

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:21,470

2
00:00:21,470 --> 00:00:23,280
OK.

3
00:00:23,280 --> 00:00:26,930
Tell it to me as though you
didn't tell it to me before.

4
00:00:26,930 --> 00:00:31,160
Well, you have to know that
Raoul saved over 100,000

5
00:00:31,160 --> 00:00:34,890
people, but many
times here in America,

6
00:00:34,890 --> 00:00:37,220
especially, people say,
oh, don't tell me that.

7
00:00:37,220 --> 00:00:40,040
He didn't even save 5,000.

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00:00:40,040 --> 00:00:43,655
Well, if he didn't do
that, the very last act he,

9
00:00:43,655 --> 00:00:47,150
he saved 70,000 people.

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00:00:47,150 --> 00:00:49,610
So even if he didn't
save anyone else,

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00:00:49,610 --> 00:00:52,490
70,000 would be quite enough.

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00:00:52,490 --> 00:00:55,310
And how that happened is

that the Nazis finally

13
00:00:55,310 --> 00:00:58,140
decided they have to
make a big ghetto,

14
00:00:58,140 --> 00:01:00,200
and we have a very
beautiful synagogue

15
00:01:00,200 --> 00:01:01,910
in the middle of Budapest.

16
00:01:01,910 --> 00:01:07,370
And all the houses around
it became the ghetto,

17
00:01:07,370 --> 00:01:12,380
and they pushed 70,000
people in there.

18
00:01:12,380 --> 00:01:17,450
Now, the only way we could get
in there was that our Red Cross

19
00:01:17,450 --> 00:01:21,270
people, the Swedish Red Cross,
went in almost every week,

20
00:01:21,270 --> 00:01:23,990
twice, and brought them
some food and medication

21
00:01:23,990 --> 00:01:26,990
and see what had to be done.

22
00:01:26,990 --> 00:01:30,050
But otherwise, we had
not much connection, just

23
00:01:30,050 --> 00:01:34,700
try to take care of it
that people won't be taken.

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00:01:34,700 --> 00:01:37,550

One day, a Hungarian
Nazi officer

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00:01:37,550 --> 00:01:42,590

came to Raoul who thought
that maybe Raoul will help him

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00:01:42,590 --> 00:01:47,030

after the Soviet occupation
because the Soviet was already

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00:01:47,030 --> 00:01:50,120

on the outskirts of
Budapest and said to him,

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00:01:50,120 --> 00:01:53,780

Raoul, Eichmann ordered
to kill the 70,000

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00:01:53,780 --> 00:01:58,460

people in the ghetto, and
the guards are already

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00:01:58,460 --> 00:01:59,660

standing there.

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00:01:59,660 --> 00:02:03,770

And Raoul said, oh my God,
and our two Red Cross girls

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00:02:03,770 --> 00:02:05,690

are just in there now.

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00:02:05,690 --> 00:02:08,240

Go back to your
headquarters and tell them

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00:02:08,240 --> 00:02:13,840

that the German headquarters
called off the killing.

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00:02:13,840 --> 00:02:16,840
The Hungarian left immediately,
and Raoul looks at us.

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00:02:16,840 --> 00:02:19,633
It was in the office,
in one of the offices

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00:02:19,633 --> 00:02:20,800
where we worked on that day.

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00:02:20,800 --> 00:02:23,560
And he said, now, listen
to me what I'm going to do.

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00:02:23,560 --> 00:02:26,800
And he picked up the phone,
as he spoke beautiful German,

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00:02:26,800 --> 00:02:29,680
and he called the
German headquarters.

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00:02:29,680 --> 00:02:33,160
And he said, this is
Lieutenant [? Krauss. ?]

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00:02:33,160 --> 00:02:35,500
I want to speak to the general.

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00:02:35,500 --> 00:02:37,450
Naturally, to Lieutenant
[? Krauss ?] they

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00:02:37,450 --> 00:02:39,430
give to General immediately.

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00:02:39,430 --> 00:02:41,470
And when the General
came to the phone,

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00:02:41,470 --> 00:02:44,500

Raoul said, this is
Raoul Wallenberg.

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00:02:44,500 --> 00:02:48,190
And the man was surprised,
but he couldn't hang up.

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00:02:48,190 --> 00:02:51,880
And Raoul said to
him, General, I do not

49
00:02:51,880 --> 00:02:53,390
understand what you're doing.

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00:02:53,390 --> 00:02:57,130
I understand you are a very
highly-decorated First World

51
00:02:57,130 --> 00:02:58,210
War general.

52
00:02:58,210 --> 00:03:02,560
How can you take it on
your heart and conscience

53
00:03:02,560 --> 00:03:08,140
to kill 70,000 innocent people,
plus my two Swedish Red Cross

54
00:03:08,140 --> 00:03:12,820
girls who are in there,
whereby he must have answered,

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00:03:12,820 --> 00:03:13,540
Eichmann did it.

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00:03:13,540 --> 00:03:15,250
Now, how daring Raoul was.

57
00:03:15,250 --> 00:03:17,680
Eichmann could have
stood right next door

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00:03:17,680 --> 00:03:19,870
to the general, but our Raoul--

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00:03:19,870 --> 00:03:21,860
no, he had to think fast.

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00:03:21,860 --> 00:03:23,980
And he said, Eichmann?

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00:03:23,980 --> 00:03:25,780
Didn't you know
Eichmann left town?

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00:03:25,780 --> 00:03:29,060
I had lunch with him yesterday.

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00:03:29,060 --> 00:03:31,650
Thereby the General
said, I didn't know that.

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00:03:31,650 --> 00:03:34,380
So Raoul said, all right,
then you are responsible,

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00:03:34,380 --> 00:03:38,030
and if you are not calling
off the killing within five

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00:03:38,030 --> 00:03:41,420
minutes, I, as a
Swedish diplomat,

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00:03:41,420 --> 00:03:45,230
tell you you will be the first
one hanging before your office

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00:03:45,230 --> 00:03:51,110
as soon as the Russians
reach us here in midtown.

69

00:03:51,110 --> 00:03:54,500
In four minutes he

called off the killing,

70
00:03:54,500 --> 00:03:59,450
and thereby he saved 70,000
people plus the two girls

71
00:03:59,450 --> 00:04:02,330
from the Swedish Red Cross.

72
00:04:02,330 --> 00:04:06,540
That was Raoul Wallenberg.

73
00:04:06,540 --> 00:04:09,170
One more story that was
in your other transcript

74
00:04:09,170 --> 00:04:13,640
was about the curfew
and a little child who

75
00:04:13,640 --> 00:04:15,440
was there one
minute after curfew

76
00:04:15,440 --> 00:04:17,450
and the doctor were
trying to help him.

77
00:04:17,450 --> 00:04:20,899
Do you remember that story?

78
00:04:20,899 --> 00:04:24,050
They were lined up and--

79
00:04:24,050 --> 00:04:25,960
That was not my story.

80
00:04:25,960 --> 00:04:27,990
OK.

81
00:04:27,990 --> 00:04:32,570
Can you talk to me a little

more about how hard it was

82

00:04:32,570 --> 00:04:36,160
to believe what was happening?

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00:04:36,160 --> 00:04:38,080
Yes, it was very hard.

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00:04:38,080 --> 00:04:40,600
I don't know if for
everybody, but for me, it

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00:04:40,600 --> 00:04:44,590
was because I never knew
cruelty or-- because I also

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00:04:44,590 --> 00:04:48,400
had a father who believed
that everybody's equal,

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00:04:48,400 --> 00:04:51,640
and it was a horror to see
that our young life can

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00:04:51,640 --> 00:04:54,730
be snuffed out in one second.

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00:04:54,730 --> 00:04:56,200
For what?

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00:04:56,200 --> 00:04:58,180
Just because you
were a Jew or just

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00:04:58,180 --> 00:05:01,190
because you were an anti-Nazi.

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00:05:01,190 --> 00:05:04,000
It was a horrible feeling
that you never know

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00:05:04,000 --> 00:05:05,650

what happens the next minute.

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00:05:05,650 --> 00:05:08,220

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00:05:08,220 --> 00:05:11,880

And it was a very
frightening thing

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00:05:11,880 --> 00:05:18,210

to think, how can you get
out of this, how can you save

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00:05:18,210 --> 00:05:21,420

yourself and save someone else?

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00:05:21,420 --> 00:05:23,190

And of course,
after Raoul, it was

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00:05:23,190 --> 00:05:26,670

much easier because
somehow he was the head,

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00:05:26,670 --> 00:05:28,600

and we were the body.

101

00:05:28,600 --> 00:05:33,750

But before he came, even
in that three weeks in that

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00:05:33,750 --> 00:05:36,750

heaven up at the
Swedish embassy,

103

00:05:36,750 --> 00:05:39,700

you were thinking about, what's
going to happen to my parents?

104

00:05:39,700 --> 00:05:42,580

How can I get them saved?

105

00:05:42,580 --> 00:05:46,080
So the constant worry
because we didn't know what

106
00:05:46,080 --> 00:05:49,200
these crazy people are doing--

107
00:05:49,200 --> 00:05:51,780
it was a horrifying
time and especially,

108
00:05:51,780 --> 00:05:55,800
as I said, because when you're
so young to think of it that--

109
00:05:55,800 --> 00:05:57,000
what is in the future?

110
00:05:57,000 --> 00:05:59,040
Nothing.

111
00:05:59,040 --> 00:06:02,830
It's a very frightening feeling.

112
00:06:02,830 --> 00:06:08,215
It's an incredible feeling,
what is very hard to explain.

113
00:06:08,215 --> 00:06:10,900

114
00:06:10,900 --> 00:06:15,820
But the only help maybe
was that big radio I had

115
00:06:15,820 --> 00:06:20,230
and that electricity was
still on so that we could hear

116
00:06:20,230 --> 00:06:23,110
from those stations
what's happening,

117

00:06:23,110 --> 00:06:25,150
and that always gave a hope.

118

00:06:25,150 --> 00:06:28,120
The Allies won't let us down,
and the Allies will help.

119

00:06:28,120 --> 00:06:32,410
And the Allies didn't help,
so it wasn't very easy.

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00:06:32,410 --> 00:06:34,930
And I remember when we
were down in the basement

121

00:06:34,930 --> 00:06:37,840
when we had bombing.

122

00:06:37,840 --> 00:06:40,900
And they made it as a
joke, but it wasn't.

123

00:06:40,900 --> 00:06:43,210
That was one old lady
who constantly said,

124

00:06:43,210 --> 00:06:44,175
oh my God, oh my God.

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00:06:44,175 --> 00:06:44,800
Where are they?

126

00:06:44,800 --> 00:06:46,660
Because they were bombing.

127

00:06:46,660 --> 00:06:50,800
And somebody said, well,
why are you so worried?

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00:06:50,800 --> 00:06:52,660
They're taking care of us.

129

00:06:52,660 --> 00:06:54,760

And then suddenly
the bombing started,

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00:06:54,760 --> 00:06:57,250

and the old lady looked up,
says, thank you, Americans.

131

00:06:57,250 --> 00:06:58,520

Now you're here.

132

00:06:58,520 --> 00:06:59,890

She was relieved.

133

00:06:59,890 --> 00:07:03,760

But that's how we all felt, that
the Allies must be helping us.

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00:07:03,760 --> 00:07:05,800

The Allies must be there.

135

00:07:05,800 --> 00:07:10,150

And they weren't always
there, and it was frightening

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00:07:10,150 --> 00:07:14,260

that we didn't know that, that
actually the whole Balkan was

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00:07:14,260 --> 00:07:16,510

given away to the Soviets.

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00:07:16,510 --> 00:07:19,780

We didn't know that, and
we were not expecting

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00:07:19,780 --> 00:07:22,000

the Soviets to liberate us.

140

00:07:22,000 --> 00:07:23,980

Maybe if the
Americans liberated us

141
00:07:23,980 --> 00:07:29,270
I would have never left
Hungary, but I did leave.

142
00:07:29,270 --> 00:07:35,470
And many, many other people were
like that, and it wasn't easy.

143
00:07:35,470 --> 00:07:39,070
When I went back to
our home, for instance,

144
00:07:39,070 --> 00:07:43,450
when you went down to the
basement when it was bombing,

145
00:07:43,450 --> 00:07:46,480
the faces were all new.

146
00:07:46,480 --> 00:07:48,580
Well, we only found
out after the war

147
00:07:48,580 --> 00:07:52,340
that there were quite a few Jews
there who had Christian papers,

148
00:07:52,340 --> 00:07:54,760
and that's how they survived.

149
00:07:54,760 --> 00:07:59,350
But there was also a very
good-looking, orderly gentleman

150
00:07:59,350 --> 00:08:06,480
with a younger son, and
a mother, and a wife,

151
00:08:06,480 --> 00:08:07,980
and he always looked at me.

152

00:08:07,980 --> 00:08:10,440
And I looked at him, and I
had no idea who he could be.

153
00:08:10,440 --> 00:08:15,450
And then one day he asked me
where I'm always going, and--

154
00:08:15,450 --> 00:08:16,200
I don't know why--

155
00:08:16,200 --> 00:08:17,560
I believed in the man.

156
00:08:17,560 --> 00:08:19,980
So you come out and telling him.

157
00:08:19,980 --> 00:08:21,800
He said, I wish I
could go with you,

158
00:08:21,800 --> 00:08:23,280
and I said, well, who are you?

159
00:08:23,280 --> 00:08:28,800
And it turned out he was the
only Hungarian general who

160
00:08:28,800 --> 00:08:33,929
got away from the Germans,
and he took some false papers.

161
00:08:33,929 --> 00:08:37,950
But he gave me his real
name, General [? Gutweih, ?]

162
00:08:37,950 --> 00:08:41,640
and he happened to come to our
house and find an apartment.

163
00:08:41,640 --> 00:08:46,140
His son committed suicide, but--
thank God-- they put him back.

164
00:08:46,140 --> 00:08:47,680
And he was my ally.

165
00:08:47,680 --> 00:08:50,220
He had-- at that time, the
radio upstairs didn't work,

166
00:08:50,220 --> 00:08:53,880
but he had a little
radio with batteries.

167
00:08:53,880 --> 00:08:57,150
And in that one we
heard the BBC telling us

168
00:08:57,150 --> 00:08:59,820
that Romania was
already free, and it

169
00:08:59,820 --> 00:09:07,800
was occupied by British,
French, and the Russians.

170
00:09:07,800 --> 00:09:10,110
And then he was the
one who, one day,

171
00:09:10,110 --> 00:09:12,730
running and say, come out
and see what's happening.

172
00:09:12,730 --> 00:09:16,680
And we looked out by
our big port door,

173
00:09:16,680 --> 00:09:20,520
and the German weapons were
lying on the ground like this.

174
00:09:20,520 --> 00:09:22,740
He said, the Russians must be--

175

00:09:22,740 --> 00:09:24,670

and then he and his
son was the first one.

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00:09:24,670 --> 00:09:26,520

Now, the Russians
knew everything.

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00:09:26,520 --> 00:09:29,640

They took them away,
and we were so worried.

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00:09:29,640 --> 00:09:32,010

And they came back
after three days.

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00:09:32,010 --> 00:09:34,140

The interrogation
was incredible.

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00:09:34,140 --> 00:09:36,690

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00:09:36,690 --> 00:09:40,650

Military girls interviewed
them with caviar and drinks

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00:09:40,650 --> 00:09:41,970

for three days.

183

00:09:41,970 --> 00:09:45,510

Of course, they both threw their
drinks over their shoulders,

184

00:09:45,510 --> 00:09:48,120

and they wanted to know
whether they really

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00:09:48,120 --> 00:09:49,800

are the person who
they are, and they

186

00:09:49,800 --> 00:09:52,960
were not Nazis, and all that.

187
00:09:52,960 --> 00:09:56,100
So it was a frightening time,
but he was a great ally for us

188
00:09:56,100 --> 00:09:58,620
and wonderful.

189
00:09:58,620 --> 00:10:01,530
And it was a frightening time.

190
00:10:01,530 --> 00:10:04,390

191
00:10:04,390 --> 00:10:06,640
It was a very frightening time.

192
00:10:06,640 --> 00:10:08,383
OK, we're finished.

193
00:10:08,383 --> 00:10:10,640
That's it.

194
00:10:10,640 --> 00:10:13,420
You need to do one
thing, and that's--

195
00:10:13,420 --> 00:11:41,462