

Harold King_Remaining Faithful in Prison

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We came across an archive video of another faithful brother, who endured four and a half years in prison in China. This is an interview from the past with brother, Harold King.

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I saw policemen coming into the lane and they were as if they were facing a machine gun attack or something. They were creeping along the wall on the other side and running up into the lane. And so I said, Stanley, someone gonna get picked up this morning. I look at it, the police are in the lane. Because we've been seeing this quite often they were picking up people all over the city.

So what we did we were just going to get on with our breakfast anyway. Then bang, bang, bang on our back door. And I says Stanley it's us they are after us this morning. But we couldn't they couldn't find anything. They did take the files because we'd hidden nothing. And the thing is, we didn't have to worry too much because they had a spy in the congregation. They gave them all the information they wanted before they came and arrested us.

That fellow was originally my Bible study when he was a university student. I thought what a dirty little rotter that fellas turned out to be and I look straight at his face. And he wouldn't look at mine. He hung his head. The magistrate says, What? Do you know this man? And he said, Yes, he was my teacher. What did he teach you? He taught me that the Chinese People's Government was of the devil and that it was going to be destroyed and all whose support it would be destroyed along with it. He said to me that what you told him, I said, Well, I'd like to qualify that.

(Imprisonment Begins) I sat there on the floor. I had no bed, I had no chair. I've only got a concrete floor. I'd got a room four and a half by nine. And all it was in the corner was a bucket like that a wooden bucket that with a band around it. That was my restroom. And the situation was full the cell was full of vermin. It has got bugs, bed bugs, crawling in there, and I was bitten all over. I hadn't had any food since that breakfast. And here it was now I was going to get any that night.

(Solitary Confinement) I used my time in the cell, I wasn't going to sit there on the floor full of self pity. I was going to go preaching. If they wouldn't let me do anything, I could do something I could practice my presentations. So each corner of the cell became a door. And I would start off and go to this door and witness. And I made it quite real from experiences that I had not every corner was interested. This one

was very interested. And this one turned out to be a return visit and a Bible study and I got a Bible study going. I didn't have a field service report. But it kept my mind on the scriptures. And I had no other way of doing that.

I could have compromised. They told me, You see they wouldn't let me cut my hair. They wouldn't let me shave, they wouldn't let me pare my nails. And I couldn't get proper exercise or and they kept saying if you will only confess that you are spies. No, I would that would be betrayal. And that that was the last thing I wanted to do. I had lovely relationship with Jehovah God, I loved him very dearly. He was real he wasn't fictitious. And the whole organization, the angels, and all of fine work of Paul, James, Peter, John, the earnestness with which they kept the work going. It was my privilege to do that now. And they were my examples, and I followed them. So never at any time did I think of trying to find an easy way out.

(Memorial Observance) Well, I prayed to Jehovah then and I said Jehovah I want to be able to celebrate the memorial with my brothers outside. So could I see the moon on that night? And if it wasn't the full moon don't let me see it. Well, there were cloudy nights and there were bright nights. But this particular night on that first Nisan 14 there wasn't a question about it. It seemed almost as if Jehovah polished up that and then I gave the memorial talk to an imaginary Kingdom Hall full of brothers. And I gave it through when I came to the point of passing the emblems. I would just ask Jehovah's blessing on the bread, pick up the saucer and make a pretense of passing it around and bringing it back and making a pretense of taking a piece myself. And then I put it down and I would ask Jehovah's blessing on the cup, and do the same at mine (undetermined word) and second, and then come back make the pretense of drinking it pray Jehovah would accept that.

(Songs of Faith) I don't like the word depressed because I never was depressed. But there were days when I felt things could go a little better than they were going. So I thought, something like this, oh, come all you slaves of great Jehovah on high who've given your heart to your God, out to the work you've been given to do in the footsteps that Jesus Christ trod, and then that that that song came, and I used to get better. And the very fact of singing that song lifted me up out of the low spell.

(Released) I was exalted. I was exhilarated in realizing that just across the other side of the bridge for the British Consulate General with my passport. And outside there were a team of brothers as they come up, meet me from the branch and I would be with them again. I, I was emotionally almost weeping, with the joy of being among them again.

We just got bear hugs all around. And they were so happy, and all the way home. They were asking questions how it was, and I was able to talk to them. And by the time I did get down there, are we getting a bit hoarse? Because I had been talking and I was so sort of wound up, time being free again. And I was taking everything in as I as I went along. And I realized the beauty of Hong Kong at that time and the work that was being done there.

(Maintaining Faith) Faith is based on accurate knowledge. And there's the only accurate knowledge available regarding the purpose of creation, is that contained in the Bible? So it is a case, I would say a new one now, I'm telling the brothers everywhere, get that Bible off its printed page and get it into your heart. And then you got it. And it's a living Word, and it will keep you strong in the faith. Where else can you go? Where there's a look at the world, the state that it's in today, there's no haven anywhere in this world, but there's a wonderful haven among Jehovah's people.

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Brother King endured the persecution. He was later released and since his death in January of 1993, we are confident he was ruling as a king with Jesus in heaven. Was his endurance worth the sacrifice? Absolutely.