

1  
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:18,080

2  
00:00:18,080 --> 00:00:20,250  
Let's go back a little bit.

3  
00:00:20,250 --> 00:00:22,650  
And maybe you can  
tell me about--

4  
00:00:22,650 --> 00:00:26,130  
you told about a transport  
in your other interview

5  
00:00:26,130 --> 00:00:28,800  
of strong men who  
came like ghosts

6  
00:00:28,800 --> 00:00:30,480  
and you tried to help them.

7  
00:00:30,480 --> 00:00:33,460  
Oh, yeah.

8  
00:00:33,460 --> 00:00:42,130  
There was a rumor in  
that camp that they

9  
00:00:42,130 --> 00:00:49,945  
need so and so many men  
in another camp for work.

10  
00:00:49,945 --> 00:00:52,610

11  
00:00:52,610 --> 00:00:55,580  
Whoever wants to go can go.

12  
00:00:55,580 --> 00:01:03,050  
So, they loaded up several  
boxcars full of people.

13  
00:01:03,050 --> 00:01:11,830  
And I don't think it was  
more than four weeks when

14  
00:01:11,830 --> 00:01:14,240  
they came back.

15  
00:01:14,240 --> 00:01:26,030  
And they were-- when they  
left they were like Hercules,

16  
00:01:26,030 --> 00:01:26,570  
you know.

17  
00:01:26,570 --> 00:01:28,480  
Hercules.

18  
00:01:28,480 --> 00:01:30,880  
They came back and I  
looked at these guys.

19  
00:01:30,880 --> 00:01:32,865  
They came in row of eight.

20  
00:01:32,865 --> 00:01:35,510

21  
00:01:35,510 --> 00:01:40,120  
And they were they looked  
like skeletons too.

22  
00:01:40,120 --> 00:01:41,980  
And they couldn't walk.

23  
00:01:41,980 --> 00:01:49,690  
They were just swaying  
like this, came against us.

24  
00:01:49,690 --> 00:01:54,760  
And when they were close enough  
to us, they fell on their knees

25  
00:01:54,760 --> 00:01:59,650  
begging for food and water.

26  
00:01:59,650 --> 00:02:03,670  
I had to give them  
water, you know.

27  
00:02:03,670 --> 00:02:14,760  
And then they-- they  
got in their barracks.

28  
00:02:14,760 --> 00:02:22,750  
And I think half of them  
didn't make it up again,

29  
00:02:22,750 --> 00:02:26,310  
you know, to live through.

30  
00:02:26,310 --> 00:02:33,520  
And we had to go onto  
the railway station

31  
00:02:33,520 --> 00:02:38,500  
where they came from and make  
sure that they all get out.

32  
00:02:38,500 --> 00:02:44,800  
And there was straw on  
the bottom of the cars.

33  
00:02:44,800 --> 00:02:49,510  
And already dead people  
laying around there

34  
00:02:49,510 --> 00:02:53,110  
that we had to carry out.

35  
00:02:53,110 --> 00:02:56,800  
And the rest had to  
march to the camp.

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00:02:56,800 --> 00:03:03,310  
Anyway, it was not only  
German and Austrian Jews.

37  
00:03:03,310 --> 00:03:05,425  
There were people from France.

38  
00:03:05,425 --> 00:03:09,100

39  
00:03:09,100 --> 00:03:18,430  
And the Red Cross finally  
was sending packages.

40  
00:03:18,430 --> 00:03:21,950  
And these guys were  
fighting for these packages.

41  
00:03:21,950 --> 00:03:25,800  
Ripped it open and  
there was only--

42  
00:03:25,800 --> 00:03:29,520  
there was dried beans in there.

43  
00:03:29,520 --> 00:03:31,900  
But they didn't cook them.

44  
00:03:31,900 --> 00:03:38,840  
They just ate them as  
they were, stone hard.

45  
00:03:38,840 --> 00:03:40,970  
Anyway, they were  
close to extinction.

46  
00:03:40,970 --> 00:03:44,630  
I don't remember whether  
they made it or not.

47  
00:03:44,630 --> 00:03:52,600  
But I think more than  
50% didn't make it.

48  
00:03:52,600 --> 00:03:59,690  
So, one day came a kommando.

49  
00:03:59,690 --> 00:04:02,360  
We have to leave the camp.

50  
00:04:02,360 --> 00:04:05,510  
The camp is going to be closed.

51  
00:04:05,510 --> 00:04:08,540  
They gave us each  
a piece of bread.

52  
00:04:08,540 --> 00:04:12,545  
Get your clothes  
and start marching.

53  
00:04:12,545 --> 00:04:15,200

54  
00:04:15,200 --> 00:04:19,359  
And we had to march to Dachau.

55  
00:04:19,359 --> 00:04:24,600

56  
00:04:24,600 --> 00:04:31,140  
But in the meantime, the weeks  
before, there were alarms,

57  
00:04:31,140 --> 00:04:32,860  
you know.

58  
00:04:32,860 --> 00:04:34,190  
Airplanes come, American.

59  
00:04:34,190 --> 00:04:38,626  
The Americans were very  
close at that time already.

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00:04:38,626 --> 00:04:43,850  
And we had duck in  
the barracks and so.

61  
00:04:43,850 --> 00:04:47,180  
And so, we get on that march.

62  
00:04:47,180 --> 00:04:52,880  
It was supposed to be several  
days to go to Dachau by foot.

63  
00:04:52,880 --> 00:04:56,380

64  
00:04:56,380 --> 00:05:02,750  
And we had some  
soldiers escorting us.

65  
00:05:02,750 --> 00:05:09,590  
And every morning, we are  
less, less of these guys.

66  
00:05:09,590 --> 00:05:11,570  
And the other  
ones, they took off

67  
00:05:11,570 --> 00:05:15,770  
all the insignias, what  
they had on their uniforms,

68  
00:05:15,770 --> 00:05:18,340  
took everything off.

69  
00:05:18,340 --> 00:05:20,980  
Marched with us.

70  
00:05:20,980 --> 00:05:22,250  
And we came marching.

71  
00:05:22,250 --> 00:05:30,800  
We were pretty close  
to Dachau, maybe a day.

72

00:05:30,800 --> 00:05:36,190

And we were about six  
of us, good friends.

73

00:05:36,190 --> 00:05:38,230

We said, maybe we  
are afraid when

74

00:05:38,230 --> 00:05:43,270

we get to Dachau they're going  
to kill us there finally.

75

00:05:43,270 --> 00:05:48,760

So we were going this roads.

76

00:05:48,760 --> 00:05:51,440

77

00:05:51,440 --> 00:05:56,800

And it came to a bend.

78

00:05:56,800 --> 00:06:01,580

And the soldiers didn't  
pay no attention anymore.

79

00:06:01,580 --> 00:06:06,350

So we said as soon as  
the last ones have gone,

80

00:06:06,350 --> 00:06:14,570

there was a big  
side dump, we jump.

81

00:06:14,570 --> 00:06:20,050

So we left the whole troop  
and jumped in that hole.

82

00:06:20,050 --> 00:06:24,400

Waited till everybody is gone.

83

00:06:24,400 --> 00:06:26,920

Then we got out and we marched.

84  
00:06:26,920 --> 00:06:31,000  
Didn't know where to  
go, but we marched.

85  
00:06:31,000 --> 00:06:36,170  
And we came to a  
place where they

86  
00:06:36,170 --> 00:06:38,710  
stored the hay and everything.

87  
00:06:38,710 --> 00:06:41,990  
We went up there  
and slept at night.

88  
00:06:41,990 --> 00:06:47,720  
In the morning came the people  
from that village or whether it

89  
00:06:47,720 --> 00:06:50,540  
was with the guns.

90  
00:06:50,540 --> 00:06:52,610  
Come down, come down, come down.

91  
00:06:52,610 --> 00:06:55,670  
And my friend is screaming,  
don't shoot, don't shoot,

92  
00:06:55,670 --> 00:06:56,900  
don't shoot.

93  
00:06:56,900 --> 00:06:58,940  
So we came down.

94  
00:06:58,940 --> 00:07:01,520  
They took us to  
the police station.

95  
00:07:01,520 --> 00:07:04,650  
And they let us go.

96  
00:07:04,650 --> 00:07:06,420  
Go ahead.

97  
00:07:06,420 --> 00:07:07,910  
So, we went.

98  
00:07:07,910 --> 00:07:11,290

99  
00:07:11,290 --> 00:07:12,580  
Marched and marched.

100  
00:07:12,580 --> 00:07:17,930  
And in the afternoon, there  
came a woman on a bicycle.

101  
00:07:17,930 --> 00:07:23,270

102  
00:07:23,270 --> 00:07:24,450  
Going like crazy.

103  
00:07:24,450 --> 00:07:26,270  
Said what, what's a matter?

104  
00:07:26,270 --> 00:07:28,080  
What's going on?

105  
00:07:28,080 --> 00:07:31,700  
She said, the army are coming.

106  
00:07:31,700 --> 00:07:35,210  
They called the  
Americans armies.

107  
00:07:35,210 --> 00:07:37,910  
The armies are  
coming, the armies.

108  
00:07:37,910 --> 00:07:39,320

And she drove on.

109  
00:07:39,320 --> 00:07:43,020  
And we said, well, the armies  
are coming, good for us.

110  
00:07:43,020 --> 00:07:46,090  
So we walk towards  
that little village.

111  
00:07:46,090 --> 00:07:48,660  
It was actually another village.

112  
00:07:48,660 --> 00:07:51,440  
It was a bigger city.

113  
00:07:51,440 --> 00:07:55,220  
It was called [? Fersen ?]  
[? Feldberg. ?] And it was

114  
00:07:55,220 --> 00:07:58,940  
a German airfield next to it.

115  
00:07:58,940 --> 00:08:01,500

116  
00:08:01,500 --> 00:08:04,020  
And we went into  
that little village.

117  
00:08:04,020 --> 00:08:07,050  
We still here shooting  
like left and right.

118  
00:08:07,050 --> 00:08:13,700  
And we come to the  
middle of the village.

119  
00:08:13,700 --> 00:08:18,380  
And here were the Americans  
sitting on the tanks, smoking

120

00:08:18,380 --> 00:08:19,940  
cigarettes, and laughing.

121  
00:08:19,940 --> 00:08:23,270  
And saying, oh,  
my god, is that--

122  
00:08:23,270 --> 00:08:25,760  
that must be it then.

123  
00:08:25,760 --> 00:08:30,590  
So only one of us could speak  
English, a friend of mine.

124  
00:08:30,590 --> 00:08:37,982  
And they brought us to the  
colonel, whoever was in charge.

125  
00:08:37,982 --> 00:08:40,830  
And we told them what happened.

126  
00:08:40,830 --> 00:08:44,150  
And he said, put  
them in the hospital.

127  
00:08:44,150 --> 00:08:49,160  
Put them in the hospital  
so they get taken care of.

128  
00:08:49,160 --> 00:08:50,550  
They put us in the hospital.

129  
00:08:50,550 --> 00:08:53,500

130  
00:08:53,500 --> 00:08:57,270  
And we were surrounded  
by wounded Germans,

131  
00:08:57,270 --> 00:09:01,560  
which are still laying  
with us in that hospital.

132

00:09:01,560 --> 00:09:05,760

And the nurses coming  
in, screaming crying.

133

00:09:05,760 --> 00:09:06,900

The armies are here.

134

00:09:06,900 --> 00:09:07,890

They're here.

135

00:09:07,890 --> 00:09:09,000

They're coming close.

136

00:09:09,000 --> 00:09:11,400

And, oh, my god.

137

00:09:11,400 --> 00:09:16,250

They were crying because  
a lot of these guys

138

00:09:16,250 --> 00:09:22,740

got shot and got arrested.

139

00:09:22,740 --> 00:09:28,640

Oh, we were-- but they  
took good care of us,

140

00:09:28,640 --> 00:09:31,610

gave us food and everything.

141

00:09:31,610 --> 00:09:33,950

We didn't have no  
hair and every-- they

142

00:09:33,950 --> 00:09:37,130

knew-- they must  
have know who we are,

143

00:09:37,130 --> 00:09:43,430

on our clothes, and on our  
weight, and everything.

144

00:09:43,430 --> 00:09:46,340

Let me ask you, did you--

145

00:09:46,340 --> 00:09:51,740

when you were in the camps,  
were you friends with Jews?

146

00:09:51,740 --> 00:09:55,100

Were they your good friends?

147

00:09:55,100 --> 00:09:55,850

My friends?

148

00:09:55,850 --> 00:09:59,590

Mm-hmm, in the camps,  
were they Jewish?

149

00:09:59,590 --> 00:10:02,200

Oh, yeah, yeah,  
the most of them,

150

00:10:02,200 --> 00:10:04,930

yeah, except for this  
group of French people

151

00:10:04,930 --> 00:10:09,100

that we saw in that  
other-- in that last camp.

152

00:10:09,100 --> 00:10:12,500

But the most of  
them were Jewish.

153

00:10:12,500 --> 00:10:16,330

And what kinds of  
things do they do?

154

00:10:16,330 --> 00:10:18,520

Did you see them ever--

155

00:10:18,520 --> 00:10:21,350

did they ever practice

their religion?

156  
00:10:21,350 --> 00:10:23,900  
Did you ever see spiritual--

157  
00:10:23,900 --> 00:10:29,990  
Yeah, in the Theresienstadt,  
you could get marriage--

158  
00:10:29,990 --> 00:10:33,030  
married Jewish style.

159  
00:10:33,030 --> 00:10:37,425  
But what about in Auschwitz  
or in the labor camp later?

160  
00:10:37,425 --> 00:10:38,250  
No.

161  
00:10:38,250 --> 00:10:38,750  
Oh, no.

162  
00:10:38,750 --> 00:10:39,610  
Did people pray?

163  
00:10:39,610 --> 00:10:41,700  
No, no, no.

164  
00:10:41,700 --> 00:10:46,630  
The funniest thing  
about us, this--

165  
00:10:46,630 --> 00:10:48,850  
we called them kapos.

166  
00:10:48,850 --> 00:10:56,650  
These were Polish Jews that  
were they are long time,

167  
00:10:56,650 --> 00:11:00,400  
in charge of us from the SS.

168

00:11:00,400 --> 00:11:06,060

And they hit us more than  
the SS did, these guys.

169

00:11:06,060 --> 00:11:08,790

Yeah, they had these things.

170

00:11:08,790 --> 00:11:13,050

When we had to go  
in these bunk beds,

171

00:11:13,050 --> 00:11:16,410

they hit us more than the SS.

172

00:11:16,410 --> 00:11:18,510

But the SS--

173

00:11:18,510 --> 00:11:19,640

I got one--

174

00:11:19,640 --> 00:11:20,780

Wait, wait, let's reload.

175

00:11:20,780 --> 00:11:28,402

176

00:11:28,402 --> 00:11:31,150

You were going to  
tell me about the SS.

177

00:11:31,150 --> 00:11:33,000

You started talking  
about the kapos

178

00:11:33,000 --> 00:11:35,130

and you were going to say  
something about the SS.

179

00:11:35,130 --> 00:11:36,990

Why don't you go on.

180

00:11:36,990 --> 00:11:41,730

Yeah, they were  
pretty rough too.

181

00:11:41,730 --> 00:11:48,420

I was once on the railroad  
unloading the coal.

182

00:11:48,420 --> 00:11:52,460

And the guy that  
was with us, I think

183

00:11:52,460 --> 00:11:55,730

I didn't give him the right.

184

00:11:55,730 --> 00:11:59,490

And so, he slapped me.

185

00:11:59,490 --> 00:12:02,450

I fell right on into the coals.

186

00:12:02,450 --> 00:12:07,500

But otherwise, I really  
didn't get hurt too much.

187

00:12:07,500 --> 00:12:12,910

I mean, I know they hit  
people that they had

188

00:12:12,910 --> 00:12:15,220

to go to the hospital in there.

189

00:12:15,220 --> 00:12:20,850

But I, personally, went  
through the whole thing pretty

190

00:12:20,850 --> 00:12:22,930

unscathed, you know.

191

00:12:22,930 --> 00:12:28,900

What kinds of choices did people  
have in those circumstances?

192

00:12:28,900 --> 00:12:32,560

Could you make choices  
that helped ensure that you

193

00:12:32,560 --> 00:12:36,510

would live instead of die?

194

00:12:36,510 --> 00:12:41,040

No, actually we didn't  
have any choices.

195

00:12:41,040 --> 00:12:42,780

We had to believe  
what they tell--

196

00:12:42,780 --> 00:12:49,680

like they tell us you  
go in a labor camp,

197

00:12:49,680 --> 00:12:52,860

we had to believe this.

198

00:12:52,860 --> 00:12:58,620

The funniest thing was when  
they told us in Auschwitz

199

00:12:58,620 --> 00:13:01,500

we're going to that  
labor camp in Kaufering.

200

00:13:01,500 --> 00:13:04,290

201

00:13:04,290 --> 00:13:11,872

We actually-- the train  
actually went through Vienna.

202

00:13:11,872 --> 00:13:15,030

I don't know how come.

203

00:13:15,030 --> 00:13:19,600

And we looked out this windows.

204  
00:13:19,600 --> 00:13:25,590  
And we just-- if we could  
jump, we would have been--

205  
00:13:25,590 --> 00:13:27,720  
we would have been free.

206  
00:13:27,720 --> 00:13:37,540  
And it went from Theresienstadt  
through Vienna to Poland.

207  
00:13:37,540 --> 00:13:40,140  
We went to the inner city.

208  
00:13:40,140 --> 00:13:43,770  
And then out and to Germany.

209  
00:13:43,770 --> 00:13:47,520  
Did having been baptized as  
a Lutheran help you at all

210  
00:13:47,520 --> 00:13:49,930  
once you were in the camps?

211  
00:13:49,930 --> 00:13:52,014  
Did it make it easier for you?

212  
00:13:52,014 --> 00:13:52,514  
No.

213  
00:13:52,514 --> 00:13:55,440

214  
00:13:55,440 --> 00:13:57,200  
No.

215  
00:13:57,200 --> 00:13:59,110  
There was nothing they could do.

216  
00:13:59,110 --> 00:14:03,550

217  
00:14:03,550 --> 00:14:06,525  
I mean, I don't  
remember anything.

218  
00:14:06,525 --> 00:14:08,460  
A Jew was a Jew.

219  
00:14:08,460 --> 00:14:11,480  
There was no difference.

220  
00:14:11,480 --> 00:14:14,560  
There was no priest or anything.

221  
00:14:14,560 --> 00:14:22,230  
And I know-- like  
when I said, we

222  
00:14:22,230 --> 00:14:35,420  
were in that hospital on the end  
of the journey, they kept us.

223  
00:14:35,420 --> 00:14:37,040  
Then we finally got up.

224  
00:14:37,040 --> 00:14:44,300  
And they had schools where we  
were taken care of, sleeping.

225  
00:14:44,300 --> 00:14:48,440  
And we had restaurants  
where we could go to to eat

226  
00:14:48,440 --> 00:14:49,930  
and everything.

227  
00:14:49,930 --> 00:14:52,110  
They took care of us.

228  
00:14:52,110 --> 00:14:58,960  
And then there were

trains come in,

229  
00:14:58,960 --> 00:15:04,540  
going from there to  
Munich, and from Munich

230  
00:15:04,540 --> 00:15:06,610  
wherever you wanted to go.

231  
00:15:06,610 --> 00:15:09,400  
Back, during the war, did you--

232  
00:15:09,400 --> 00:15:13,660  
were there people who tried  
to help you or other people

233  
00:15:13,660 --> 00:15:15,320  
that you saw?

234  
00:15:15,320 --> 00:15:19,100  
Did you see any people who  
tried to help in any way?

235  
00:15:19,100 --> 00:15:24,190  
Or particular soldiers maybe  
or kapos who tried to help?

236  
00:15:24,190 --> 00:15:25,850  
No.

237  
00:15:25,850 --> 00:15:28,690  
The only people that  
really helped us

238  
00:15:28,690 --> 00:15:33,980  
were these railroad personnel.

239  
00:15:33,980 --> 00:15:39,130  
Some of them in  
Theresienstadt, when

240  
00:15:39,130 --> 00:15:43,810

we got outside to unload,  
or load, or whatever,

241  
00:15:43,810 --> 00:15:45,250  
they took our letters.

242  
00:15:45,250 --> 00:15:49,390  
We gave them money  
or cigarettes.

243  
00:15:49,390 --> 00:15:52,600  
And at Auschwitz, I know you  
were there only a short time,

244  
00:15:52,600 --> 00:15:56,560  
but tell me a little more  
about what it was like.

245  
00:15:56,560 --> 00:15:59,140  
What were the standards  
if you arrived

246  
00:15:59,140 --> 00:16:02,740  
at Auschwitz, what would  
happen if you were say 45,

247  
00:16:02,740 --> 00:16:04,404  
or if you were a kid?

248  
00:16:04,404 --> 00:16:08,620

249  
00:16:08,620 --> 00:16:17,090  
Anybody that was not able  
looking for work got gassed.

250  
00:16:17,090 --> 00:16:22,700  
That we know for sure because  
we never saw anybody again.

251  
00:16:22,700 --> 00:16:25,955  
And the ones that are still--

252

00:16:25,955 --> 00:16:32,800  
that were still in good  
shape, they had in barracks.

253

00:16:32,800 --> 00:16:34,750  
But we didn't work or anything.

254

00:16:34,750 --> 00:16:43,440  
We just-- in the morning, we  
get our soup or whatever it was.

255

00:16:43,440 --> 00:16:46,190  
And then we stayed in the open.

256

00:16:46,190 --> 00:16:53,510  
And we made a big circle,  
one next to the other,

257

00:16:53,510 --> 00:16:59,060  
and moving around like  
this just to keep us warm.

258

00:16:59,060 --> 00:17:03,920  
And we didn't do any work,  
until after that week,

259

00:17:03,920 --> 00:17:06,470  
they put us in a row.

260

00:17:06,470 --> 00:17:09,200  
And said you, and you,  
and you, you can come.

261

00:17:09,200 --> 00:17:12,290  
And they left for  
the other camp.

262

00:17:12,290 --> 00:17:16,260

263

00:17:16,260 --> 00:17:21,490  
So, I don't know what

happened to the rest.

264

00:17:21,490 --> 00:17:25,930

I assume whoever didn't  
get lucky enough--

265

00:17:25,930 --> 00:17:32,650

I know a fellow that went  
with us, strong and gritty,

266

00:17:32,650 --> 00:17:34,120

he never came back.

267

00:17:34,120 --> 00:17:35,480

He must've died somewhere.

268

00:17:35,480 --> 00:17:40,960

I don't know where, either in  
Auschwitz or in another camp.

269

00:17:40,960 --> 00:17:43,400

A lot of them.

270

00:17:43,400 --> 00:17:50,960

So, I couldn't say how many got  
gassed and how many made it.

271

00:17:50,960 --> 00:17:58,650

I mean, from the group  
that I knew, 700,

272

00:17:58,650 --> 00:18:03,800

I think I know only 20 or  
so came back that I know.

273

00:18:03,800 --> 00:18:06,460

274

00:18:06,460 --> 00:18:10,490

When we met in Vienna  
again, you know.

275

00:18:10,490 --> 00:18:17,950  
And my wife was--

276  
00:18:17,950 --> 00:18:22,060  
we were actually liberated  
by the Americans.

277  
00:18:22,060 --> 00:18:26,680  
My wife was in a camp  
in Czechoslovakia.

278  
00:18:26,680 --> 00:18:30,820  
She got liberated  
by the Russians.

279  
00:18:30,820 --> 00:18:36,740  
And she came home to Vienna  
with a train full of Russians,

280  
00:18:36,740 --> 00:18:40,100  
but they didn't do--  
didn't do no harm to her.

281  
00:18:40,100 --> 00:18:47,080  
But she was-- she was  
close to not make it.

282  
00:18:47,080 --> 00:18:48,910  
She was sick all the time.

283  
00:18:48,910 --> 00:18:53,530  
She had to holes here  
and a big hole here.

284  
00:18:53,530 --> 00:18:56,495  
She had no stomach, nothing.

285  
00:18:56,495 --> 00:18:56,995  
And--

286  
00:18:56,995 --> 00:19:03,520

287

00:19:03,520 --> 00:19:07,420

So people could make no choices  
under those circumstances?

288

00:19:07,420 --> 00:19:08,530

No.

289

00:19:08,530 --> 00:19:11,080

Even to die when they wanted to.

290

00:19:11,080 --> 00:19:12,730

You couldn't kill yourself?

291

00:19:12,730 --> 00:19:14,770

Well, they could.

292

00:19:14,770 --> 00:19:18,910

Like when I was in  
that little camp

293

00:19:18,910 --> 00:19:25,770

after Auschwitz, in that  
Kaufering was the name,

294

00:19:25,770 --> 00:19:27,270

we went to bed in the evening.

295

00:19:27,270 --> 00:19:29,890

296

00:19:29,890 --> 00:19:37,800

And one of the guys, he  
was a lawyer, a strong guy,

297

00:19:37,800 --> 00:19:39,360

he was hanging.

298

00:19:39,360 --> 00:19:45,930

Hung himself overnight  
in the bunker.

299

00:19:45,930 --> 00:19:48,890  
We woke up and here was--

300  
00:19:48,890 --> 00:19:53,940  
so, if you wanted to kill  
yourself, you probably could.

301  
00:19:53,940 --> 00:19:57,160

302  
00:19:57,160 --> 00:20:00,060  
So how do you think  
some people survived

303  
00:20:00,060 --> 00:20:01,360  
and some didn't survive?

304  
00:20:01,360 --> 00:20:04,350

305  
00:20:04,350 --> 00:20:10,190  
I really don't know  
how it happened.

306  
00:20:10,190 --> 00:20:14,000  
I wasn't very strong.

307  
00:20:14,000 --> 00:20:19,720  
There were guys there  
twice my weight and a head

308  
00:20:19,720 --> 00:20:22,600  
taller and couldn't make it.

309  
00:20:22,600 --> 00:20:28,080  
If they got diarrhea  
or something,

310  
00:20:28,080 --> 00:20:29,950  
couldn't hold it anymore.

311  
00:20:29,950 --> 00:20:32,580

They just were running out.

312  
00:20:32,580 --> 00:20:39,060  
How I came back is,  
for me, still a miracle

313  
00:20:39,060 --> 00:20:41,890  
how it happened.

314  
00:20:41,890 --> 00:20:43,840  
I don't know.

315  
00:20:43,840 --> 00:20:50,990  
I was close enough several  
times, but I got lucky.

316  
00:20:50,990 --> 00:20:53,940  
I didn't-- I never got sick.

317  
00:20:53,940 --> 00:20:58,250  
I think I was in the hospital  
once, one day or something,

318  
00:20:58,250 --> 00:21:01,060  
that's all.

319  
00:21:01,060 --> 00:21:12,940  
And how it-- how this gets  
selected, I don't know.

320  
00:21:12,940 --> 00:21:15,580  
They are better guys  
and stronger guys that

321  
00:21:15,580 --> 00:21:21,000  
should live now instead of me.

322  
00:21:21,000 --> 00:21:22,200  
I just got lucky.

323  
00:21:22,200 --> 00:21:25,350

324  
00:21:25,350 --> 00:21:26,715  
We had all kinds.

325  
00:21:26,715 --> 00:21:28,640  
We had laborers.

326  
00:21:28,640 --> 00:21:29,780  
We had doctors.

327  
00:21:29,780 --> 00:21:30,860  
We had lawyers.

328  
00:21:30,860 --> 00:21:34,140  
We had you name it.

329  
00:21:34,140 --> 00:21:38,450

330  
00:21:38,450 --> 00:21:43,140  
And a lot of them  
didn't make it.

331  
00:21:43,140 --> 00:21:47,180  
So, I don't know.

332  
00:21:47,180 --> 00:21:51,428  
I always said somebody up  
there must have liked me,

333  
00:21:51,428 --> 00:21:53,661  
because I can't--

334  
00:21:53,661 --> 00:22:01,030  
can't figure it out that  
I'm here, still here.

335  
00:22:01,030 --> 00:22:06,290

336  
00:22:06,290 --> 00:22:10,100

And I had so many  
close calls and still.

337  
00:22:10,100 --> 00:22:14,500

338  
00:22:14,500 --> 00:22:17,380  
I don't know.

339  
00:22:17,380 --> 00:22:21,650  
And my wife recuperated.

340  
00:22:21,650 --> 00:22:28,400  
And in 1947, our  
daughter was born.

341  
00:22:28,400 --> 00:22:33,880  
And she was so tiny,  
2 pounds I think.

342  
00:22:33,880 --> 00:22:37,960  
That my wife was  
afraid to hold her.

343  
00:22:37,960 --> 00:22:41,110  
She used to cry,  
take her, take her.

344  
00:22:41,110 --> 00:22:43,300  
So I had to take her.

345  
00:22:43,300 --> 00:22:52,360  
And now she's strong,  
5-foot-9 or something.

346  
00:22:52,360 --> 00:22:55,940  
And we always said--

347  
00:22:55,940 --> 00:23:01,200  
when we came over here,  
she was four years old.

348

00:23:01,200 --> 00:23:03,420  
And she was so skinny.

349  
00:23:03,420 --> 00:23:05,790  
She didn't eat already nothing.

350  
00:23:05,790 --> 00:23:10,170  
We always said Wonder  
Bread made her grow,

351  
00:23:10,170 --> 00:23:16,950  
the Wonder Bread  
is what got her up.

352  
00:23:16,950 --> 00:23:20,500  
And now she has  
three of her own.

353  
00:23:20,500 --> 00:23:21,000