

## *Introduction*

**A**n anyone who thinks Christianity is boring has not yet been introduced to my friend Corrie ten Boom!

One of the qualities I admired best about this remarkable lady was her zest for adventure. Although she was many years my senior, she traveled tirelessly with me behind the Iron Curtain, meeting with clandestine Christian cell groups in the days when this meant risking prison or deportation.

“They’re putting their lives on the line for what they believe,” she would say. “Why shouldn’t I?”

If Corrie were alive today, I have no doubt she would insist on going with me to the current hot spots of persecution. And how she would delight in sharing her radical faith with bold believers like the Christian Motorcycle Association, that wonderful group of men and women who often drive their bikes into poor countries, then give them away to pastors who have no other way to get around.

If you have never met Corrie ten Boom, the best way to enter into a lifetime friendship with her and her Lord is through the pages of this book. As *The Hiding Place* celebrates its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary, a new generation is responding to her ringing challenge: “Come with me and step into the greatest adventure you will ever know.”

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