Life Together - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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<td>Feb. 4, 1906</td>
<td>Bonhoeffer’s birth – Breslau, Germany now Wroclaw, Poland</td>
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<td>July 28, 1914</td>
<td>Beginning of World War I</td>
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<td>June 28, 1919</td>
<td>Treaty of Versailles</td>
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<td>1923</td>
<td>Bonhoeffer begins his theological studies at Tübingen University</td>
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<td>1924</td>
<td>Bonhoeffer studies in Rome</td>
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<td>1927</td>
<td>Bonhoeffer earns doctorate from Berlin University, “The Communion of Saints” – awarded Summa cum Laude</td>
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<td>1930</td>
<td>Bonhoeffer completes his second dissertation, “Act and Being”</td>
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<td>1930</td>
<td>Bonhoeffer serves on faculty of Union Theological Seminary in New York</td>
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<td>Jan. 30, 1933</td>
<td>Hitler democratically elected Chancellor of Germany</td>
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<td>Feb. 1933</td>
<td>Bonhoeffer delivers lecture on radio broadcast, Hitler as “misleader”</td>
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<td>May, 1934</td>
<td>Confessing church adopts the Barmen Confession</td>
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<td>Aug. 1936</td>
<td>Jesse Owens wins four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics</td>
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<td>1938</td>
<td>Bonhoeffer writes <em>Nachfolge</em> (translated in the US as <em>Cost of Discipleship</em>)</td>
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<td>1939</td>
<td>Bonhoeffer writes <em>Gemeinsames Leben</em> (translated in the US as <em>Life Together</em>)</td>
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June 12, 1939  Bonhoeffer arrives in NY City for the second time

June 22, 1941  Hitler launches Operation Barbarosa

Dec. 7, 1941  Japanese assault on Pearl Harbor – US quickly enters WWII

Jan. 20, 1942  Wansee Conference – final implementation meeting of the “Final Solution”

Jan. 17, 1943  Bonhoeffer is engaged to Maria von Wedemeyer

Apr. 5, 1943  Bonhoeffer arrested and held at Tegel prison

July 1943  Bonhoeffer writes, *Letters and Papers from Prison*

Apr. 9, 1945  Bonhoeffer is hanged at Flossenburg prison camp

Apr. 23, 1945  Flossenburg prison camp is liberated by the 90th Infantry Division (US)

Apr. 12, 1945  Roosevelt dies

Sep. 2, 1945  VJ Day – Japan’s surrender and end of WWII aboard USS Missouri
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Solitude and Silence

Meditation

Prayer

Intercession

The Test of Meditation
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*Solitude and Silence:*

“Let him who cannot be alone beware of community ... Let him who is not in community beware of being alone.”

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*Meditation:*

“... we read God’s Word as God’s Word for us ... waiting for God’s Word to us. It is not a vacuous waiting, but a waiting on the basis of a clear promise.”

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Prayer:

“Because God’s Word has found its fulfillment in Jesus Christ, all prayers that we pray conforming to this Word are certainly heard and answered in Jesus Christ.”

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Intercession:

“A Christian fellowship lives and exists by the intercession of its members for one another, or it collapses.”

“Intercession means no more than to bring our brother into the presence of God, to see him under the Cross of Jesus as a poor human being and sinner in need of grace. Then everything that repels (alienates) us falls away; we see him in all his destitution and need. His need and his sin become so heavy and oppressive that we feel them as our own, and we can do nothing else but pray.”

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*The Test of Meditation:*

“On the other hand, there is no sin in thought, word, or deed no matter how personal or secret, that does not inflict injury upon the whole fellowship ... We are members of a body, not only when we choose to be, but in our whole existence. Every member serves the whole body, either to its health or to its destruction.”

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