

ISAIAH

"The Light in the Darkness"

Isaiah 63:7-66:24

"Warning & Hope"



1. Remember God's Mercy

'I will recount the steadfast love of the Lord, the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love. '

Isaiah 63:7

' I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name. I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. '

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A dramatic landscape featuring a long, straight stone path that stretches from the foreground into the distance, leading towards a bright sunset. The path is flanked by steep, dark cliffs and is illuminated by the warm, golden light of the setting sun. The sky is filled with dark, swirling clouds, and the overall atmosphere is one of hope and transformation.

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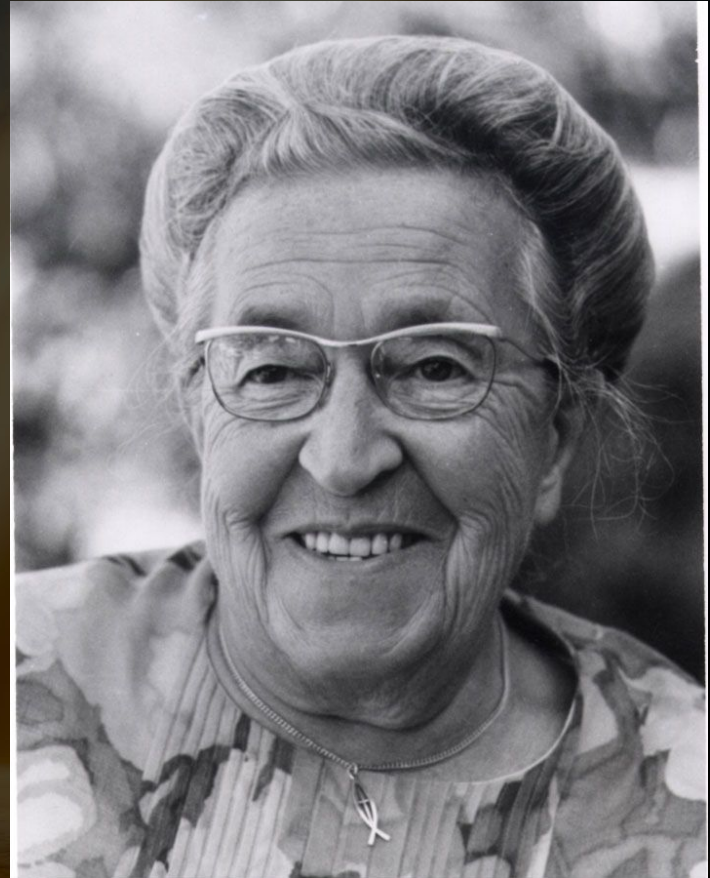
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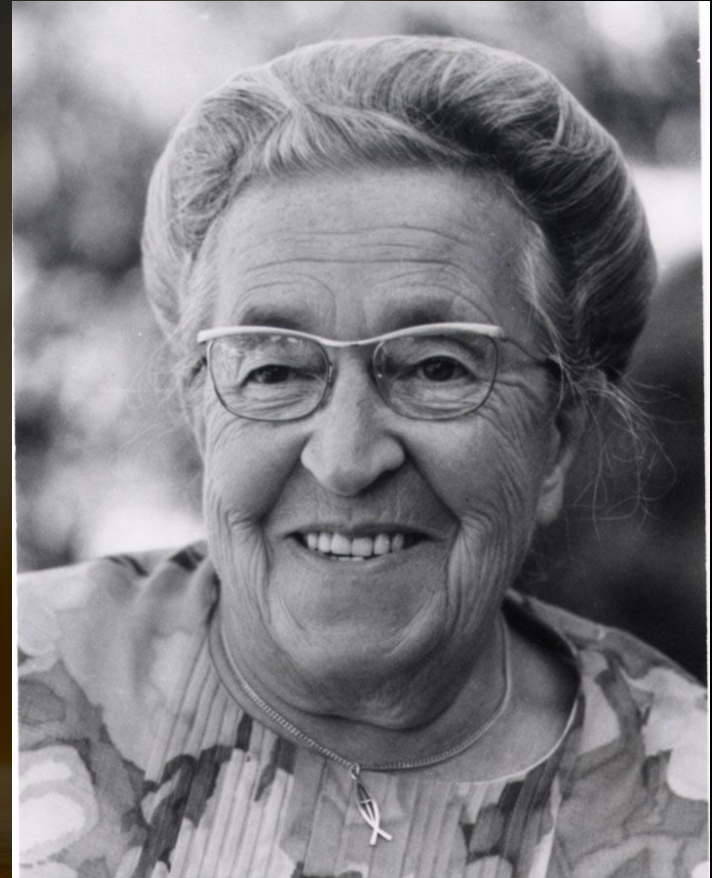
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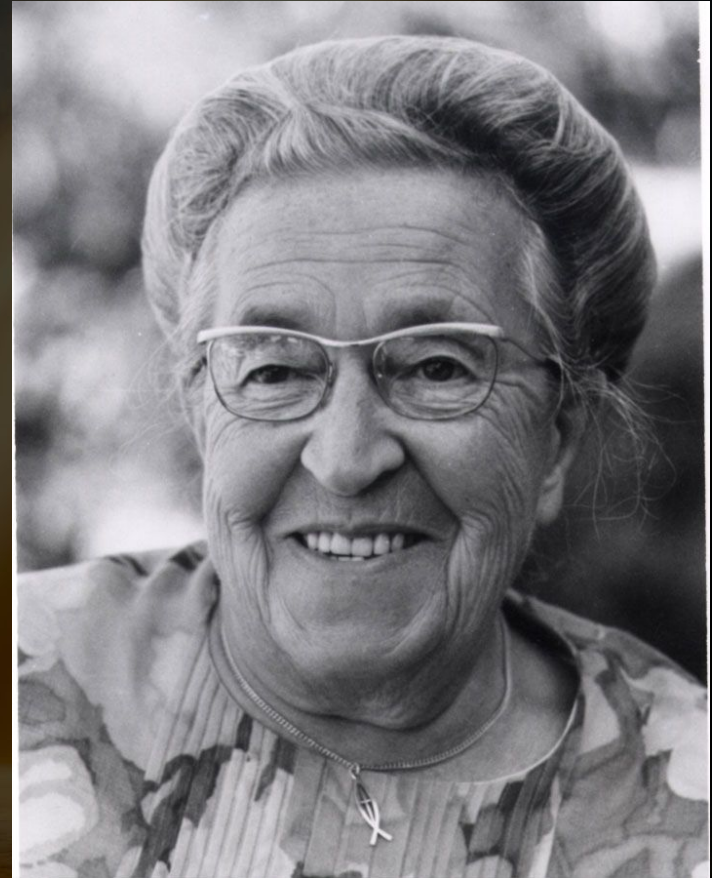
“My blood seemed to freeze. And still I stood there with the coldness clutching my heart. But I knew that forgiveness is not an emotion.

Forgiveness is an act of the will, and the will can function regardless of the temperature of the heart.



“Jesus, help me!” I prayed silently. “I can lift my hand. I can do that much. You supply the feeling.”

And so woodenly, mechanically, I thrust my hand into the one stretched out to me. And as I did, an incredible thing took place.



The current started in my shoulder,
raced down my arm, sprang into our
joined hands.

And then this healing warmth seemed
to flood my whole being, bringing tears
to my eyes.

“I forgive you, brother!” I cried. “With
all my heart!”





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- c. He appeals to Father's heart. (64:8-12)

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Isaiah 65:1

“Behold, it is written before me: ‘I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap both your iniquities and your fathers’ iniquities together,’ says the Lord; ‘because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds.’”

Isaiah 65:6-7

2. Judgement for the wicked, and salvation for the humble

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(65:11-12)

*' "...These have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations;
I also will choose harsh treatment for them and bring their fears upon them,
because when I called, no one answered, when I spoke, they did not listen; but they
did what was evil in my eyes and chose that in which I did not delight." '*

Isaiah 66:3-4

*“This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and
trembles at my word.”*

Isaiah 66:2

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- a. God will judge those who forsake Him
(65:11-12)
- b. God will show mercy to the humble (66:2).

'God says: "Behold, my servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but you shall be put to shame; behold, my servants shall sing for gladness of heart, but you shall cry out for pain of heart and shall wail for breaking of spirit.

Isaiah 65:13-14

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3. Our Future Hope

'Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.'

He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.”

Revelation 21:1-5a



The image is a full-page background featuring a vast, mountainous landscape under a dramatic sky. The mountains are rugged and layered, with the foreground showing dark, grassy slopes. The sky transitions from a deep, dark blue on the left to a bright, golden yellow on the right, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall mood is contemplative and majestic. Centered over this landscape is the text 'WARNING & HOPE' in a white, serif font. The ampersand is notably larger and more ornate than the other characters, which are in a standard weight. The text is semi-transparent, allowing the background details to be visible through it.

WARNING & HOPE

Chias

Theme

Section

A — Isaiah 56:1–8

Outsiders and nations are welcomed into God's covenant family

B — Isaiah 56:9–58:14

Wickedness, empty religion, and injustice are exposed

C — Isaiah 59

Confession of sin and longing for God to intervene

X — Isaiah 60–62 The center: Zion renewed, good news announced, nations blessed

C' — Isaiah 63:7–64:12

Confession of sin and longing for God to come down

B' — Isaiah 65:1–66:17

Wickedness, empty religion, and rebellion are judged

A' — Isaiah 66:18–24

The nations gather to worship, and final rebellion is removed