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The Baptism of The Lord**

As a magnifying glass concentrates the rays of the sun into a burning knot of heat that can set fire to a dry leaf or a piece of paper, so the mystery of Christ's presence in a faithful follower concentrates the rays of God's light to a point that has the power to set fire to the human spirit. The Holy Spirit may inspire some people to acts of heroism. During the Second World War in 1940, the order had gone out – incurables and the insane were no longer to be a burden on the Reich. Three high officials descended upon the Bethel institution (a huge hospital for epileptics and the mentally ill). 'Herr Pastor,' they said, 'the Fuehrer has decided that all these people must be gassed.' Von Bodelschwingh looked at them calmly. 'You can put me in a concentration camp, if you want; that is your affair. But as long as I am free, you do not touch one of my patients. I cannot change to fit the times or the wishes of the Fuehrer. I stand under orders from our Lord Jesus Christ.'

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