644 00:38:39,570 --> 00:38:41,800 Now, you want me to be nice, I can't.

645 00:38:41,800 --> 00:38:44,560 I'm still hurt since then.

646 00:38:44,560 --> 00:38:47,020 But one thing I can tell you, I did tell them

647 00:38:47,020 --> 00:38:49,400 a few episodes from my life.

648 00:38:49,400 --> 00:38:52,810 I don't want to repeat it

I don't want to repeat it while it's on the record here,

00:38:52,810 --> 00:38:57,910 but I told them this I told them precisely.

650 00:38:57,910 --> 00:39:01,460 But they still tried to persuade me

651 00:39:01,460 --> 00:39:05,170 and that isn't so, that not all the people are that way.

652 00:39:05,170 --> 00:39:07,660 I said I understand that not all of them like this,

653 00:39:07,660 --> 00:39:11,270 but the majority is going to church,

654 00:39:11,270 --> 00:39:17,330 and the majority is being incited in that direction.

655 00:39:17,330 --> 00:39:19,690 But the best thing is to do, I think, for you

656 00:39:19,690 --> 00:39:22,710 three ladies is to go back to your own parish

657 00:39:22,710 --> 00:39:25,660 and start up from there.

658 00:39:25,660 --> 00:39:29,120 Then you'll come back to me and I'm

659 00:39:29,120 --> 00:39:33,090 going to maybe join you as a peaceful--

660 00:39:33,090 --> 00:39:39,430 not religion, but I'm actually so to say, I hate to say that,

661 00:39:39,430 --> 00:39:41,860 but I'm an atheist.

662 00:39:41,860 --> 00:39:43,100 I wasn't that way.

663 00:39:43,100 --> 00:39:46,640 But what I saw during World War Two,

664 00:39:46,640 --> 00:39:51,880 and what I saw during the whole killings and maimings,

665 00:39:51,880 --> 00:39:54,310 I don't believe in anything.

666 00:39:54,310 --> 00:39:56,490 I don't.

667 00:39:56,490 --> 00:40:00,580 But I don't instigate--

668 00:40:00,580 --> 00:40:03,520 I don't say to my children, don't go to the temple,

669 00:40:03,520 --> 00:40:04,240 or don't go--

670 00:40:04,240 --> 00:40:10,750 I go with him just for sheer

of being for them being

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00:40:10,750 --> 00:40:13,810 comfortable with me there.

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00:40:13,810 --> 00:40:17,500 I read out of the scriptures, certain verses down there,

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00:40:17,500 --> 00:40:18,730 I read with them.

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00:40:18,730 --> 00:40:24,340 But to believe, I don't, I don't.

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00:40:24,340 --> 00:40:27,040 I don't care anybody could come down.

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00:40:27,040 --> 00:40:33,250 What I saw in Europe the way kids being

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00:40:33,250 --> 00:40:40,120 killed and slaughtered, if there would be a God, an Almighty--

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00:40:40,120 --> 00:40:43,660 I don't dispute anybody, anybody could believe in it.

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00:40:43,660 --> 00:40:44,600 I don't.

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00:40:44,600 --> 00:40:49,480 I'm a very, very understanding person,

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00:40:49,480 --> 00:40:51,550 but I don't believe in fictions.

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00:40:51,550 --> 00:40:53,590 I believe in reality.

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00:40:53,590 --> 00:40:59,380 Reality is by me when I see it, I believe it.

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00:40:59,380 --> 00:41:02,210 I don't see it, I don't believe it.

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00:41:02,210 --> 00:41:04,240 I believe in the--

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00:41:04,240 --> 00:41:11,170 yes, I believe in the testament, like Moses, they're

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00:41:11,170 --> 00:41:15,940 not any gods, they were live people.

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00:41:15,940 --> 00:41:19,990 I mean, they were in 2000 years back,

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00:41:19,990 --> 00:41:23,260 they put the Ten Commandments down.

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00:41:23,260 --> 00:41:26,080 I respect him as a very smart man.

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00:41:26,080 --> 00:41:32,500 It's being used today in the courts, the lawyers,

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00:41:32,500 --> 00:41:35,680 in all of it, in the law practice.

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00:41:35,680 --> 00:41:39,758

It's being used today, the Ten Commandments.

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00:41:39,758 --> 00:41:40,300 Who wrote it?

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00:41:40,300 --> 00:41:43,660 Moses, he claims he brought it down that god give him.

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00:41:43,660 --> 00:41:46,150 That's fine what anybody wants to believe,

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00:41:46,150 --> 00:41:47,242 that's fine with me.

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00:41:47,242 --> 00:41:49,450 Do you think the people who killed your father did it

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00:41:49,450 --> 00:41:51,820 because they were religious?

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00:41:51,820 --> 00:41:54,795 Them people were religious people, churchgoers,

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00:41:54,795 --> 00:41:57,870 they were churchgoers.

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00:41:57,870 --> 00:42:04,380 But you see them people who killed my father they were

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00:42:04,380 --> 00:42:10,600 up with a mission to think and they just not killed my father,

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00:42:10,600 --> 00:42:12,790 they killed any Jew who was left over.

705 00:42:12,790 --> 00:42:18,490

It didn't-- let's say, they saw them and aside they killed him.

706 00:42:18,490 --> 00:42:22,780 That's going back in a child psych--

707 $00:42:22,780 \longrightarrow 00:42:26,290$ psychological thinking.

708 00:42:26,290 --> 00:42:28,960 Can I turn the subject a little bit?

709 00:42:28,960 --> 00:42:30,850 How were you liberated?

710 00:42:30,850 --> 00:42:40,400 How was-- I was liberated in 1944.

711 $00:42:40,400 \longrightarrow 00:42:47,420$ And then we had a choice or to go in to the--

712 $00:42:47,420 \longrightarrow 00:42:48,270$ we had a choice.

713 00:42:48,270 --> 00:42:50,430 No, I think I was of age I had no choice.

714 $00:42:50,430 \longrightarrow 00:42:54,350$ I had to go from hiding out in the fields

715 $00:42:54,350 \longrightarrow 00:42:58,730$ to go in to the army, and I went into the army.

716 00:42:58,730 --> 00:43:01,030 That was that time 19--

717 00:43:01,030 --> 00:43:02,600 Was that the Russian army?

718 00:43:02,600 --> 00:43:05,980 That was a Polish army, a Polish army

719 00:43:05,980 --> 00:43:08,650 but under Russian supervision.

720 00:43:08,650 --> 00:43:11,900 The uniforms from the officers were Polish uniforms,

721 00:43:11,900 --> 00:43:14,990 but actually there were Russian setups.

722 00:43:14,990 --> 00:43:17,860

723 00:43:17,860 --> 00:43:21,380 And I remember the first thing what they did,

724 00:43:21,380 --> 00:43:25,630 they took us down to a compound in Lublin.

725 00:43:25,630 --> 00:43:28,660 They took me down from my town, they

726 00:43:28,660 --> 00:43:30,910 took me down-- that was here like Fort Dix.

727 00:43:30,910 --> 00:43:33,750 00:43:33,750 --> 00:43:35,970 And they trained me, they gave us

729 00:43:35,970 --> 00:43:37,470 just the minimum amount of training,

730 00:43:37,470 --> 00:43:40,170 and they shipped us out towards Wisla.

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732 00:43:43,330 --> 00:43:46,310 And they shipped me out with must

733 00:43:46,310 --> 00:43:52,900 have been maybe a group of 550 young men like me,

734 00:43:52,900 --> 00:43:55,330 all the same, about the same age.

735 00:43:55,330 --> 00:43:59,530 And they shipped us on trucks down towards Wisla.

736 00:43:59,530 --> 00:44:08,010 And there was a point where the Russians were on one side,

737 00:44:08,010 --> 00:44:10,540 and the other side was the Germans,

738 00:44:10,540 --> 00:44:13,120 the other side of Wisla.

739 00:44:13,120 --> 00:44:16,330 We were like in Prague, outside Prague,

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00:44:16,330 --> 00:44:18,750 and they were in Warsaw.

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00:44:18,750 --> 00:44:23,590 Prague is when you come in before you come into Warsaw

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00:44:23,590 --> 00:44:26,560 you have to, it's a bridge to go through.

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00:44:26,560 --> 00:44:29,320 It's a few miles away from the capital,

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00:44:29,320 --> 00:44:34,200 but it's connected with the capital Praga and Warsaw.

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00:44:34,200 --> 00:44:38,340 So I was there stationed for awhile down there

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00:44:38,340 --> 00:44:41,470 and there were skirmishes.

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00:44:41,470 --> 00:44:45,280 The Germans with the planes bombarding, shooting.

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00:44:45,280 --> 00:44:50,050 We were-- I was in a unit under a stormtrooper unit.

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00:44:50,050 --> 00:44:55,210 Where the tanks went, wherever the tanks went,

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00:44:55,210 --> 00:45:02,340 we went behind the tanks and

cleaned up the leftovers.

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00:45:02,340 --> 00:45:06,510 First was the artillery, after the artillery came the tanks,

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00:45:06,510 --> 00:45:09,550 and after the tanks we were stormtroopers,

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00:45:09,550 --> 00:45:14,138 like storm company to clean up the rest wherever--

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00:45:14,138 --> 00:45:15,430 The mopping up operation, yeah.

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00:45:15,430 --> 00:45:18,280 Pockets of Germans down there.

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00:45:18,280 --> 00:45:19,810 And somehow I survived.

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00:45:19,810 --> 00:45:21,250 I was afraid, I was hiding.

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00:45:21,250 --> 00:45:26,770 Somehow I survived and I went through one

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00:45:26,770 --> 00:45:31,490 towards the area Sosnowice, Sosnowice.

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00:45:31,490 --> 00:45:34,210 And there was somewhere in that area was a women's

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00:45:34,210 --> 00:45:41,080 camp, a working women's camp.

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00:45:41,080 --> 00:45:44,110

And we went through down there, and I could see their hair

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00:45:44,110 --> 00:45:44,920

off and everything.

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 $00:45:44,920 \longrightarrow 00:45:47,440$

They kind of wrestled away everything for me.

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 $00:45:47,440 \longrightarrow 00:45:49,720$

I had kind of dried

up-- they gave

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00:45:49,720 --> 00:45:53,950

us a dried up a certain

amount, let's say,

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00:45:53,950 --> 00:45:57,340

if we were in the fields to eat.

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00:45:57,340 --> 00:45:59,120

I give them away,

things like this.

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00:45:59,120 --> 00:46:02,650

And it was a horrible

sight to see.

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00:46:02,650 --> 00:46:05,720

Then from there on

I got in to Katowice

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00:46:05,720 --> 00:46:10,510

from Sosnowice, Brzezinka.

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00:46:10,510 --> 00:46:15,160

I remember this small

little town from Sosnowice

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00:46:15,160 --> 00:46:17,680

into Brzezinka, from

Brzezinka into Katowice.

774 00:46:17,680 --> 00:46:19,090 That's a big town.

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00:46:19,090 --> 00:46:25,650 And there we had the main headquarters down there.

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00:46:25,650 --> 00:46:28,240 And from there on they shipped us out

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00:46:28,240 --> 00:46:31,960 towards a different--towards the German border.

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00:46:31,960 --> 00:46:36,280 But finally, we were young people

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00:46:36,280 --> 00:46:39,670 and they're kind of like trustees that trusted us.

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00:46:39,670 --> 00:46:44,090 They had a group people like me, who suffered

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00:46:44,090 --> 00:46:46,840 under the German occupation.

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00:46:46,840 --> 00:46:51,040 They were on a group like that didn't have anything

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00:46:51,040 --> 00:46:52,490 to do with them, like an outsider.

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00:46:52,490 --> 00:46:53,560

We suffered then.

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00:46:53,560 --> 00:46:57,760 So our group was sent back from the German line, sent back

786 00:46:57,760 --> 00:47:06,440 into Katowice, and I stayed in the area of these headquarters

787 00:47:06,440 --> 00:47:10,780 was Ulica Jagiellonska in Katowice.

788 00:47:10,780 --> 00:47:13,570 That was like on that side was the train going

789 00:47:13,570 --> 00:47:16,140 middle of the city goes the train, it's funny.

790 00:47:16,140 --> 00:47:18,460 In the middle of Katowice goes the train.

791 00:47:18,460 --> 00:47:22,390 When I was on that side I was on the Ulica Jagiellonska.

792 00:47:22,390 --> 00:47:24,170 I was there, I was put up.

793 00:47:24,170 --> 00:47:29,350 And we used to have still to dispose all of the Germans,

794 00:47:29,350 --> 00:47:31,150 and get them into camps, and things.

795 00:47:31,150 --> 00:47:33,280 We used to do all that stuff.

796 00:47:33,280 --> 00:47:36,430 As they killed my father, that time,

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00:47:36,430 --> 00:47:40,685 I deserted away from that.

798 00:47:40,685 --> 00:47:42,310 I didn't want anymore in the army life.

799 00:47:42,310 --> 00:47:43,980 I didn't want to stay down there.

800 00:47:43,980 --> 00:47:46,565 How did you find out about it if you were in the army?

801 00:47:46,565 --> 00:47:48,190 How did you find out about your father?

802 00:47:48,190 --> 00:47:52,283 See, that's a thing, it was the funniest thing is--

803 00:47:52,283 --> 00:47:54,740 and still today it puzzles me.

804 00:47:54,740 --> 00:47:58,850

805 00:47:58,850 --> 00:48:05,330 I used to be heading a platoon of guys.

806 00:48:05,330 --> 00:48:07,980 And my captain says to me, you know

807 00:48:07,980 --> 00:48:11,770 there's on the train there used to be a group where they used 808 00:48:11,770 --> 00:48:14,650 to rip off the immigrants coming and going,

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00:48:14,650 --> 00:48:16,900 that was right after the war.

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00:48:16,900 --> 00:48:22,798 He says to me, you know Joe, you get down to this station,

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00:48:22,798 --> 00:48:26,340 and see to bring order down there.

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 $00:48:26,340 \longrightarrow 00:48:27,540$ It was right after the war.

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00:48:27,540 --> 00:48:29,870 Everybody was trying to--

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00:48:29,870 --> 00:48:31,950 one robbed another.

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00:48:31,950 --> 00:48:36,110 It was chaos.

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00:48:36,110 --> 00:48:38,650 People don't understand, you have to be in the midst of it

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00:48:38,650 --> 00:48:40,940 and see it.

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00:48:40,940 --> 00:48:44,480 So I went down to that station.

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00:48:44,480 --> 00:48:46,610

As I was standing in the station I placed

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00:48:46,610 --> 00:48:52,540 some guys, a couple of few guys, I placed them in certain spots

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00:48:52,540 --> 00:48:57,110 near the steps, or near the entrances.

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00:48:57,110 --> 00:48:59,840 As soon as they saw them guys who did that, as soon as they

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00:48:59,840 --> 00:49:02,840 saw us present that was it.

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00:49:02,840 --> 00:49:09,260 They didn't-- if they got into it our corners they know

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00:49:09,260 --> 00:49:10,260 what's waiting for them.

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00:49:10,260 --> 00:49:14,770

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00:49:14,770 --> 00:49:16,200 We didn't thank them.

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00:49:16,200 --> 00:49:21,070 They got their punishment.

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00:49:21,070 --> 00:49:21,810 So it was quiet.

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00:49:21,810 --> 00:49:23,560 All of a sudden I was standing by the wall

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00:49:23,560 --> 00:49:28,770 and just observing things, I was decide before you go out

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00:49:28,770 --> 00:49:31,230 observing things.

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00:49:31,230 --> 00:49:38,660 I don't know, somebody knew me or somebody was sent to me,

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00:49:38,660 --> 00:49:40,550 or he got off the train.

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00:49:40,550 --> 00:49:47,340 He handed me a note, like a little envelope with something.

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00:49:47,340 --> 00:49:51,245 And as soon as I turned around, the people going around-- it's

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00:49:51,245 --> 00:49:55,520 a train, people go, the person disappeared on me.

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00:49:55,520 --> 00:50:00,080 Now, going back to it, I took that note, I didn't even--

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00:50:00,080 --> 00:50:01,940 I still don't remember now--

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00:50:01,940 --> 00:50:03,900 maybe I saw the person, maybe I did,

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00:50:03,900 --> 00:50:07,920 but it went blank in my mind.

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00:50:07,920 --> 00:50:13,250 I read it and the note said my father got killed.

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00:50:13,250 --> 00:50:15,810

844 00:50:15,810 --> 00:50:17,610 But the funniest thing is I have to be

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00:50:17,610 --> 00:50:20,220 on the station and somebody handing me that note,

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00:50:20,220 --> 00:50:23,110 like a setup for it.

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00:50:23,110 --> 00:50:29,310 That was the finish of mine being--

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00:50:29,310 --> 00:50:39,690 I had again a collapse of my feelings, thoughts, the whole

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00:50:39,690 --> 00:50:43,050 the situation, the whole war.

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00:50:43,050 --> 00:50:46,090 I was so happy he was there.

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00:50:46,090 --> 00:50:52,030 And another thing is what I did, my father

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00:50:52,030 --> 00:50:53,140 lived through the war.

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00:50:53,140 --> 00:50:56,770 And I know the way he is, he was a good person.

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00:50:56,770 --> 00:51:00,490 It states in that book, even I didn't write this down.

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00:51:00,490 --> 00:51:05,980

In that book where the society wrote in that book

856 00:51:05,980 --> 00:51:10,450 that my father after the war helped a lot of people

857 00:51:10,450 --> 00:51:14,100 going by our town with food, with sleeping over,

858 00:51:14,100 --> 00:51:16,460 with doing things for them.

859 00:51:16,460 --> 00:51:21,340 Not just for money, it says in that book, without anything.

860 00:51:21,340 --> 00:51:25,210 Just anybody walked in had food and lodging, whatever

861 00:51:25,210 --> 00:51:31,035 he could do for whoever passed by,

862 00:51:31,035 --> 00:51:32,480 or whoever was sent into it.

863 00:51:32,480 --> 00:51:33,965 He give them a--

864 00:51:33,965 --> 00:51:35,590 whatever he could do, my father did it.

865 00:51:35,590 --> 00:51:39,010

866 00:51:39,010 --> 00:51:41,380 Where is your father buried? 00:51:41,380 --> 00:51:44,290 That's the thing, I couldn't even go and get his body.

868 00:51:44,290 --> 00:51:48,560 See, that's the most horrible thing of thinking.

869 00:51:48,560 --> 00:51:53,350 They threaten me if I get down there-- that girl who

870 00:51:53,350 --> 00:52:01,390 wrote to me after, I received that note or she called me up,

871 00:52:01,390 --> 00:52:02,170 I can't recall.

872 00:52:02,170 --> 00:52:06,000 The girl who survived in our house.

873 00:52:06,000 --> 00:52:07,895 She said to me, Joe, don't go down there.

874 00:52:07,895 --> 00:52:10,020 You're going to be killed, they're waiting for you.

875 00:52:10,020 --> 00:52:13,470 I tried to go down to get the body and I was shot at,

876 00:52:13,470 --> 00:52:16,170 and another few people who were with me.

877 00:52:16,170 --> 00:52:23,580 She took people from the town who knew my father, 00:52:23,580 --> 00:52:27,150 people my father knew, and they were shot at.

879 00:52:27,150 --> 00:52:28,650 So she went back, and I don't even

880 00:52:28,650 --> 00:52:33,480 know where his body is being rest, where

881 00:52:33,480 --> 00:52:36,250 his body rests today even.

882 00:52:36,250 --> 00:52:40,920 So the thing is and then that time I

883 00:52:40,920 --> 00:52:50,840 went away I deserted the army, and I went over to Lutz.

884 00:52:50,840 --> 00:52:58,380 Lutz is kind of like an industrial city

885 00:52:58,380 --> 00:53:03,330 not far away from the border of Germany, Czechoslovakia,

886 00:53:03,330 --> 00:53:06,000 it was in that area.

887 00:53:06,000 --> 00:53:10,650 At that time I went over and somehow the organization

888 00:53:10,650 --> 00:53:15,730 got me a passport, a none-legitimate passport.

889 00:53:15,730 --> 00:53:17,730 Where was your brother during his time?

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00:53:17,730 --> 00:53:18,930 He was with me.

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00:53:18,930 --> 00:53:21,450 You see, after my-- my brother was with my father.

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00:53:21,450 --> 00:53:25,140 But after they killed my father I didn't go back home.

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00:53:25,140 --> 00:53:26,730 What he's going to do at home now?

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00:53:26,730 --> 00:53:33,270 Everything was left the way I left in 1941 from the Germans,

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00:53:33,270 --> 00:53:37,130 that's the way I left my father's house, whatever

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00:53:37,130 --> 00:53:44,820 were built. Left all utensils, all the whole business.

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00:53:44,820 --> 00:53:48,320 I didn't even go back and see sell anything

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00:53:48,320 --> 00:53:49,800 or see what happened to anything.

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00:53:49,800 --> 00:53:52,080 Well, I was threatened to be killed.

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00:53:52,080 --> 00:53:56,550

And I had a thinking I wanted to go back.

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00:53:56,550 --> 00:53:57,740

I'm not no chicken.

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 $00:53:57,740 \longrightarrow 00:53:59,400$

I'm not afraid for things.

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 $00:53:59,400 \longrightarrow 00:54:03,120$

But I thought myself, I lived through the war.

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00:54:03,120 --> 00:54:04,560

I have my brother.

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00:54:04,560 --> 00:54:07,350

My father got killed.

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 $00:54:07,350 \longrightarrow 00:54:10,110$

I'm not going to put myself in the hand

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00:54:10,110 --> 00:54:16,060

of these horrible people--

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00:54:16,060 --> 00:54:21,575 not horrible people, the scum

of the Earth in their hands.

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00:54:21,575 --> 00:54:22,450

I want to live there.

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 $00:54:22,450 \longrightarrow 00:54:24,310$

I want to tell my stories.

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 $00:54:24,310 \longrightarrow 00:54:26,110$

I want to say things.

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 $00:54:26,110 \longrightarrow 00:54:27,500$

I want to have a family.

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00:54:27,500 --> 00:54:29,410 And I couldn't make myself to go back.

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00:54:29,410 --> 00:54:31,600 There was nothing to go back to.

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00:54:31,600 --> 00:54:33,730 My brother come up to me.

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00:54:33,730 --> 00:54:37,190 He came to you after your father's death?

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00:54:37,190 --> 00:54:38,310 After the father's death.

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00:54:38,310 --> 00:54:49,150 And from there on, from Katowice we both left for Lutz.

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00:54:49,150 --> 00:54:54,610 And from Lutz we went over to Bratislava.

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00:54:54,610 --> 00:54:56,110 Where is your brother today?

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00:54:56,110 --> 00:55:00,270 My brother is today he lived in Israel for 15 years,

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00:55:00,270 --> 00:55:01,420 then he came here.

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00:55:01,420 --> 00:55:04,780 When I was in business I took him in with me.

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00:55:04,780 --> 00:55:11,390 And he lives now in Florida. 925

00:55:11,390 --> 00:55:15,500 But he had a very bad thing.

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00:55:15,500 --> 00:55:19,740 He had a tumor in his head.

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00:55:19,740 --> 00:55:27,960 He got sick, and he is a very bad condition.

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00:55:27,960 --> 00:55:33,090 He talks, he goes, and I call him up every week.

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00:55:33,090 --> 00:55:39,180 I was there a month ago with him, but he kind of feel sick.

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00:55:39,180 --> 00:55:40,110 I never went--

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00:55:40,110 --> 00:55:41,980 I wasn't in Florida, but I never go down

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00:55:41,980 --> 00:55:43,160 travel towards that area.

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00:55:43,160 --> 00:55:45,880 But he bought a condominium and he says to me,

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00:55:45,880 --> 00:55:48,290 you come back, after we were in business both

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00:55:48,290 --> 00:55:50,940 and he made a few dollars, saved up a few dollars.

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00:55:50,940 --> 00:55:53,400 And he made a home,

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he has three children.

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00:55:53,400 --> 00:55:56,310 His wife, his three kids,

very nice three girls, too.

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00:55:56,310 --> 00:55:58,620

I had three girls, and he had three girls.

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00:55:58,620 --> 00:56:00,810

So is all right.

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00:56:00,810 --> 00:56:02,280

I talk to him every week.

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00:56:02,280 --> 00:56:04,650

I talked him last Saturday.

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00:56:04,650 --> 00:56:09,320

And he's a very fine guy, too.

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00:56:09,320 --> 00:56:11,540

His nature about like ours.

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00:56:11,540 --> 00:56:13,560

He has friends there.

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00:56:13,560 --> 00:56:14,550

He can go out.

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00:56:14,550 --> 00:56:16,900

I do, too, I can go

out on the street.

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00:56:16,900 --> 00:56:21,480

When there is two people I

have right away two friends.

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 $00:56:21,480 \longrightarrow 00:56:24,100$

Not one friend, why

do I have two friends.

949 00:56:24,100 --> 00:56:25,250 It's not a--

950 00:56:25,250 --> 00:56:29,460 I don't understand any hate.

951 00:56:29,460 --> 00:56:32,430

952 00:56:32,430 --> 00:56:35,370 If I don't like somebody, I'm not

953 00:56:35,370 --> 00:56:38,620 going to go in the midst of them.

954 00:56:38,620 --> 00:56:45,300 Like certain times I'm being confronted with some people,

955 00:56:45,300 --> 00:56:50,020 even the survivors.

956 00:56:50,020 --> 00:56:57,090 There are survivors, too, but if I see myself through,

957 00:56:57,090 --> 00:57:04,400 for instance, they start talking in a way vulgar,

958 00:57:04,400 --> 00:57:05,440 you know what I mean?

959 00:57:05,440 --> 00:57:05,940 Yeah.

960 00:57:05,940 --> 00:57:14,890 It's something like they're of a nervous way of being. 961 00:57:14,890 --> 00:57:20,520 Well, I don't want him to stir me up.

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00:57:20,520 --> 00:57:26,430 I just instead I said to say to him, hey, listen, stop this.

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00:57:26,430 --> 00:57:27,420 Don't talk to me.

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00:57:27,420 --> 00:57:30,860 I just say to him, no I'm busy now, I have to go.

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00:57:30,860 --> 00:57:34,390 Or I don't engage myself with it.

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00:57:34,390 --> 00:57:35,460 Walk away from it.

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00:57:35,460 --> 00:57:37,530 Yes, yes.

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00:57:37,530 --> 00:57:40,160 We have to pause for a minute.

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00:57:40,160 --> 00:57:45,000