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# THE CROWN

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"Vergangenheit"

A secret World War II document opens Elizabeth's eyes to grim realities about a family member. The Duke of Windsor campaigns to re-enter public life.

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## **EPISODE CAST**

Claire Foy	...	Queen Elizabeth II
Matt Smith	...	Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
Victoria Hamilton	...	Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother
Jared Harris	...	King George VI
John Lithgow	...	Winston Churchill
Anton Lesser	...	Harold MacMillan
Alex Jennings	...	David, Duke of Windsor
Will Keen	...	Michael Adeane
Lia Williams	...	Wallis, Duchess of Windsor
Pip Torrens	...	Tommy Lascelles
Paul Sparks	...	Reverend Billy Graham
James Hillier	...	Equerry
Clive Francis	...	Lord Salisbury
Bodo Friesecke	...	Carl von Loesch
Mark Tandy	...	Cecil Beaton

1  
00:00:13,160 --> 00:00:15,160  
[birds squawk in the distance]

2  
00:00:23,360 --> 00:00:25,360  
[faint rumbling]

3  
00:00:30,960 --> 00:00:32,439  
[rumbling intensifies]

4  
00:00:32,520 --> 00:00:33,840  
[splashes]

5  
00:00:33,920 --> 00:00:35,600  
[engine revs]

6  
00:00:48,360 --> 00:00:49,880  
[officer] How much further, Loesch?

7  
00:00:51,960 --> 00:00:53,120  
[von Loesch] Straight on.

8  
00:01:01,640 --> 00:01:03,200  
[von Loesch speaking German]

9  
00:01:03,280 --> 00:01:06,120  
-[officer] Pull over, Private.  
-[von Loesch] Stop.

10  
00:01:07,480 --> 00:01:08,840  
[officer] Grab those shovels.

11  
00:01:11,400 --> 00:01:14,400  
-Show us, Loesch.  
-[shovels clang]

12  
00:01:16,840 --> 00:01:18,120  
Spread out.

13  
00:01:49,320 --> 00:01:50,440  
[von Loesch] Here.

14  
00:01:53,400 --> 00:01:54,400  
Start digging.

15  
00:02:01,640 --> 00:02:02,800  
[soldier grunts]

16  
00:02:13,520 --> 00:02:15,440  
[shovels clang against something]

17  
00:02:15,520 --> 00:02:16,960  
[soldier] We got something.

18  
00:02:22,160 --> 00:02:24,120  
[soldiers pant]

19  
00:02:27,880 --> 00:02:28,920  
[soldier groans]

20  
00:02:30,520 --> 00:02:33,160  
[soldiers breathe heavily]

21  
00:02:33,240 --> 00:02:35,560  
[panting]

22  
00:02:40,680 --> 00:02:43,320  
[metal clanging]

23  
00:03:03,720 --> 00:03:06,080  
[shouting]

24  
00:03:14,760 --> 00:03:16,040  
[officer] Here it is.

25  
00:03:21,440 --> 00:03:22,280  
[box thuds]

26  
00:03:22,360 --> 00:03:24,320  
[banging]

27  
00:03:38,800 --> 00:03:40,560

[commander] What's he asking for?

28

00:03:40,640 --> 00:03:42,640

[officer] Freedom in a country  
of his choice.

29

00:03:42,720 --> 00:03:46,480

And a generous pension  
to last the rest of his lifetime.

30

00:03:48,680 --> 00:03:52,360

[commander]  
Well, let's see how good it is first.

31

00:03:57,520 --> 00:03:58,720

Get it translated.

32

00:03:58,800 --> 00:04:00,120

[church bells ring]

33

00:04:25,400 --> 00:04:27,880

[machine flickers]

34

00:04:27,960 --> 00:04:28,960

[machine squeaks]

35

00:04:51,960 --> 00:04:53,480

[typewriter clicks]

36

00:04:53,560 --> 00:04:56,560

[typewriter continues clicking]

37

00:04:57,720 --> 00:04:58,720

[chattering]

38

00:05:03,280 --> 00:05:05,600

[chattering]

39

00:05:08,320 --> 00:05:10,520

-Don't you knock?

-Sir.

40  
00:05:31,280 --> 00:05:32,960  
[woman] Uh, gentlemen, may I help you?

41  
00:05:34,200 --> 00:05:35,200  
[knocks on door]

42  
00:05:35,280 --> 00:05:36,280  
[man 1] Enter.

43  
00:05:38,680 --> 00:05:39,680  
[man with file] Sir.

44  
00:05:49,920 --> 00:05:52,000  
I'm going to need to speak  
to the Prime Minister.

45  
00:06:00,680 --> 00:06:02,320  
I need to see the King.

46  
00:06:15,280 --> 00:06:16,840  
[King George] We all suspected it.

47  
00:06:18,080 --> 00:06:22,200  
These papers must never see  
the light of day, Winston. Ever.

48  
00:06:23,440 --> 00:06:26,720  
Publication could do grave harm  
to the national interest.

49  
00:06:26,800 --> 00:06:28,280  
[King George] The gravest.

50  
00:06:29,600 --> 00:06:35,200  
What is written here brings  
the greatest shame upon this family.

51  
00:06:35,280 --> 00:06:37,000  
[sighs]

52  
00:06:38,360 --> 00:06:41,600

Our people would, rightfully,  
never forgive us.

53

00:07:57,040 --> 00:07:59,040  
[man on TV] The mighty Haringay Arena  
in London

54

00:07:59,120 --> 00:08:03,080  
draws a capacity crowd of over 11,000  
for the first meeting in Britain

55

00:08:03,160 --> 00:08:06,800  
of the American evangelist team,  
headed by Billy Graham.

56

00:08:06,880 --> 00:08:09,920  
Mr. Graham, who wears a slate-gray suit  
and a modest tie,

57

00:08:10,040 --> 00:08:12,800  
makes his address  
from a purple-draped platform.

58

00:08:13,480 --> 00:08:17,560  
[Billy on TV] The Bible teaches  
that all of us are wrong.

59

00:08:18,680 --> 00:08:23,360  
We have all gone astray,  
with everyone turned to his own way.

60

00:08:23,800 --> 00:08:25,280  
And when you turn...

61

00:08:25,360 --> 00:08:28,760  
It's rare and not entirely reassuring  
to see religious certainty

62

00:08:28,840 --> 00:08:30,800  
-in someone so young.  
-[crowd on TV applauds]

63

00:08:30,880 --> 00:08:35,240

-He's not young; he's my age.  
-Precisely. A child.

64

00:08:35,880 --> 00:08:38,640  
[Queen Mother] I think moral authority  
and spiritual guidance

65

00:08:38,720 --> 00:08:41,159  
should come from someone  
with a little life experience.

66

00:08:41,880 --> 00:08:44,360  
Not from someone  
who learned their trade selling brushes

67

00:08:44,440 --> 00:08:45,960  
door to door in North Carolina.

68

00:08:46,040 --> 00:08:48,320  
But there's a humility to that  
which I like.

69

00:08:48,400 --> 00:08:49,800  
Are those people crying?

70

00:08:49,880 --> 00:08:51,360  
[man on TV] Billy Graham has spoken to

71

00:08:51,440 --> 00:08:53,120  
more than one and a half  
million people...

72

00:08:53,200 --> 00:08:56,000  
-What's happening to this country?  
-Now, he sums up his crusade.

73

00:08:56,080 --> 00:08:58,400  
The people of Great Britain  
never cried during the war.

74

00:08:58,480 --> 00:09:00,640  
Now they're weeping like children.



75

00:09:00,720 --> 00:09:04,000  
[Billy on TV] I'm calling for a revival  
that will cause every man and woman

76

00:09:04,080 --> 00:09:06,200  
to return to their offices and shops

77

00:09:06,280 --> 00:09:10,200  
and live out the teachings of Christ  
in their daily relationships.

78

00:09:10,280 --> 00:09:14,160  
I'm going to preach a gospel,  
not of despair, but of hope.

79

00:09:14,240 --> 00:09:19,280  
Hope for the individual,  
hope for society, hope for the world.

80

00:09:19,360 --> 00:09:21,760  
Turning out in droves  
for an American zealot.

81

00:09:22,560 --> 00:09:23,720  
He's not a zealot.

82

00:09:24,280 --> 00:09:26,160  
He's shouting, darling.  
Only zealots shout.

83

00:09:26,240 --> 00:09:28,080  
[Billy continues]  
When you close your eyes,

84

00:09:28,160 --> 00:09:30,640  
close your ears to God's way,

85

00:09:30,720 --> 00:09:35,080  
you will soon prefer your own ideas  
to the ideas of God.

86

00:09:35,800 --> 00:09:40,360

You come to a stage where your own evil  
seems to you good

87

00:09:40,440 --> 00:09:46,120  
-and God's good seems to be evil.  
-[crowd on TV cheers]

88

00:09:46,200 --> 00:09:47,480  
[peacock calls]

89

00:09:49,040 --> 00:09:53,760  
♪ Happy birthday to you ♪

90

00:09:53,840 --> 00:09:57,440  
♪ Happy birthday to you ♪

91

00:09:57,520 --> 00:10:01,800  
♪ Happy birthday, dear Trooper ♪

92

00:10:01,880 --> 00:10:03,320  
♪ Happy birthday... ♪

93

00:10:03,400 --> 00:10:04,400  
-On three.  
♪ -...to you. ♪

94

00:10:04,480 --> 00:10:06,480  
-Happy birthday, Trooper!  
-[Trooper barks]

95

00:10:07,040 --> 00:10:08,040  
Good boy.

96

00:10:08,120 --> 00:10:09,120  
[dogs bark]

97

00:10:10,120 --> 00:10:11,200  
[gunshot]

98

00:10:11,280 --> 00:10:13,680  
Good shot! Bravo.

99

00:10:15,200 --> 00:10:16,880  
-[gunshot]  
-Well done.

100

00:10:20,120 --> 00:10:22,280  
[dogs continue barking in the distance]

101

00:10:22,360 --> 00:10:24,360  
-[gunshot]  
-[dog barks]

102

00:10:26,240 --> 00:10:28,080  
[Duchess screams]

103

00:10:28,160 --> 00:10:30,280  
Now we are losing.

104

00:10:30,360 --> 00:10:31,920  
-[woman] Is it me?  
-It's me, it's me!

105

00:10:32,760 --> 00:10:34,000  
No, I don't want one.

106

00:10:34,080 --> 00:10:36,800  
Oh, darling. Where's your pep?

107

00:10:48,840 --> 00:10:50,120  
[Duke] You look very dashing.

108

00:10:52,680 --> 00:10:53,880  
[Duchess] A hat!

109

00:10:54,800 --> 00:10:56,880  
-Monsieur.  
-Alors, qu'est-ce que vous pensez?

110

00:10:56,960 --> 00:11:00,760  
-Magnifique! Parfait!  
-I don't like it.

111

00:11:17,600 --> 00:11:19,880  
Oh, no, no, no, no, I cannot go like this.

112  
00:11:20,000 --> 00:11:21,080  
[Duchess] Why not?

113  
00:11:21,520 --> 00:11:24,840  
At least that way,  
I get to be queen once. [chuckles]

114  
00:11:25,880 --> 00:11:29,040  
-[swing music plays]  
-[party guests chatter, laugh]

115  
00:11:56,800 --> 00:11:59,320  
[swing music continues playing  
in the distance]

116  
00:12:12,800 --> 00:12:15,200  
[party guests applaud]

117  
00:12:24,480 --> 00:12:27,440  
Would you like to know what my day  
consisted of today?

118  
00:12:28,560 --> 00:12:31,480  
Don't tell me.  
The same as every other day.

119  
00:12:31,560 --> 00:12:35,560  
I rose late. Past 11.  
Then inspected the gardens.

120  
00:12:35,640 --> 00:12:37,600  
Then ate lunch with people  
of no consequence.

121  
00:12:37,680 --> 00:12:40,640  
-My friends!  
-People of no consequence.

122  
00:12:41,680 --> 00:12:43,960  
I never thought I'd hear myself say it,

123

00:12:44,040 --> 00:12:46,880  
but a life of pleasure  
really has its limits.

124

00:12:46,960 --> 00:12:49,000  
Try a life spent living with you.

125

00:12:53,880 --> 00:12:59,880  
My motto, as Prince of Wales,  
was "Ich dien." "I serve."

126

00:13:01,520 --> 00:13:06,000  
Deeply rooted within me  
is a need to serve my country.

127

00:13:06,080 --> 00:13:09,240  
I need a job, a purpose.

128

00:13:09,320 --> 00:13:10,840  
-Not this again.  
-Yes, this.

129

00:13:10,920 --> 00:13:13,280  
Well, where do you intend to find one?

130

00:13:13,360 --> 00:13:18,520  
I will simply have to go to London  
to set things in motion.

131

00:13:18,600 --> 00:13:22,240  
Shall I tell you what else is deeply  
rooted within your family? Delusion.

132

00:13:22,760 --> 00:13:25,120  
They won't let you in the country,  
let alone give you a job.

133

00:13:25,200 --> 00:13:27,560  
-That's not what my lawyer says.  
-You've spoken to George?

134

00:13:28,000 --> 00:13:30,320  
-Why didn't you tell me?  
-Well, I'm telling you now.

135

00:13:31,400 --> 00:13:34,640  
I still have allies, you know,  
important allies.

136

00:13:35,080 --> 00:13:37,800  
Disciples of the truth,  
advocates of justice,

137

00:13:37,880 --> 00:13:41,200  
who could mobilize opinion,

138

00:13:41,280 --> 00:13:47,440  
start a campaign... to have  
a former king be forgiven.

139

00:13:54,440 --> 00:13:56,160  
[phone rings]

140

00:13:58,600 --> 00:14:01,320  
Finally, there's a request, ma'am,  
from the government,

141

00:14:01,400 --> 00:14:04,080  
for you to open the new airport  
at Gatwick.

142

00:14:04,160 --> 00:14:07,960  
Um, they've offered some dates.  
Third of June works best for us, I think.

143

00:14:08,040 --> 00:14:11,520  
-[Elizabeth] Yes, all right.  
-And that is it from me.

144

00:14:11,600 --> 00:14:13,040  
[Elizabeth] Thank you, Michael.

145

00:14:15,360 --> 00:14:17,080  
-Oh, there was something.

-There was--

146

00:14:18,040 --> 00:14:19,040  
[Michael] Ma'am.

147

00:14:19,120 --> 00:14:24,120  
If I wished to meet Reverend Graham,  
do you think that could be arranged?

148

00:14:26,440 --> 00:14:27,520  
The evangelist, ma'am?

149

00:14:28,880 --> 00:14:30,080  
Yes.

150

00:14:32,000 --> 00:14:35,840  
[Michael] Well, I should need  
to give it some thought.

151

00:14:35,920 --> 00:14:36,920  
Um...

152

00:14:37,640 --> 00:14:41,160  
One might imagine  
an invitation being extended

153

00:14:41,240 --> 00:14:47,960  
to preach at All Saints' Chapel at Windsor  
and a private lunch to follow?

154

00:14:48,360 --> 00:14:49,520  
Lovely.

155

00:14:50,200 --> 00:14:52,920  
We should have to be careful,  
though, ma'am,

156

00:14:53,000 --> 00:14:57,080  
that any invitation to,  
or association with, Reverend Graham,

157

00:14:57,160 --> 00:15:00,320

not be perceived as an endorsement  
of his...

158

00:15:02,640 --> 00:15:03,920  
crusades,

159

00:15:04,000 --> 00:15:07,160  
which would not be compatible with  
your role as the head of the Church.

160

00:15:07,240 --> 00:15:09,360  
I'm sure you'll handle it all perfectly,  
Michael.

161

00:15:09,440 --> 00:15:11,000  
And you had something?

162

00:15:11,680 --> 00:15:13,480  
[hesitant] Yes, um...

163

00:15:14,080 --> 00:15:18,120  
His Royal Highness, the Duke of Windsor,  
has written with a request.

164

00:15:18,200 --> 00:15:20,360  
-[Philip] Oh.  
-What for?

165

00:15:21,080 --> 00:15:24,040  
-To be allowed to enter the country.  
-Denied!

166

00:15:24,120 --> 00:15:26,720  
[Michael] To research a book  
which he's planning to write.

167

00:15:26,800 --> 00:15:27,640  
On what subject?

168

00:15:27,720 --> 00:15:31,240  
How To Be a Truly Great King:  
a Guidebook.



169  
00:15:31,320 --> 00:15:33,320  
-[Elizabeth] Mm.  
-[chuckles]

170  
00:15:33,960 --> 00:15:35,040  
[Michael] He didn't say.

171  
00:15:35,120 --> 00:15:37,320  
I suppose we could let him stay  
at Kensington Palace.

172  
00:15:37,400 --> 00:15:39,800  
He's intending to stay  
with his friend Major Metcalfe.

173  
00:15:39,880 --> 00:15:42,600  
Fruity? But doesn't he live in Surrey?

174  
00:15:42,680 --> 00:15:44,960  
-Sussex, I believe.  
-Oh, that's quite good.

175  
00:15:45,040 --> 00:15:47,960  
-Out of public eye.  
-The further the better, if you ask me.

176  
00:15:50,000 --> 00:15:51,560  
So, that is a yes.

177  
00:15:51,640 --> 00:15:52,600  
-No!  
-Yes.

178  
00:15:53,160 --> 00:15:55,120  
-No.  
-Yes.

179  
00:15:57,160 --> 00:15:58,680  
Yes, let him come.

180  
00:15:59,400 --> 00:16:00,400  
Ma'am.

181  
00:16:03,920 --> 00:16:05,280  
[car door slams]

182  
00:16:15,600 --> 00:16:17,520  
-Morning.  
-[archivist] Good morning, sir.

183  
00:16:18,880 --> 00:16:21,440  
-[man] Uh, did you finish that paperwork?  
-Yes, sir.

184  
00:16:21,520 --> 00:16:23,480  
-Thank you.  
-[woman] This one's for Mr. Sweet.

185  
00:16:23,560 --> 00:16:25,640  
-This one for...  
-[man] Morning, Margaret.

186  
00:16:25,720 --> 00:16:28,560  
Morning, sir. Monsieur Robert.

187  
00:16:28,640 --> 00:16:29,760  
[archivist] Yes, ma'am.

188  
00:16:47,440 --> 00:16:49,680  
[typewriter clicks, dings]

189  
00:16:50,440 --> 00:16:51,840  
Take a look at this.

190  
00:16:53,480 --> 00:16:55,680  
It's practically an injunction.

191  
00:16:55,960 --> 00:16:57,040  
[Margaret] Sir.

192  
00:16:59,440 --> 00:17:00,840  
Are you aware of this?

193

00:17:05,720 --> 00:17:06,560  
I am.

194

00:17:07,160 --> 00:17:11,880  
As historians, we have a duty to publish  
the truth, no exceptions.

195

00:17:12,800 --> 00:17:16,440  
Otherwise, what are we all doing?  
Protecting Nazis?

196

00:17:16,520 --> 00:17:18,319  
Protecting something else.

197

00:17:19,920 --> 00:17:21,000  
My hands are tied.

198

00:17:21,079 --> 00:17:22,400  
But his are not.

199

00:17:22,480 --> 00:17:23,880  
That's right.

200

00:17:23,960 --> 00:17:26,720  
I have access to the US State Department  
duplicate files.

201

00:17:26,800 --> 00:17:28,319  
[French man] Including this.

202

00:17:29,200 --> 00:17:31,840  
There's nothing to stop  
the American government publishing

203

00:17:31,920 --> 00:17:33,320  
if the British government won't.

204

00:17:42,440 --> 00:17:44,200  
[train whistles]

205

00:17:44,320 --> 00:17:46,560  
[Duke] "My dearest darling Peaches,

206

00:17:46,640 --> 00:17:50,600  
let us hope the rest of the trip  
is not as miserable as the journey.

207

00:17:50,680 --> 00:17:54,600  
It was a most disagreeable crossing,  
due to bad weather.

208

00:17:54,680 --> 00:17:57,520  
The company on the boat  
was dreadful too,

209

00:17:57,600 --> 00:17:59,720  
common and uninteresting people,

210

00:17:59,800 --> 00:18:03,280  
pestering me to join them for drinks  
or play cards.

211

00:18:05,800 --> 00:18:09,040  
On arrival in London,  
my mood was lifted slightly

212

00:18:09,120 --> 00:18:13,440  
by a large group of welcoming supporters  
who cheered my name

213

00:18:13,520 --> 00:18:15,560  
-and removed their hats.  
-[camera clicks]

214

00:18:15,640 --> 00:18:19,800  
And my niece, the Queen,  
sent me one of the hearses.

215

00:18:24,360 --> 00:18:28,440  
Later in the evening I feared things  
would go from bad to worse,

216

00:18:28,520 --> 00:18:33,440  
as we arrived at Fruity's rather drab  
little house, somewhere in Sussex."

217

00:18:37,840 --&gt; 00:18:39,040

[Duke] Fruity.

218

00:18:39,120 --&gt; 00:18:40,840

-Your Royal Highness.

-How are you?

219

00:18:40,920 --&gt; 00:18:42,840

-Very well.

-Your Royal Highness.

220

00:18:42,920 --&gt; 00:18:43,920

Baba dear.

221

00:18:44,000 --&gt; 00:18:48,800

[Duke] "But George excelled, as ever, and revealed the work he had already done."

222

00:18:48,880 --&gt; 00:18:51,800

[man] Of course the true purpose of the visit can't be known to anybody.

223

00:18:51,880 --&gt; 00:18:55,360

Should anyone get wind of any "job hunting" by His Royal Highness,

224

00:18:55,440 --&gt; 00:18:59,880

it might be seen as a violation of the agreement made after the abdication

225

00:19:00,000 --&gt; 00:19:01,840

and His Royal Highness might find himself

226

00:19:01,920 --&gt; 00:19:06,080

not only being asked to leave the country, but also without a pension.

227

00:19:07,000 --&gt; 00:19:11,640

So, this trip must be perceived, first and foremost, as a literary one.

228

00:19:11,720 --> 00:19:15,360  
-[Fruity] I trust you came prepared.  
-I brought quill and ink.

229  
00:19:15,440 --> 00:19:17,280  
[laughter]

230  
00:19:17,360 --> 00:19:18,800  
[man] All that notwithstanding,

231  
00:19:19,360 --> 00:19:21,440  
I've started a campaign,

232  
00:19:22,400 --> 00:19:24,320  
gathering friends and supporters.

233  
00:19:24,400 --> 00:19:26,360  
And early indications  
are most encouraging.

234  
00:19:26,440 --> 00:19:28,960  
Walter Monckton has agreed  
to host a dinner,

235  
00:19:29,040 --> 00:19:31,920  
and we've had "yesses"  
from Lord Salisbury, Lord Beaverbrook,

236  
00:19:32,000 --> 00:19:37,480  
Lord Dudley, the American ambassador  
and the Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd.

237  
00:19:37,560 --> 00:19:40,040  
Ooh, Cecil Beaton and Noel Coward

238  
00:19:40,120 --> 00:19:42,560  
have agreed to hold  
a little supper party for you.

239  
00:19:42,640 --> 00:19:45,440  
-Oh, dear Cecil...  
-[laughter]

240  
00:19:45,520 --> 00:19:47,360  
...and his inedible food.

241  
00:19:58,360 --> 00:19:59,880  
[cars approaching]

242  
00:20:11,880 --> 00:20:16,560  
-[Philip] Do we really have to do this?  
-Indulge me. I'm interested.

243  
00:20:18,400 --> 00:20:21,640  
Couldn't you just make up an excuse  
and say I'm off sinning somewhere?

244  
00:20:21,720 --> 00:20:22,720  
No.

245  
00:20:23,080 --> 00:20:25,480  
[car doors slamming]

246  
00:20:27,360 --> 00:20:29,160  
[Philip] Lanky bugger, isn't he?

247  
00:20:29,240 --> 00:20:30,880  
I think he's rather handsome.

248  
00:20:30,960 --> 00:20:34,240  
A door-to-door salesman  
in a hideous shiny suit.

249  
00:20:35,120 --> 00:20:36,760  
-Where's his box?  
-What box?

250  
00:20:36,840 --> 00:20:39,800  
-The one containing his brushes.  
-Oh, no, look.

251  
00:20:39,880 --> 00:20:43,080  
-Come on. We'll be late.  
-Hair brushes. Floor brushes.

252

00:20:43,160 --> 00:20:45,880  
-Toothbrushes.  
-Do shut up, Philip.

253

00:20:45,960 --> 00:20:48,960  
[Billy] As I was thinking about  
what to preach about today,

254

00:20:49,040 --> 00:20:52,360  
I considered various topics  
which speak to me personally,

255

00:20:52,440 --> 00:20:55,800  
but I thought that I would start  
with a simple question.

256

00:20:57,760 --> 00:20:59,600  
What is a Christian?

257

00:21:00,360 --> 00:21:03,360  
The Bible tells us; Colossians 1:27 says

258

00:21:03,440 --> 00:21:09,280  
that a Christian  
is a person in whom Christ dwells.

259

00:21:09,360 --> 00:21:10,880  
It's Christ in you.

260

00:21:10,960 --> 00:21:12,680  
The hope of glory.

261

00:21:12,760 --> 00:21:15,800  
It means that you have  
a personal relationship

262

00:21:15,880 --> 00:21:17,760  
with the Lord Jesus Christ.

263

00:21:17,840 --> 00:21:20,720  
That encounter has taken place.



264

00:21:20,800 --> 00:21:24,000  
You have received Christ as savior.

265

00:21:25,280 --> 00:21:28,920  
And that is what a Christian is.

266

00:21:35,880 --> 00:21:37,640  
[Elizabeth] I enjoyed that very much.

267

00:21:37,720 --> 00:21:41,320  
You do speak with such wonderful clarity  
and certainty.

268

00:21:41,400 --> 00:21:43,280  
-[door closes]  
-I find it very reassuring.

269

00:21:44,320 --> 00:21:45,800  
And it's not only me.

270

00:21:46,440 --> 00:21:48,680  
The rest of the country are too,  
I imagine.

271

00:21:48,760 --> 00:21:50,080  
-Yes.  
-[Elizabeth chuckles]

272

00:21:50,160 --> 00:21:52,240  
We've been surprised ourselves  
at the turnout.

273

00:21:52,320 --> 00:21:53,840  
-Really?  
-Mm-hm.

274

00:21:53,920 --> 00:21:55,760  
Well, you shouldn't be.

275

00:21:55,840 --> 00:22:00,520  
In an increasingly complex world,  
we all need certainty, and you provide it.

276

00:22:00,600 --&gt; 00:22:03,640

Well, that's not me.

The scriptures provide it.

277

00:22:04,160 --&gt; 00:22:09,440

Yes, but you illuminate them  
so well. [inhales]

278

00:22:09,520 --&gt; 00:22:13,880

The great joy that I have felt today was  
that of being a simple congregant,

279

00:22:14,000 --&gt; 00:22:16,800

being taught, being led.

280

00:22:16,880 --&gt; 00:22:19,440

You see, as head of the Anglican Church,  
in terms of rank,

281

00:22:19,520 --&gt; 00:22:23,880

even the great Archbishops of York  
and Canterbury are below me.

282

00:22:25,000 --&gt; 00:22:27,040

Above me there is only God.

283

00:22:27,120 --&gt; 00:22:30,680

-Well, that must be lonely sometimes.

-Yes, it is. [chuckles]

284

00:22:33,040 --&gt; 00:22:39,680

Which is why it's lovely, as Queen,  
to be able to just disappear and be...

285

00:22:40,760 --&gt; 00:22:42,240

[Billy] A simple Christian.

286

00:22:43,800 --&gt; 00:22:45,200

Yes. [sighs]

287

00:22:46,880 --&gt; 00:22:51,920

Above all things, I do think of myself  
as just a simple Christian.

288

00:22:53,400 --> 00:22:57,880  
It's the values of Christian living  
that root me, guide me.

289

00:22:59,160 --> 00:23:00,320  
Define me.

290

00:23:05,600 --> 00:23:07,400  
Have you always been  
such a good speaker?

291

00:23:08,120 --> 00:23:09,680  
I was actually a shy child.

292

00:23:09,760 --> 00:23:11,560  
-No.  
-Mm-hm.

293

00:23:12,480 --> 00:23:14,120  
Speaking as a shy child myself,

294

00:23:14,200 --> 00:23:16,600  
I have to say that I find that  
very hard to believe.

295

00:23:16,680 --> 00:23:18,840  
-[both chuckle]  
-No, ma'am, it's true.

296

00:23:19,680 --> 00:23:25,160  
The first time I ever spoke in public,  
I was 12 years old. At school.

297

00:23:25,680 --> 00:23:29,160  
The school principal told my mother  
he thought I was a natural,

298

00:23:29,720 --> 00:23:33,600  
that, of all things, I had a gift.

299  
00:23:49,520 --> 00:23:51,280  
[car doors slam]

300  
00:24:29,400 --> 00:24:30,400  
[car door slams]

301  
00:24:31,360 --> 00:24:33,400  
[Macmillan] I've no objection  
to his being here.

302  
00:24:34,200 --> 00:24:37,440  
-It's the word "crusade" that troubles me.  
-[laughter]

303  
00:24:39,800 --> 00:24:43,800  
If the Reverend Graham is the crusader,  
the implication is that we're heathens!

304  
00:24:43,880 --> 00:24:46,200  
-[laughter]  
-[Macmillan] Not sure I go along with it.

305  
00:24:47,360 --> 00:24:49,200  
Mr. Wheeler-Bennett, sir.

306  
00:24:49,760 --> 00:24:51,640  
-Ah, excuse me.  
-[laughter]

307  
00:24:51,720 --> 00:24:55,440  
-[phone rings]  
-[men continue chatting]

308  
00:24:55,520 --> 00:24:57,560  
Prime Minister. Thank you for seeing me.

309  
00:24:57,640 --> 00:25:02,720  
You didn't give me much choice.  
"A matter of the greatest urgency."

310  
00:25:02,800 --> 00:25:05,600  
Your team of troublesome historians?

311  
00:25:05,680 --> 00:25:08,800  
Committed historians.  
Principled historians.

312  
00:25:10,800 --> 00:25:13,800  
-Is that the file in question?  
-Yes.

313  
00:25:15,000 --> 00:25:16,000  
Let's make a start.

314  
00:25:19,320 --> 00:25:21,120  
-[laughter]  
-[chatter]

315  
00:25:21,200 --> 00:25:24,080  
-Ah, there you are! Plotters all!  
-[guests chuckle]

316  
00:25:24,160 --> 00:25:25,480  
[guests] Your Royal Highness.

317  
00:25:25,560 --> 00:25:26,800  
Are the curtains drawn?

318  
00:25:26,880 --> 00:25:28,840  
-Does treason abound?  
-[laughter]

319  
00:25:28,920 --> 00:25:30,560  
George, thank you so much.

320  
00:25:30,640 --> 00:25:32,440  
-Cecil, it's so good of you to come.  
-Sir.

321  
00:25:32,520 --> 00:25:34,920  
-Dear Bobbety. How are you?  
-Hello, sir. I'm very well.

322  
00:25:35,000 --> 00:25:36,640

Walter, thank you so much for all this.

323

00:25:36,720 --> 00:25:39,640  
[man] We all know why we're here tonight.

324

00:25:39,720 --> 00:25:42,640  
-[lighter clicks]  
-To see if we can help our dear friend,

325

00:25:42,720 --> 00:25:47,640  
His Royal Highness,  
in his quest to find...

326

00:25:48,480 --> 00:25:51,320  
A final act to this sad drama.

327

00:25:51,400 --> 00:25:55,080  
And to turn it into a great history play.  
He seeks a job.

328

00:25:55,640 --> 00:25:57,520  
A purpose.

329

00:25:57,600 --> 00:26:02,200  
Well, that's why I'm here.  
To ask you all, my council of war,

330

00:26:02,280 --> 00:26:07,960  
my... my Brains Trust of politicians,  
artists and philosophers.

331

00:26:08,040 --> 00:26:10,680  
-Something in the military, perhaps?  
-[Duke] Well, why not?

332

00:26:10,760 --> 00:26:15,000  
I was made a major-general, attached  
to the British military mission in France

333

00:26:15,080 --> 00:26:17,040  
at the beginning of the war,  
in a liaising role

334

00:26:17,120 --> 00:26:19,440  
between us and the French,  
and I very much enjoyed it.

335

00:26:19,520 --> 00:26:21,520  
Or a position within the Board of Trade.

336

00:26:22,480 --> 00:26:24,000  
Well, what kind of position?

337

00:26:24,080 --> 00:26:26,560  
Helping promote Britain's  
economic interests abroad.

338

00:26:27,640 --> 00:26:31,600  
-Well... Yes.  
-The right man in the right position

339

00:26:31,680 --> 00:26:34,200  
could contribute  
so much to Britain's economy,

340

00:26:34,280 --> 00:26:37,040  
helping boost our much-needed  
dollar reserves.

341

00:26:37,120 --> 00:26:40,240  
-A man with charm, contacts, influence.  
-[Duke] Hmm.

342

00:26:40,880 --> 00:26:43,800  
And the magic of being a former King.

343

00:26:45,440 --> 00:26:48,200  
Look, doesn't it all feel  
a little grubby, Walter,

344

00:26:48,280 --> 00:26:50,720  
all those grasping  
international businessmen,

345

00:26:50,800 --> 00:26:53,080

the whiff of profit and self-interest?

346

00:26:53,160 --> 00:26:57,480

No, I like the direction we were heading earlier, the idea of a liaison post.

347

00:26:57,560 --> 00:27:01,680

-Then what about the diplomatic service?  
-Oh, I like that idea.

348

00:27:01,760 --> 00:27:07,200

Don't the Americans have these unofficial roving ambassadors nowadays?

349

00:27:07,280 --> 00:27:10,680

Yes, they have two in London at the moment. Hmm.

350

00:27:10,760 --> 00:27:12,600

Well, something like that would be ideal.

351

00:27:12,680 --> 00:27:14,240

[Walter] Well, I think we have...

352

00:27:14,320 --> 00:27:17,320

[Duke] "My dearest darling Peaches.

353

00:27:17,400 --> 00:27:19,840

What a weight is off my mind.

354

00:27:19,920 --> 00:27:22,600

Monckton really did come up with the goods,

355

00:27:22,680 --> 00:27:26,400

and his friends really do seem to want to help me.

356

00:27:26,480 --> 00:27:28,440

Now, all I must do is wait,

357

00:27:28,520 --> 00:27:32,320



while they discreetly make  
representations on my behalf.

358

00:27:33,760 --> 00:27:35,560  
I would say 'wait and pray,'

359

00:27:36,280 --> 00:27:39,440  
but all taste for prayer has left me,  
as I survey

360

00:27:39,520 --> 00:27:42,760  
the madness involving  
the American evangelist here.

361

00:27:42,840 --> 00:27:46,280  
What has happened to the people  
of this country,

362

00:27:46,360 --> 00:27:50,640  
turning like lemmings to this  
crusading showman from Charlotte

363

00:27:50,720 --> 00:27:51,960  
for their inspiration?

364

00:27:53,480 --> 00:27:57,200  
Rumor reached me that Shirley Temple  
even invited the fool

365

00:27:57,280 --> 00:27:59,520  
to preach at Windsor Chapel.

366

00:27:59,600 --> 00:28:03,160  
Can you imagine the banality  
of those exchanges?

367

00:28:03,240 --> 00:28:06,880  
The smugness,  
self-congratulation and hypocrisy.

368

00:28:07,760 --> 00:28:10,600  
What a grotesque occasion  
that must have been.

369

00:28:11,840 --> 00:28:15,760  
Now bed calls, and for once,  
as my head hits the pillow

370

00:28:15,840 --> 00:28:21,360  
without yours beside me,  
I can truthfully say, all is well.

371

00:28:21,440 --> 00:28:24,320  
Today was a day worth living.

372

00:28:24,400 --> 00:28:27,560  
Your loving husband, David."

373

00:28:32,040 --> 00:28:34,120  
-[Michael] Good morning, sir.  
-Primed and ready?

374

00:28:34,200 --> 00:28:35,640  
Ready for you now, sir.

375

00:28:40,480 --> 00:28:43,920  
I received a visit yesterday afternoon  
from John Wheeler-Bennett,

376

00:28:45,560 --> 00:28:49,920  
the senior historian in charge  
of publishing the German war files,

377

00:28:50,040 --> 00:28:55,080  
who informed me that this government  
was now left with no choice

378

00:28:55,160 --> 00:28:56,880  
but to publish certain material,

379

00:28:56,960 --> 00:29:00,000  
which both my predecessor,  
Winston Churchill,

380

00:29:00,080 --> 00:29:03,560

and yours, your late father,  
tried to suppress.

381  
00:29:03,640 --> 00:29:04,640  
What material?

382  
00:29:05,480 --> 00:29:07,360  
The Marburg Files, ma'am.

383  
00:29:13,520 --> 00:29:16,120  
[typewriter clicks]

384  
00:29:16,200 --> 00:29:17,320  
[door closes]

385  
00:29:46,320 --> 00:29:49,200  
This was always going to come back  
to haunt us.

386  
00:29:54,440 --> 00:29:59,080  
Shortly after the war ended,  
some British troops...

387  
00:29:59,160 --> 00:30:02,040  
Uh... American.

388  
00:30:04,800 --> 00:30:10,600  
American troops arrested a German  
soldier, as he was retreating from...

389  
00:30:11,960 --> 00:30:16,360  
Treffurt. Near Eisenach.  
In central Germany.

390  
00:30:16,440 --> 00:30:18,320  
I don't remember the soldier's name.

391  
00:30:20,320 --> 00:30:22,400  
Leutnant von Loesch.

392  
00:30:23,200 --> 00:30:27,320  
[Queen Mother] Turns out, this soldier

was Hitler's personal translator.

393

00:30:27,400 --> 00:30:28,960  
[Michael] Uh...

394

00:30:30,320 --> 00:30:33,120  
The assistant to Hitler's  
personal translator, ma'am.

395

00:30:33,200 --> 00:30:37,200  
Hitler's personal translator  
was Dr Schmidt, Dr Paul Schmidt.

396

00:30:37,280 --> 00:30:40,560  
All right, you tell the story, Michael.  
Please.

397

00:30:42,360 --> 00:30:43,480  
Thank you, ma'am.

398

00:30:48,360 --> 00:30:51,480  
When his offices were being evacuated...

399

00:30:51,560 --> 00:30:54,400  
[German soldiers chatter]

400

00:30:54,480 --> 00:30:59,840  
[Michael] ...Dr. Schmidt  
asked his assistant, von Loesch,

401

00:30:59,920 --> 00:31:05,080  
to dispose of all the top-secret papers,  
which he had placed in archives.

402

00:31:06,640 --> 00:31:10,200  
Von Loesch duly burnt the vast majority.

403

00:31:10,280 --> 00:31:12,280  
[German soldiers shout at one another]

404

00:31:14,120 --> 00:31:18,320  
But, he secretly kept

the most valuable material,

405

00:31:19,120 --> 00:31:24,160  
hoping to use it to negotiate  
his freedom and to escape trial.

406

00:31:32,880 --> 00:31:35,160  
[birds call]

407

00:31:45,520 --> 00:31:46,600  
-[box thuds]  
-[groans]

408

00:31:48,120 --> 00:31:50,920  
Among the papers  
which von Loesch kept back,

409

00:31:51,000 --> 00:31:55,120  
there was one file pertaining  
to Anglo-German relations,

410

00:31:55,200 --> 00:31:58,520  
in particular, the relationship  
of Nazi high command

411

00:31:58,600 --> 00:32:01,000  
with His Royal Highness,  
the Duke of Windsor.

412

00:32:03,920 --> 00:32:08,800  
I think it's fair to say, the reality  
exceeded even our worst fears.

413

00:32:10,080 --> 00:32:13,160  
-We did everything to contain this...  
-[man] That's your lot.

414

00:32:13,240 --> 00:32:15,880  
...unaware that a copy  
had been sent to the Americans...

415

00:32:16,720 --> 00:32:18,720  
[typewriter clicks]

416

00:32:21,120 --> 00:32:25,040  
...who are now insisting that this volume  
of the Marburg Files...

417

00:32:26,520 --> 00:32:27,680  
be published.

418

00:32:29,120 --> 00:32:33,080  
[Queen Mother] And this is the man you  
inexplicably let back into the country.

419

00:32:38,720 --> 00:32:40,480  
I hope you have a strong stomach.

420

00:32:44,080 --> 00:32:45,160  
[exhales]

421

00:33:27,400 --> 00:33:29,000  
[Duke] Thank you, Joe.

422

00:33:53,160 --> 00:33:56,200  
-Your Royal Highness.  
-Foreign Secretary.

423

00:33:56,640 --> 00:33:58,120  
-Please.  
-Thank you.

424

00:34:00,360 --> 00:34:03,120  
You have loyal  
and persistent friends, sir.

425

00:34:03,200 --> 00:34:04,560  
Oh, thank you.

426

00:34:08,880 --> 00:34:12,199  
Following their representations and...

427

00:34:12,280 --> 00:34:14,880  
having given the matter careful thought,

428

00:34:15,000 --> 00:34:18,600  
it looks like we now have several options.

429

00:34:18,679 --> 00:34:19,920  
Please.

430

00:34:20,000 --> 00:34:25,520  
The first option I'd like you to look at  
would be the role of ambassador to France.

431

00:34:36,080 --> 00:34:38,320  
[Walter] To a happy and...

432

00:34:38,800 --> 00:34:40,320  
purposeful future.

433

00:34:40,400 --> 00:34:42,360  
-Hear, hear!  
-[Walter] His Royal Highness.

434

00:34:42,440 --> 00:34:44,480  
[all] His Royal Highness!

435

00:35:08,480 --> 00:35:12,680  
[Duke] "My dearest darling one, I met  
with the Foreign Secretary today

436

00:35:12,760 --> 00:35:16,520  
who has managed to find three posts  
where I could do something of value

437

00:35:16,600 --> 00:35:20,480  
and importance. I am so happy.

438

00:35:20,560 --> 00:35:23,880  
These posts would offer me the chance  
to serve my country

439

00:35:23,960 --> 00:35:25,400  
and make a difference.

440

00:35:26,240 --> 00:35:31,160  
As to the green light, as far as  
government is concerned, it's a go.

441

00:35:31,960 --> 00:35:36,600  
Only one obstacle remains,  
to get the blessing of the Crown,

442

00:35:37,680 --> 00:35:41,200  
which involves a brief trip back  
to that miserable mausoleum,

443

00:35:42,000 --> 00:35:43,480  
Buckingham Palace.

444

00:35:48,440 --> 00:35:52,120  
Counting down the minutes  
until I am back in your arms again.

445

00:35:52,800 --> 00:35:58,120  
-Your loving husband, David."  
-[inhales, exhales]

446

00:36:10,640 --> 00:36:12,880  
[bell rings]

447

00:36:14,800 --> 00:36:15,640  
[door opens]

448

00:36:22,160 --> 00:36:24,160  
The Duke of Windsor, Your Majesty.

449

00:36:30,280 --> 00:36:32,720  
-[door closes]  
-Your Majesty.

450

00:36:37,240 --> 00:36:41,600  
-Ah, yes. It's your first time back.  
-In this room, yes.

451

00:36:42,760 --> 00:36:45,440  
That color was me, French Gray.



452

00:36:51,080 --> 00:36:53,360  
So, to what do we owe the pleasure?

453

00:36:53,440 --> 00:36:56,120  
I assume it's about this new book  
that you're writing.

454

00:36:56,640 --> 00:37:00,880  
Oh, actually, I've come here today  
on another matter. A job.

455

00:37:02,840 --> 00:37:05,280  
That while I'm clearly  
no longer a young man,

456

00:37:05,360 --> 00:37:07,440  
I'm also not yet an old one

457

00:37:07,520 --> 00:37:10,480  
and might be able  
to usefully serve the Crown.

458

00:37:12,320 --> 00:37:16,560  
You had a chance to serve this country,  
the greatest chance.

459

00:37:17,960 --> 00:37:18,960  
You gave it up.

460

00:37:20,440 --> 00:37:22,840  
Well, I gave it up because of the way  
my wife was treated,

461

00:37:22,920 --> 00:37:25,200  
not because I no longer wished  
to serve this country.

462

00:37:29,200 --> 00:37:34,080  
Anyway, one or two ideas came up.  
For jobs,

463

00:37:34,160 --> 00:37:37,720

which would require the blessing  
both of government and Crown.

464

00:37:38,280 --> 00:37:40,440  
Of course, before coming here  
and bothering you,

465

00:37:40,520 --> 00:37:44,080  
I made sure the support  
would be given by government

466

00:37:44,160 --> 00:37:46,440  
and I've been assured of that support.

467

00:37:46,520 --> 00:37:47,960  
Support for what jobs?

468

00:37:48,040 --> 00:37:50,440  
Well, three possibilities came up.

469

00:37:50,520 --> 00:37:53,240  
The first is the ambassadorship to France.

470

00:37:53,320 --> 00:37:55,760  
The PM and Foreign Secretary  
aren't keen

471

00:37:55,840 --> 00:37:58,240  
on the incumbent, Gladwyn Jebb.

472

00:37:58,320 --> 00:37:59,880  
And the second option?

473

00:38:01,120 --> 00:38:03,960  
Oh, uh, as a special  
liaison to the Board of Trade.

474

00:38:05,920 --> 00:38:07,040  
The third?

475

00:38:08,080 --> 00:38:12,640  
As, uh, High Commissioner, working with

the Commonwealth Relations Office

476

00:38:12,720 --> 00:38:15,600  
to protect and promote British interests  
throughout the world.

477

00:38:15,680 --> 00:38:16,840  
This would suit me, I think,

478

00:38:16,920 --> 00:38:21,440  
uh, as it specializes  
in the practical side of diplomatic work.

479

00:38:22,560 --> 00:38:23,760  
Entertaining.

480

00:38:26,800 --> 00:38:31,840  
Well, I'm sure that you'd do  
all three jobs very well indeed.

481

00:38:35,160 --> 00:38:38,360  
But in light of what I've recently  
learned about...

482

00:38:38,440 --> 00:38:39,680  
[stutters] About what?

483

00:38:40,680 --> 00:38:45,320  
About events that took place,  
while you were in Lisbon during the war.

484

00:38:45,400 --> 00:38:48,320  
-From whom?  
-From state papers.

485

00:38:48,400 --> 00:38:49,840  
Which state papers?

486

00:38:49,920 --> 00:38:51,640  
German state papers...

487

00:38:53,920 --> 00:38:59,360

which American historians,  
supported by the French and the British,

488

00:38:59,440 --> 00:39:01,560  
are now threatening to publish.

489

00:39:02,080 --> 00:39:04,320  
And what exactly is in these papers?

490

00:39:06,040 --> 00:39:08,680  
Letters. And telegrams.

491

00:39:08,760 --> 00:39:13,600  
Communications detailing your relationship  
with Nazi high command.

492

00:39:13,680 --> 00:39:15,360  
Well, it's utter nonsense.

493

00:39:17,000 --> 00:39:19,160  
In one telegram, from 1940,

494

00:39:19,680 --> 00:39:23,360  
it states that you were considering  
publicly going against the government

495

00:39:23,440 --> 00:39:25,760  
and pledging your support  
for peace with Germany,

496

00:39:25,840 --> 00:39:28,040  
thereby breaking with my father, the King.

497

00:39:28,120 --> 00:39:31,360  
In another, it says that,  
in return for your support,

498

00:39:31,440 --> 00:39:34,360  
the German government  
offered you a home in Spain,

499

00:39:34,440 --> 00:39:37,880

where you could wait out the rest  
of the war in peace and safety

500

00:39:37,960 --> 00:39:39,960  
while your countrymen gave their lives.

501

00:39:40,040 --> 00:39:43,080  
I went to the Bahamas  
as the British government instructed.

502

00:39:43,160 --> 00:39:47,080  
Yes, you were instructed to go  
to the Bahamas because of your views.

503

00:39:49,840 --> 00:39:55,120  
In these papers, you're quoted as saying  
that the Führer's desire for peace

504

00:39:55,200 --> 00:39:58,880  
was in complete agreement  
with your own point of view.

505

00:39:59,920 --> 00:40:02,480  
[inhales, exhales]

506

00:40:07,600 --> 00:40:09,440  
You were too young to remember.

507

00:40:10,280 --> 00:40:11,680  
I, alas, not.

508

00:40:13,440 --> 00:40:17,160  
Hitler and his henchmen  
were once our friends.

509

00:40:17,240 --> 00:40:23,400  
As King, I was committed to the idea,  
passionately committed,

510

00:40:23,480 --> 00:40:26,120  
that England and Germany  
should never be enemies again

511

00:40:26,200 --> 00:40:28,600  
after the horrors of the Great War.

512

00:40:28,680 --> 00:40:33,920  
People forget, there was no indication  
of who Hitler would become.

513

00:40:34,520 --> 00:40:38,880  
You could argue that we were the ones  
that made a monster of him,

514

00:40:38,960 --> 00:40:42,200  
by refusing to be his allies.  
This is the point.

515

00:40:42,920 --> 00:40:43,920  
People make stands.

516

00:40:44,000 --> 00:40:48,280  
They grandstand to pat themselves  
on the back for their great virtue.

517

00:40:48,360 --> 00:40:51,440  
And what is the consequence?  
Another grotesque war.

518

00:40:51,520 --> 00:40:53,480  
Millions more dead.

519

00:40:54,360 --> 00:40:57,040  
When peace was all that mattered to me.

520

00:40:59,280 --> 00:41:05,000  
In that spirit, I am asking you to make  
peace with me today.

521

00:41:07,760 --> 00:41:10,360  
Elizabeth, the British  
are a sensible people;

522

00:41:10,440 --> 00:41:12,920  
they will never believe

these claims against me.

523

00:41:14,280 --> 00:41:17,960  
They will dismiss these papers  
for what they are:

524

00:41:19,560 --> 00:41:23,680  
baseless rumors and German propaganda.

525

00:41:25,520 --> 00:41:29,240  
[bells ring in the distance]

526

00:41:42,320 --> 00:41:43,720  
[Philip] Everything all right?

527

00:41:47,400 --> 00:41:51,800  
-[Elizabeth] Can I ask your opinion?  
-Of course. What about?

528

00:41:52,280 --> 00:41:54,040  
[sighs] Forgiveness.

529

00:41:54,720 --> 00:41:56,560  
Goodness. What have I done now?

530

00:41:57,440 --> 00:41:58,880  
[Elizabeth] No, not you.

531

00:41:59,560 --> 00:42:01,240  
Uncle David.

532

00:42:03,000 --> 00:42:05,760  
-I think it's time that he be forgiven.  
-Are you mad?

533

00:42:05,840 --> 00:42:08,280  
-You can't forgive that man.  
-Why not?

534

00:42:08,360 --> 00:42:09,840  
What he did to this country.

535

00:42:09,920 --> 00:42:14,080  
Those were different times.  
He's explained all that to me.

536

00:42:14,160 --> 00:42:15,640  
Mm, I bet he did.

537

00:42:16,320 --> 00:42:17,480  
Philip.

538

00:42:19,200 --> 00:42:21,400  
Forgiveness is very important to me.

539

00:42:22,480 --> 00:42:27,600  
It's not often I say this, so perhaps  
if I do, you will take it seriously.

540

00:42:31,120 --> 00:42:32,280  
[sighs]

541

00:42:32,360 --> 00:42:35,960  
[laughs] Ask Tommy Lascelles  
to come and see you.

542

00:42:37,280 --> 00:42:39,000  
-What?  
-[laughs]

543

00:42:39,080 --> 00:42:41,160  
And tell him  
of your proposed course of action.

544

00:42:41,240 --> 00:42:44,080  
-I can't keep summoning him like that.  
-Why not?

545

00:42:44,880 --> 00:42:47,720  
-Well, he's retired for one thing.  
-Well, then go and see him,

546

00:42:47,800 --> 00:42:49,480  
in an unofficial capacity.



547

00:42:49,560 --> 00:42:51,680  
For sherry or tea.

548

00:42:51,760 --> 00:42:54,200  
Or human blood,  
whatever that monster drinks.

549

00:42:55,000 --> 00:42:59,320  
And ask him about your uncle. He was  
his private secretary while he was King.

550

00:43:00,120 --> 00:43:01,880  
He knows everything there is to know.

551

00:43:14,880 --> 00:43:17,320  
[car approaches in the distance]

552

00:43:19,080 --> 00:43:20,720  
[car pulls up outside]

553

00:43:21,880 --> 00:43:22,880  
[grunts]

554

00:43:30,920 --> 00:43:32,040  
[door opens]

555

00:43:39,680 --> 00:43:43,040  
-Your Majesty.  
-Tommy, is it terribly inconvenient?

556

00:43:43,120 --> 00:43:44,680  
[Tommy chuckles]

557

00:43:44,760 --> 00:43:46,880  
-[Elizabeth hums]  
-[Tommy sighs]

558

00:43:46,960 --> 00:43:48,120  
Ah!

559

00:43:48,200 --> 00:43:50,720  
-You're mid-battle!  
-Yes, ma'am.

560

00:43:51,680 --> 00:43:53,480  
Now, don't say anything.

561

00:43:53,720 --> 00:43:54,720  
Ah...

562

00:43:55,280 --> 00:43:57,200  
Yes, those uniforms...

563

00:43:57,280 --> 00:43:59,920  
-It's 19th century?  
-Yes.

564

00:44:00,600 --> 00:44:02,680  
And that standard  
is the Duke of Wellington.

565

00:44:02,760 --> 00:44:03,880  
Very good, ma'am.

566

00:44:04,440 --> 00:44:05,680  
So it's Waterloo.

567

00:44:06,600 --> 00:44:08,200  
-Salamanca.  
-Ah.

568

00:44:10,160 --> 00:44:12,680  
Ah... And these?

569

00:44:12,760 --> 00:44:16,000  
[Tommy] Troops of Sir Edward Pakenham's  
Third Infantry Division.

570

00:44:16,080 --> 00:44:18,080  
Oh, they're lovely.  
Did you have them made?

571

00:44:18,920 --> 00:44:20,520  
A gift, ma'am.

572

00:44:20,600 --> 00:44:23,080  
From your grandfather,  
when I was in his service.

573

00:44:23,560 --> 00:44:24,560  
Hmm.

574

00:44:25,280 --> 00:44:27,440  
-[Tommy] Shall we, ma'am?  
-[Elizabeth] Yes.

575

00:44:29,520 --> 00:44:30,520  
[exhales]

576

00:44:35,200 --> 00:44:39,720  
I'm proposing to let the Duke of Windsor  
back into public life.

577

00:44:40,880 --> 00:44:46,360  
And, as an example of a Christian  
in a Christian country, to forgive.

578

00:44:48,800 --> 00:44:51,400  
Your Majesty,  
that would... [clears throat]

579

00:44:52,320 --> 00:44:54,320  
in my view... [sighs]

580

00:44:54,400 --> 00:44:55,440  
be a mistake.

581

00:44:57,600 --> 00:44:58,680  
Why?

582

00:45:00,440 --> 00:45:02,080  
Before you make your decision, ma'am,

583

00:45:02,160 --> 00:45:05,360

I believe you should be  
in full possession of the facts.

584

00:45:05,440 --> 00:45:08,920  
-I've read the Marburg Files.  
-So have I.

585

00:45:09,000 --> 00:45:10,720  
I said full possession.

586

00:45:12,840 --> 00:45:15,320  
-You mean there's more.  
-Yes, ma'am.

587

00:45:17,720 --> 00:45:19,960  
[Tommy] The Duke of Windsor  
made his loyalties clear

588

00:45:20,040 --> 00:45:21,800  
as soon as he became King.

589

00:45:22,480 --> 00:45:26,080  
Surrounded himself  
with a new breed of courtier,

590

00:45:26,160 --> 00:45:31,000  
men such as Carl,  
the Duke of Saxe-Coburg, a renowned Nazi.

591

00:45:31,520 --> 00:45:35,440  
He also shared classified Allied  
documents with the Duchess of Windsor,

592

00:45:35,520 --> 00:45:39,400  
who was herself, we believe,  
sharing a bed...

593

00:45:39,480 --> 00:45:42,560  
forgive me, ma'am...  
with the German ambassador,

594

00:45:42,640 --> 00:45:44,280  
Herr Ribbentrop.

595

00:46:00,920 --> 00:46:02,360  
It became so bad that the government

596

00:46:02,440 --> 00:46:05,640  
had to stop putting secret  
and sensitive papers in his red box.

597

00:46:06,440 --> 00:46:11,160  
But we needn't have worried,  
because then we had the abdication.

598

00:46:15,440 --> 00:46:17,760  
Having promised to retire  
from public life,

599

00:46:17,840 --> 00:46:20,160  
we now know that he had  
no such intention.

600

00:46:20,960 --> 00:46:24,520  
Why else would the pair of them  
decide to visit Hitler in Germany?

601

00:46:24,600 --> 00:46:26,440  
[crowd chattering]

602

00:46:31,800 --> 00:46:32,800  
[officer] Heil Hitler!

603

00:46:32,880 --> 00:46:34,080  
[crowd] Heil Hitler!

604

00:46:34,160 --> 00:46:38,120  
[Tommy] The Führer labeled the trip  
an unofficial state visit,

605

00:46:38,200 --> 00:46:41,400  
so it is unsurprising that it was  
on that same trip,

606

00:46:41,480 --> 00:46:45,400

at the home of Herr Hess,  
that the plan was hatched.

607

00:46:48,120 --> 00:46:53,240  
A plan to reinstate the Duke of Windsor  
as King of England...

608

00:46:54,480 --> 00:46:58,480  
effectively betraying and dethroning  
your dear late father,

609

00:46:58,560 --> 00:47:03,320  
in return for German forces being given  
free rein across Europe.

610

00:47:04,400 --> 00:47:10,320  
German troops were even promised to  
quell a colonial rebellion, if necessary.

611

00:47:10,400 --> 00:47:13,280  
And there were visits  
to SS training schools

612

00:47:13,360 --> 00:47:16,360  
and early versions  
of the concentration camps.

613

00:47:16,440 --> 00:47:17,320  
Now, of course,

614

00:47:17,400 --> 00:47:20,000  
the full horrors were yet to come.

615

00:47:20,080 --> 00:47:22,840  
Nonetheless, he visited.

616

00:47:30,200 --> 00:47:31,880  
Shall I continue, ma'am?

617

00:47:36,920 --> 00:47:39,480  
When a German aircraft  
crashed in Belgium

618

00:47:39,560 --> 00:47:43,000  
carrying Hitler's entire military plan  
for the invasion of France,

619

00:47:43,080 --> 00:47:47,040  
the Duke wasted no time in letting  
his Nazi friends know

620

00:47:47,120 --> 00:47:51,640  
that Allied forces had, indeed,  
recovered this priceless information,

621

00:47:51,720 --> 00:47:55,680  
which gave Germany time  
to change its plans.

622

00:47:55,760 --> 00:48:00,480  
And, in less than a month,  
Paris fell to German occupation.

623

00:48:01,520 --> 00:48:04,400  
But perhaps worst of all, the Duke

624

00:48:04,480 --> 00:48:08,160  
told the German government  
that resolve in the United Kingdom

625

00:48:08,240 --> 00:48:10,240  
in the face of the German  
aerial bombardment

626

00:48:10,320 --> 00:48:14,240  
was weakening  
and that continued bombing...

627

00:48:14,320 --> 00:48:18,920  
that is, the continued slaughter of his  
fellow countrymen and former subjects,

628

00:48:19,000 --> 00:48:24,320  
would, I quote,  
"soon make Britain ready for peace."

629

00:48:31,960 --> 00:48:33,720  
[birds chirping]

630

00:48:50,680 --> 00:48:53,040  
[Billy on TV] The problems of the world  
can be summed up

631

00:48:53,120 --> 00:48:55,120  
in one three-letter word:

632

00:48:55,200 --> 00:48:58,120  
S-I-N.

633

00:48:58,200 --> 00:48:59,200  
Sin.

634

00:49:00,680 --> 00:49:04,640  
From Psalm 58, "The wicked  
are estranged from the womb.

635

00:49:04,720 --> 00:49:08,960  
They go astray as soon as they be born,  
speaking lies."

636

00:49:09,040 --> 00:49:13,120  
God looks deep down inside of you.

637

00:49:13,200 --> 00:49:16,400  
God sees how you really are  
down inside.

638

00:49:16,480 --> 00:49:20,040  
Now, you may be outwardly genteel,  
refined, cultured,

639

00:49:20,120 --> 00:49:22,800  
a churchman,  
of good standing in the community,

640

00:49:22,880 --> 00:49:25,600  
but is your heart far from God?



641

00:49:31,840 --> 00:49:35,280  
I've had a chance to think about  
your request to serve your country.

642

00:49:37,680 --> 00:49:41,200  
I was keen to help you  
and, weighing it all up...

643

00:49:42,840 --> 00:49:48,360  
the amount of time that has passed  
and my affection for you, personally,

644

00:49:48,880 --> 00:49:50,600  
all spoke in its favor.

645

00:49:52,400 --> 00:49:53,240  
But?

646

00:49:56,800 --> 00:49:59,000  
But, on balance...

647

00:50:00,960 --> 00:50:01,960  
I think not.

648

00:50:04,120 --> 00:50:06,200  
And I'm sure you don't need reminding

649

00:50:06,280 --> 00:50:09,000  
that under the terms of the agreement  
reached after the abdication,

650

00:50:09,080 --> 00:50:12,200  
you are permitted to return to  
the United Kingdom only at the pleasure

651

00:50:12,280 --> 00:50:13,880  
and invitation of the sovereign.

652

00:50:15,640 --> 00:50:16,640  
Yes?

653

00:50:17,840 --> 00:50:20,800  
I find myself unable to grant  
that permission.

654

00:50:24,480 --> 00:50:28,400  
And who has fed you this poison?  
Your mother?

655

00:50:29,680 --> 00:50:30,920  
No.

656

00:50:31,880 --> 00:50:32,920  
Tommy Lascelles?

657

00:50:33,400 --> 00:50:36,400  
-I came to my own mind.  
-But you have no mind of your own.

658

00:50:36,480 --> 00:50:38,440  
That's why everyone's so thrilled  
with you.

659

00:50:39,240 --> 00:50:43,000  
The last royal to have a mind of his own  
was me and that's why they threw me out.

660

00:50:43,080 --> 00:50:46,280  
Fine. I will go.

661

00:50:47,400 --> 00:50:48,920  
But let me ask you this.

662

00:50:50,640 --> 00:50:53,000  
Who has done  
more damage to the monarchy?

663

00:50:53,080 --> 00:50:57,480  
Me, with my willfulness, or you lot,  
with your inhumanity?

664

00:51:02,120 --> 00:51:07,440  
We all closed our eyes, our ears,  
to what was being said about you.

665

00:51:08,640 --> 00:51:12,800  
We dismissed it as fabrications,  
as cruel chatter,

666

00:51:12,880 --> 00:51:15,040  
in light of your decision  
to give up the throne.

667

00:51:16,040 --> 00:51:18,200  
But when the truth finally came out...

668

00:51:18,280 --> 00:51:19,600  
The truth!

669

00:51:22,000 --> 00:51:25,120  
It makes a mockery of even  
the central tenets of Christianity.

670

00:51:25,920 --> 00:51:28,320  
There is no possibility  
of my forgiving you.

671

00:51:28,400 --> 00:51:33,280  
The question is: how on earth  
can you forgive yourself?

672

00:51:41,000 --> 00:51:43,680  
-[bell rings]  
-[door opens]

673

00:51:52,120 --> 00:51:53,640  
[door closes]

674

00:52:02,240 --> 00:52:04,480  
-[reporter 1] How was your trip?  
-[reporter 2] Sir!

675

00:52:04,560 --> 00:52:07,520  
-[reporter 3] How's the Duchess?  
-[reporter 4] Your Royal Highness!

676

00:52:07,600 --> 00:52:09,720  
[reporters clamoring]

677  
00:52:09,800 --> 00:52:10,800  
[reporter 5] Sir!

678  
00:52:11,280 --> 00:52:12,320  
[train whistle blows]

679  
00:52:18,360 --> 00:52:19,920  
-Good morning, sir.  
-Morning.

680  
00:52:20,040 --> 00:52:22,640  
-[Wheeler-Bennett] Morning.  
-[woman] Morning, sir.

681  
00:52:22,720 --> 00:52:25,160  
-[woman 2] Morning, sir.  
-[Wheeler-Bennett] Morning.

682  
00:52:29,640 --> 00:52:31,240  
We have the go-ahead to publish.

683  
00:52:32,360 --> 00:52:33,720  
Thank you, sir.

684  
00:52:55,800 --> 00:52:57,480  
[train whistles]

685  
00:53:07,160 --> 00:53:08,280  
[door opens]

686  
00:53:14,240 --> 00:53:15,880  
[man] Reverend Graham, Your Majesty.

687  
00:53:16,760 --> 00:53:17,760  
[Billy] Your Majesty.

688  
00:53:19,800 --> 00:53:21,320  
[door closes]

689

00:53:21,400 --> 00:53:23,400  
You're very kind to find time  
for me again.

690

00:53:23,480 --> 00:53:24,520  
[both chuckle]

691

00:53:26,640 --> 00:53:27,720  
Oh, do sit down.

692

00:53:36,480 --> 00:53:37,560  
[sighs]

693

00:53:37,640 --> 00:53:39,480  
Reverend Graham, uh...

694

00:53:40,320 --> 00:53:42,680  
I asked you here today because...

695

00:53:42,760 --> 00:53:47,080  
there's something that I'd very much like  
to hear your views on.

696

00:53:48,080 --> 00:53:49,160  
Ma'am?

697

00:53:51,120 --> 00:53:52,320  
Forgiveness.

698

00:53:54,880 --> 00:53:57,480  
Are there any circumstances, do you feel,

699

00:53:57,560 --> 00:54:03,360  
where one can be a good Christian  
and yet not forgive?

700

00:54:06,600 --> 00:54:12,240  
Christian teaching's very clear on this.  
No one is beneath forgiveness.

701

00:54:12,320 --> 00:54:16,760

Dying on the cross, Jesus himself asked  
the Lord to forgive those that killed him.

702

00:54:18,720 --> 00:54:19,720

Yes.

703

00:54:22,320 --> 00:54:26,120

But... we must remember his words.

704

00:54:26,680 --> 00:54:28,640

"They know not what they do."

705

00:54:30,240 --> 00:54:32,920

That forgiveness, it was conditional.

706

00:54:33,640 --> 00:54:36,920

True, but he still forgave.

707

00:54:37,000 --> 00:54:42,640

God himself forgives us all. Who are we  
to reject the example of God?

708

00:54:42,720 --> 00:54:44,080

Mere mortals.

709

00:54:45,120 --> 00:54:50,680

We are all mortals, that is our fate,  
but we need not be un-Christian ones.

710

00:54:54,480 --> 00:54:55,560

[Elizabeth sighs]

711

00:55:00,680 --> 00:55:03,920

The solution for being unable to forgive:

712

00:55:04,720 --> 00:55:07,880

one asks for forgiveness oneself.

713

00:55:07,960 --> 00:55:14,280

Humbly and sincerely, and one prays  
for those that one cannot forgive.

714  
00:56:26,880 --> 00:56:27,880  
[door opens]

715  
00:56:30,160 --> 00:56:31,440  
[Philip] Saying one for me?

716  
00:56:32,560 --> 00:56:36,120  
-[Elizabeth] Not on this occasion, no.  
-Go on. Put a word in.

717  
00:56:36,920 --> 00:56:39,720  
[Philip] We all know you have  
the ear of the big man upstairs,

718  
00:56:39,800 --> 00:56:42,760  
-as, as head of his church.  
-Oh, you're drunk.

719  
00:56:42,840 --> 00:56:44,680  
-I am. I don't deny it.  
-Get off.

720  
00:56:44,760 --> 00:56:48,640  
But not nearly as drunk as either  
of my drinking companions tonight.

721  
00:56:48,720 --> 00:56:50,880  
-Care to take a guess?  
-I wouldn't dare.

722  
00:56:50,960 --> 00:56:52,160  
[Philip chuckles]

723  
00:56:52,240 --> 00:56:54,600  
Your de-- your de--

724  
00:56:54,680 --> 00:56:56,760  
[laughs] Your dear Ma was one.

725  
00:56:57,840 --> 00:56:59,240  
-What?!  
-[Philip laughs]

726

00:56:59,320 --> 00:57:01,680  
[Philip] And Tommy Lascelles the other.

727

00:57:01,760 --> 00:57:03,400  
-No.  
-Yes!

728

00:57:04,680 --> 00:57:07,120  
I know. Hideous thought.

729

00:57:07,200 --> 00:57:11,000  
But we all agreed to put aside  
our historical differences

730

00:57:11,080 --> 00:57:13,320  
to celebrate the one good thing  
we all have in common.

731

00:57:13,400 --> 00:57:14,520  
Which is?

732

00:57:15,480 --> 00:57:16,480  
You.

733

00:57:16,560 --> 00:57:17,840  
[sighs]

734

00:57:17,920 --> 00:57:24,800  
And the heroic way  
you kicked that wretched fool out today,

735

00:57:24,880 --> 00:57:26,120  
tail between his legs.

736

00:57:26,200 --> 00:57:29,040  
-It was hardly heroic.  
-On the contrary, it was entirely heroic.

737

00:57:29,120 --> 00:57:30,880  
And don't, don't for one minute



738

00:57:30,960 --> 00:57:33,840  
start on about it being  
a failure of Christianity.

739

00:57:33,920 --> 00:57:36,560  
-Uh, it is.  
-No. It's not.

740

00:57:36,640 --> 00:57:43,360  
You protected your country and you  
protected the reputation of your family.

741

00:57:45,200 --> 00:57:49,760  
Not to mention successfully banishing  
Satan from entering the Garden of Eden.

742

00:57:49,840 --> 00:57:52,840  
That's Christ's business  
in anyone's books.

743

00:57:53,760 --> 00:57:55,640  
So, it's a gold star from Jesus.

744

00:57:55,720 --> 00:57:57,040  
[laughs]

745

00:57:59,200 --> 00:58:00,800  
And a gold star from me.

746

00:58:03,040 --> 00:58:04,520  
What are you doing?

747

00:58:05,400 --> 00:58:06,720  
-[Elizabeth laughs] No!  
-Yes.

748

00:58:06,800 --> 00:58:09,080  
-No. No, darling.  
-Oh, yes, darling! Come on.

749

00:58:09,160 --> 00:58:10,800  
[Elizabeth] No! [laughs]

750  
00:58:35,560 --> 00:58:36,560  
Ha!



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