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00:00:00,120 --> 00:00:02,720

I learned Russian in order to read

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00:00:02,720 --> 00:00:04,559

Pravda, the Soviet Communist paper.

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00:00:04,839 --> 00:00:06,799

I visited communist countries regularly.

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00:00:08,119 --> 00:00:11,759

There is no example of leftism not

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00:00:11,759 --> 00:00:14,199

becoming totalitarian, if it could.

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00:00:15,519 --> 00:00:17,120

Liberalism is not totalitarian,

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00:00:17,559 --> 00:00:18,719

conservatism is not

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00:00:18,719 --> 00:00:20,800

totalitarian, leftism is.

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00:00:21,760 --> 00:00:25,679

So as a Jew raised by a father who fought

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00:00:25,679 --> 00:00:27,800

in World War II and lost

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00:00:27,800 --> 00:00:29,960

some relatives to Hitler,

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00:00:31,359 --> 00:00:34,119

it is still something that I have not

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00:00:34,119 --> 00:00:35,880

made emotional, I've

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00:00:35,880 --> 00:00:37,119

made intellectual but not

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emotional peace with, that what I studied

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00:00:39,920 --> 00:00:41,039

about communism would

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00:00:41,039 --> 00:00:42,600

be applicable to the

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land of the free and

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00:00:43,719 --> 00:00:44,679

the home of the brave.

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00:00:55,719 --> 00:00:56,560

American students

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know nothing about evil.

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00:01:00,640 --> 00:01:03,719

And by the way, that's a key to

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00:01:03,719 --> 00:01:07,000

understanding the crisis in the West.

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00:01:08,280 --> 00:01:09,359

Evil has not been taught.

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00:01:09,640 --> 00:01:13,159

Do you know 45% of Americans under, I

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00:01:13,159 --> 00:01:15,680

think 35, cannot identify Auschwitz.

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00:01:16,560 --> 00:01:17,599

Forget Paul Potts.

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I mean, Paul Potts, they might, they

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00:01:19,680 --> 00:01:21,000

probably think it's pottery.

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00:01:21,400 --> 00:01:24,680

The ignorance of evil is

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00:01:24,680 --> 00:01:28,239

staggering and it's deliberate.

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One of the reasons it's deliberate is

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because it was nearly all communism.

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Outside of Hitler, all the genocide of

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00:01:34,599 --> 00:01:36,519

the 20th century was left wing.

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00:01:44,519 --> 00:01:46,560

Instead of Deutschland, Uberallis,

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00:01:46,560 --> 00:01:49,000

Germany above all, we have

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00:01:49,000 --> 00:01:51,959

the new one, safety above all.

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00:01:52,560 --> 00:01:53,799

In the name of safety,

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all rights can be removed.

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The irony is it's not even true.

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They're not getting safety

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and well-being out of this.

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I recognize that because you've lived,

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Westerners have lived in freedom,

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much of what you are about to hear or see

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is almost surreal, but it is not surreal.

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00:02:20,599 --> 00:02:25,039

This happened and the whole point is it

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could happen again anywhere.

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00:02:35,120 --> 00:02:37,240

The people who survived Soviet communism

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in the 20th century are looking around

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00:02:38,800 --> 00:02:40,680

at what's happening in America right now

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00:02:40,680 --> 00:02:42,240

and they're saying, "We

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00:02:42,240 --> 00:02:44,080

have seen all of this before."

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00:02:45,439 --> 00:02:46,639

We have to heed their warnings.

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00:02:47,240 --> 00:02:48,319

We have to listen to

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00:02:48,319 --> 00:02:49,280

what they're telling us.

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00:02:49,280 --> 00:02:50,840

We have to bring their stories to light

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00:02:50,840 --> 00:02:51,800

and then we have to

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00:02:51,800 --> 00:02:52,879

bring them to the biggest

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00:02:53,120 --> 00:02:56,120

possible audience we can because if we

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don't listen to their

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00:02:57,159 --> 00:02:58,759

stories, if we don't learn

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00:02:59,360 --> 00:03:02,240

from the sacrifices that they made, we

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are going to be doomed

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00:03:03,479 --> 00:03:05,960

to fall into the same trap

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00:03:06,080 --> 00:03:07,719

that they gave everything to get out of.

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My name is Isaiah Smallman and I've

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00:03:10,400 --> 00:03:11,599

decided that no matter what

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00:03:11,599 --> 00:03:14,240

it cost me, I live for truth.

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I'm going to stand up for what's right

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and that's why I've partnered

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with Angel Studios who brought

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you the Sound of Freedom as well as Rod

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Dreher who wrote the New

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York Times bestselling books

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The Benedict Option and the Not by Lies.

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Together we're developing a new

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documentary series to

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bring these stories to life,

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to help people understand that Soviet

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totalitarianism was not

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brought down with tanks or rockets,

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it was brought down by simple truth.

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People living in the

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truth one day at a time.

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Faithful people who we want to put on

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camera so that all of us can

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00:03:51,800 --> 00:03:53,840

learn and be inspired by their

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stories. Please join us and support the

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project at angel.com/live

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where you can find

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lots of materials we've already begun

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production and you can learn all about

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what we're hoping to

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do. This is the most important project

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that I've ever worked on

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hands down and it's the most

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important project that you will ever be a

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part of. So go to the

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website learn more about what we're

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00:04:17,839 --> 00:04:20,439

doing and support the project. The fate

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00:04:20,439 --> 00:04:22,120

of the world is at stake.

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We have no time to waste.

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Join us at angel.com/live and

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join the movement. Thanks for your time.

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There's a war being waged and it's not

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one political party versus another.

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people who stood up against

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and brought down Soviet totalitarianism

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from the inside are looking

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00:04:50,240 --> 00:04:51,680

around at this war which is

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being waged in the west and they're

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saying you're failing. You're losing to

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lies. My name is Isaiah

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Smallman. I'm a Christian and a filmmaker

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and I'm the director of the

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new Angel Studios documentary

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York Times bestselling

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Dreher. If you haven't already please

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watch our torch video below.

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problems facing western

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civilization. The torch video is

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our vision for the important documentary

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series that we're creating.

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With the resounding support

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of more than 1,800 investors we've

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already raised nearly

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\$900,000, assembled an incredible team,

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and commenced the first leg of production

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in Eastern Europe where

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we interviewed some of the

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most heroic people I've ever met in my

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entire life. Our first stop

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was Prague in the Czech Republic.

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It was in Prague that we talked to Kamila

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Bendova, a remarkable woman who along

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with her late husband

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refused to bend the knee to the godless

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Soviet regime and paid a

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dear price for their courage.

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It was by building and relying upon a

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tight-knit community of other

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courageous people that she was

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able to survive and even thrive while

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raising her six children during the years

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her husband spent in

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a Soviet prison. In this very apartment

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that Kamila still lives in

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today, spraying forth the

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resistance movement that eventually

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toppled the Soviet leadership in

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Czechoslovakia. The future

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president Václav Havel and many other

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top government

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officials, including this man,

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Alexander Vondra, met in this very

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00:06:23,959 --> 00:06:25,399

apartment while they plotted their

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00:06:25,399 --> 00:06:27,240

resistance and made plans to

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rebuild a new and better government.

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After a powerful experience

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in Prague, we then traveled

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to Bratislava, Slovakia, where we talked

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to even more unsung heroes of the

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anti-communist resistance.

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We interviewed John Simocek, who took us

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to an underground bunker

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where he and other dissidents

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worked covertly to print and distribute

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contraband materials like Bibles and

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prayer books. We talked

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to Eugene Balovich, who was an important

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leader of the underground church in

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Slovakia and an organizer

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of the famous candle demonstration, and

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Gabriela Kirchmeri, whose brother

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Sylvester was in prison

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for 15 years in the 1950s but refused to

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give himself over to

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resentment and anger and instead

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devoted his life to the building of the

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underground church. We visited the river

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where Slovak citizens

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tragically lost their lives, attempting

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to cross the Iron Curtain

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for the freedom of the west.

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We talked to many inspiring people during

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our travels and the

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trip was one of the most

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meaningful of our lives. We are so

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grateful for the

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financial support of our investors

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and the spiritual support of the people

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who prayed for us during our time abroad.

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But the work is not finished. The race is

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not yet won. The story is

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not yet told and we need your

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help to go back. We need to travel to

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Romania to learn about

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Ceausescu's child gulags. We need to

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travel to Hungary. We need to go to

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Poland. We need to be in the same room

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and walk the same streets

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with more of the people who risked

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everything for their faith and freedom

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against the tyranny of

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communism. Additionally, there are

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stories we need to capture here in the

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states. Ex-pats who moved

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here to flee communism, journalists and

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thought leaders who are

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working to stem the tide of

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totalitarianism here in the west. The war

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for truth has

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battlegrounds all over the planet and

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this is an important one of them. So

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please join us today. We need your

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support. Tell your friends,

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00:08:18,000 --> 00:08:20,240

sign up and support the project so that

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we can continue to tell

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these incredible stories before

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they're lost forever.

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Thank you for your time.

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Czechoslovakia, the future

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00:10:13,159 --> 00:10:15,679

president Vaclav Havel and many other top

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government officials

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00:10:16,440 --> 00:10:18,279

including this man, Alexander

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00:10:18,279 --> 00:10:20,960

Von Dre met in this very apartment while

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00:10:20,960 --> 00:10:21,559

they plotted their

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00:10:21,559 --> 00:10:23,639

resistance and made plans to rebuild

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00:10:23,879 --> 00:10:27,759

a new and better government. After a

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00:10:27,759 --> 00:10:28,799

powerful experience in

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00:10:28,799 --> 00:10:30,279

Prague, we then traveled to

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00:10:30,279 --> 00:10:32,399

Bratislava, Slovakia where we talked to

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00:10:32,399 --> 00:10:34,080

even more unsung heroes of the

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00:10:34,080 --> 00:10:35,320

anti-communist resistance.

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We interviewed John Simocek who took us

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00:10:38,240 --> 00:10:39,320

to an underground bunker

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where he and other dissidents

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worked covertly to print and distribute

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contraband materials like Bibles and

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to Eugene Balovich who is an important

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Slovakia and an organizer

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of the famous candle demonstration and

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Gabriela Kirchmeri whose brother

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underground church. We

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visited the river where Slovak

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00:11:08,200 --> 00:11:10,240

citizens tragically lost their lives

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00:11:10,240 --> 00:11:12,480

attempting to cross the iron curtain for

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00:11:12,480 --> 00:11:13,519

the freedom of the West.

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00:11:14,320 --> 00:11:16,000

We talked to many inspiring people during

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00:11:16,000 --> 00:11:17,399

our travels and the trip

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00:11:17,399 --> 00:11:18,399

was one of the most meaningful

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00:11:18,600 --> 00:11:22,879

of our lives. We are so grateful for the

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00:11:22,879 --> 00:11:23,720

financial support of

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00:11:23,720 --> 00:11:25,080

our investors and the

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00:11:25,080 --> 00:11:26,519

spiritual support of the people who

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00:11:26,519 --> 00:11:27,639

prayed for us during our

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00:11:27,639 --> 00:11:29,559

time abroad but the work is not

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00:11:29,559 --> 00:11:32,279

finished. The race is not yet won. The

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00:11:32,279 --> 00:11:34,080

story is not yet told and

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00:11:34,080 --> 00:11:35,480

we need your help to go back.

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00:11:36,000 --> 00:11:37,600

We need to travel to Romania to learn

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00:11:37,600 --> 00:11:38,879

about Ceausescu's child

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00:11:38,879 --> 00:11:40,840

gulags. We need to travel to

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00:11:40,840 --> 00:11:43,080

Hungary. We need to go to Poland. We need

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00:11:43,080 --> 00:11:44,320

to be in the same room and

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00:11:44,320 --> 00:11:45,840

walk the same streets with

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00:11:45,960 --> 00:11:47,879

more of the people who risked everything

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00:11:47,879 --> 00:11:49,399

for their faith and

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00:11:49,399 --> 00:11:51,399

freedom against the tyranny of

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00:11:51,440 --> 00:11:54,559

communism. Additionally there are stories

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00:11:54,559 --> 00:11:55,639

we need to capture here in

339

00:11:55,639 --> 00:11:57,559

the states expats who moved

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00:11:57,559 --> 00:11:59,720

here to flee communism, journalists and

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00:11:59,720 --> 00:12:00,600

thought leaders who are

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00:12:00,600 --> 00:12:01,960

working to stem the tide of

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00:12:01,960 --> 00:12:04,799

totalitarianism here in the West. The war

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00:12:04,799 --> 00:12:05,399

for truth has

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00:12:05,399 --> 00:12:06,879

battlegrounds all over the planet

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00:12:07,240 --> 00:12:09,360

and this is an important one of them so

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00:12:09,360 --> 00:12:11,639

please join us today. We

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00:12:11,639 --> 00:12:13,200

need your support. Tell your

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00:12:13,240 --> 00:12:16,120

friends sign up and support the project

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00:12:16,120 --> 00:12:17,399

so that we can continue to

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00:12:17,399 --> 00:12:18,639

tell these incredible stories

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00:12:18,639 --> 00:12:19,399

before they're lost

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00:12:19,399 --> 00:12:21,279

forever. Thank you for your time.

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00:00:00,120 --> 00:00:02,720

I learned Russian in order to read

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00:00:02,720 --> 00:00:04,559

Pravda, the Soviet Communist paper.

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00:00:04,839 --> 00:00:06,799

I visited communist countries regularly.

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00:00:08,119 --> 00:00:11,759

There is no example of leftism not

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00:00:11,759 --> 00:00:14,199

becoming totalitarian, if it could.

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00:00:15,519 --> 00:00:17,120

Liberalism is not totalitarian,

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00:00:17,559 --> 00:00:18,719

conservatism is not

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00:00:18,719 --> 00:00:20,800

totalitarian, leftism is.

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00:00:21,760 --> 00:00:25,679

So as a Jew raised by a father who fought

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00:00:25,679 --> 00:00:27,800

in World War II and lost

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00:00:27,800 --> 00:00:29,960

some relatives to Hitler,

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00:00:31,359 --> 00:00:34,119

it is still something that I have not

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00:00:34,119 --> 00:00:35,880

made emotional, I've

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00:00:35,880 --> 00:00:37,119

made intellectual but not

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00:00:37,119 --> 00:00:39,920

emotional peace with, that what I studied

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00:00:39,920 --> 00:00:41,039

about communism would

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00:00:41,039 --> 00:00:42,600

be applicable to the

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00:00:42,600 --> 00:00:43,719

land of the free and

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00:00:43,719 --> 00:00:44,679

the home of the brave.

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00:00:55,719 --> 00:00:56,560

American students

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00:00:56,560 --> 00:00:58,079

know nothing about evil.

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00:01:00,640 --> 00:01:03,719

And by the way, that's a key to

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00:01:03,719 --> 00:01:07,000

understanding the crisis in the West.

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00:01:08,280 --> 00:01:09,359

Evil has not been taught.

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00:01:09,640 --> 00:01:13,159

Do you know 45% of Americans under, I

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00:01:13,159 --> 00:01:15,680

think 35, cannot identify Auschwitz.

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00:01:16,560 --> 00:01:17,599

Forget Paul Potts.

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00:01:17,920 --> 00:01:19,680

I mean, Paul Potts, they might, they

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00:01:19,680 --> 00:01:21,000

probably think it's pottery.

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00:01:21,400 --> 00:01:24,680

The ignorance of evil is

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00:01:24,680 --> 00:01:28,239

staggering and it's deliberate.

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00:01:28,879 --> 00:01:30,400

One of the reasons it's deliberate is

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00:01:30,400 --> 00:01:31,680

because it was nearly all communism.

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00:01:32,280 --> 00:01:34,599

Outside of Hitler, all the genocide of

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00:01:34,599 --> 00:01:36,519

the 20th century was left wing.

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00:01:44,519 --> 00:01:46,560

Instead of Deutschland, Uberallis,

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00:01:46,560 --> 00:01:49,000

Germany above all, we have

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00:01:49,000 --> 00:01:51,959

the new one, safety above all.

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00:01:52,560 --> 00:01:53,799

In the name of safety,

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00:01:54,519 --> 00:01:56,920

all rights can be removed.

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00:01:57,560 --> 00:02:00,879

The irony is it's not even true.

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00:02:02,120 --> 00:02:03,400

They're not getting safety

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00:02:03,400 --> 00:02:05,079

and well-being out of this.

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00:02:05,879 --> 00:02:08,479

I recognize that because you've lived,

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00:02:09,479 --> 00:02:10,520

Westerners have lived in freedom,

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00:02:11,120 --> 00:02:13,879

much of what you are about to hear or see

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00:02:13,879 --> 00:02:19,280

is almost surreal, but it is not surreal.

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00:02:20,599 --> 00:02:25,039

This happened and the whole point is it

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00:02:25,039 --> 00:02:28,120

could happen again anywhere.

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00:02:35,120 --> 00:02:37,240

The people who survived Soviet communism

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00:02:37,240 --> 00:02:38,759

in the 20th century are looking around

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00:02:38,800 --> 00:02:40,680

at what's happening in America right now

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00:02:40,680 --> 00:02:42,240

and they're saying, "We

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00:02:42,240 --> 00:02:44,080

have seen all of this before."

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00:02:45,439 --> 00:02:46,639

We have to heed their warnings.

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00:02:47,240 --> 00:02:48,319

We have to listen to

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00:02:48,319 --> 00:02:49,280

what they're telling us.

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00:02:49,280 --> 00:02:50,840

We have to bring their stories to light

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00:02:50,840 --> 00:02:51,800

and then we have to

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00:02:51,800 --> 00:02:52,879

bring them to the biggest

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00:02:53,120 --> 00:02:56,120

possible audience we can because if we

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00:02:56,120 --> 00:02:57,159

don't listen to their

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00:02:57,159 --> 00:02:58,759

stories, if we don't learn

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00:02:59,360 --> 00:03:02,240

from the sacrifices that they made, we

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00:03:02,240 --> 00:03:03,479

are going to be doomed

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00:03:03,479 --> 00:03:05,960

to fall into the same trap

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00:03:06,080 --> 00:03:07,719

that they gave everything to get out of.

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00:03:08,520 --> 00:03:10,400

My name is Isaiah Smallman and I've

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00:03:10,400 --> 00:03:11,599

decided that no matter what

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00:03:11,599 --> 00:03:14,240

it cost me, I live for truth.

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00:03:15,000 --> 00:03:16,319

I'm going to stand up for what's right

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00:03:16,319 --> 00:03:17,879

and that's why I've partnered

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00:03:17,879 --> 00:03:19,240

with Angel Studios who brought

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00:03:19,240 --> 00:03:21,319

you the Sound of Freedom as well as Rod

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00:03:21,319 --> 00:03:22,080

Dreher who wrote the New

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00:03:22,080 --> 00:03:23,360

York Times bestselling books

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00:03:23,439 --> 00:03:25,280

The Benedict Option and the Not by Lies.

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00:03:26,240 --> 00:03:27,439

Together we're developing a new

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00:03:27,439 --> 00:03:28,479

documentary series to

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00:03:28,479 --> 00:03:30,000

bring these stories to life,

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00:03:30,560 --> 00:03:33,360

to help people understand that Soviet

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00:03:33,360 --> 00:03:34,639

totalitarianism was not

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00:03:34,639 --> 00:03:36,960

brought down with tanks or rockets,

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00:03:38,360 --> 00:03:40,840

it was brought down by simple truth.

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00:03:42,000 --> 00:03:43,520

People living in the

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00:03:43,520 --> 00:03:46,159

truth one day at a time.

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00:03:46,879 --> 00:03:49,439

Faithful people who we want to put on

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00:03:49,439 --> 00:03:51,800

camera so that all of us can

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00:03:51,800 --> 00:03:53,840

learn and be inspired by their

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00:03:53,840 --> 00:03:57,439

stories. Please join us and support the

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00:03:57,439 --> 00:03:59,159

project at angel.com/live

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00:03:59,159 --> 00:04:01,599

where you can find

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00:04:01,840 --> 00:04:03,719

lots of materials we've already begun

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00:04:03,719 --> 00:04:06,080

production and you can learn all about

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00:04:06,080 --> 00:04:06,680

what we're hoping to

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00:04:06,719 --> 00:04:09,240

do. This is the most important project

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00:04:09,240 --> 00:04:10,400

that I've ever worked on

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00:04:10,400 --> 00:04:12,199

hands down and it's the most

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00:04:12,199 --> 00:04:13,919

important project that you will ever be a

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00:04:13,919 --> 00:04:16,000

part of. So go to the

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00:04:16,000 --> 00:04:17,839

website learn more about what we're

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00:04:17,839 --> 00:04:20,439

doing and support the project. The fate

103

00:04:20,439 --> 00:04:22,120

of the world is at stake.

104

00:04:22,600 --> 00:04:23,879

We have no time to waste.

105

00:04:24,680 --> 00:04:27,639

Join us at angel.com/live and

106

00:04:27,639 --> 00:04:29,720

join the movement. Thanks for your time.

107

00:04:36,000 --> 00:04:38,079

There's a war being waged and it's not

108

00:04:38,079 --> 00:04:39,639

one political party versus another.

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00:04:40,319 --> 00:04:42,319

It's not one nation versus another. This

110

00:04:42,319 --> 00:04:44,680

is a war for truth and the

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00:04:44,680 --> 00:04:45,920

people who stood up against

112

00:04:46,199 --> 00:04:48,680

and brought down Soviet totalitarianism

113

00:04:48,680 --> 00:04:50,240

from the inside are looking

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00:04:50,240 --> 00:04:51,680

around at this war which is

115

00:04:51,680 --> 00:04:53,959

being waged in the west and they're

116

00:04:53,959 --> 00:04:56,800

saying you're failing. You're losing to

117

00:04:56,800 --> 00:04:59,120

lies. My name is Isaiah

118

00:04:59,120 --> 00:05:01,279

Smallman. I'm a Christian and a filmmaker

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00:05:01,279 --> 00:05:02,680

and I'm the director of the

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00:05:02,680 --> 00:05:04,120

new Angel Studios documentary

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00:05:04,279 --> 00:05:07,160

series Live Not by Lies based on the New

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00:05:07,160 --> 00:05:08,040

York Times bestselling

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00:05:08,040 --> 00:05:09,680

book of the same name by Rod

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00:05:09,680 --> 00:05:12,199

Dreher. If you haven't already please

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00:05:12,199 --> 00:05:13,560

watch our torch video below.

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00:05:13,959 --> 00:05:15,639

It unpacks the battles being

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00:05:15,720 --> 00:05:17,680

fought in the name of truth and the

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00:05:17,680 --> 00:05:18,759

problems facing western

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00:05:18,759 --> 00:05:20,959

civilization. The torch video is

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00:05:20,959 --> 00:05:22,920

our vision for the important documentary

131

00:05:22,920 --> 00:05:24,040

series that we're creating.

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00:05:24,800 --> 00:05:25,839

With the resounding support

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00:05:25,839 --> 00:05:27,839

of more than 1,800 investors we've

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00:05:27,839 --> 00:05:28,680

already raised nearly

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00:05:28,680 --> 00:05:31,800

\$900,000, assembled an incredible team,

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00:05:32,199 --> 00:05:33,600

and commenced the first leg of production

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00:05:33,600 --> 00:05:34,759

in Eastern Europe where

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00:05:34,759 --> 00:05:35,560

we interviewed some of the

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00:05:35,560 --> 00:05:37,879

most heroic people I've ever met in my

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00:05:37,879 --> 00:05:41,600

entire life. Our first stop

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00:05:41,600 --> 00:05:43,040

was Prague in the Czech Republic.

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00:05:43,720 --> 00:05:45,360

It was in Prague that we talked to Kamila

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00:05:45,360 --> 00:05:47,839

Bendova, a remarkable woman who along

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00:05:47,839 --> 00:05:48,759

with her late husband

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00:05:48,920 --> 00:05:50,920

refused to bend the knee to the godless

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00:05:50,920 --> 00:05:52,480

Soviet regime and paid a

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00:05:52,480 --> 00:05:53,839

dear price for their courage.

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00:05:54,879 --> 00:05:56,680

It was by building and relying upon a

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00:05:56,680 --> 00:05:57,959

tight-knit community of other

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00:05:57,959 --> 00:05:59,439

courageous people that she was

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00:05:59,439 --> 00:06:02,120

able to survive and even thrive while

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00:06:02,120 --> 00:06:04,600

raising her six children during the years

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00:06:04,600 --> 00:06:05,879

her husband spent in

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00:06:05,879 --> 00:06:08,759

a Soviet prison. In this very apartment

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00:06:08,759 --> 00:06:10,079
that Kamila still lives in

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00:06:10,079 --> 00:06:11,959
today, spraying forth the

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00:06:11,959 --> 00:06:13,519
resistance movement that eventually

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00:06:13,519 --> 00:06:15,199
toppled the Soviet leadership in

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00:06:15,199 --> 00:06:16,959
Czechoslovakia. The future

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00:06:16,959 --> 00:06:19,199
president Václav Havel and many other

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00:06:19,199 --> 00:06:19,839
top government

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00:06:19,839 --> 00:06:21,399
officials, including this man,

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00:06:21,759 --> 00:06:23,959
Alexander Vondra, met in this very

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00:06:23,959 --> 00:06:25,399
apartment while they plotted their

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00:06:25,399 --> 00:06:27,240
resistance and made plans to

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00:06:27,240 --> 00:06:28,839

rebuild a new and better government.

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00:06:30,839 --> 00:06:32,399

After a powerful experience

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00:06:32,399 --> 00:06:33,800

in Prague, we then traveled

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00:06:33,800 --> 00:06:36,000

to Bratislava, Slovakia, where we talked

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00:06:36,000 --> 00:06:37,879

to even more unsung heroes of the

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anti-communist resistance.

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We interviewed John Simocek, who took us

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to an underground bunker

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where he and other dissidents

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worked covertly to print and distribute

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contraband materials like Bibles and

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prayer books. We talked

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to Eugene Balovich, who was an important

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00:06:51,839 --> 00:06:53,079

leader of the underground church in

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Slovakia and an organizer

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of the famous candle demonstration, and

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Gabriela Kirchmeri, whose brother

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Sylvester was in prison

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for 15 years in the 1950s but refused to

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give himself over to

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resentment and anger and instead

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devoted his life to the building of the

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00:07:08,959 --> 00:07:11,279

underground church. We visited the river

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00:07:11,279 --> 00:07:12,439

where Slovak citizens

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00:07:12,519 --> 00:07:14,720

tragically lost their lives, attempting

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00:07:14,720 --> 00:07:15,959

to cross the Iron Curtain

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00:07:15,959 --> 00:07:17,319

for the freedom of the west.

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00:07:18,160 --> 00:07:19,839

We talked to many inspiring people during

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00:07:19,839 --> 00:07:20,959

our travels and the

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00:07:20,959 --> 00:07:21,920

trip was one of the most

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00:07:21,920 --> 00:07:25,959

meaningful of our lives. We are so

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00:07:25,959 --> 00:07:26,720

grateful for the

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00:07:26,720 --> 00:07:28,079

financial support of our investors

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00:07:28,439 --> 00:07:30,199

and the spiritual support of the people

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00:07:30,199 --> 00:07:31,959

who prayed for us during our time abroad.

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00:07:32,360 --> 00:07:34,720

But the work is not finished. The race is

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00:07:34,720 --> 00:07:36,920

not yet won. The story is

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00:07:36,920 --> 00:07:38,480

not yet told and we need your

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00:07:38,480 --> 00:07:40,639

help to go back. We need to travel to

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00:07:40,639 --> 00:07:41,720

Romania to learn about

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00:07:41,720 --> 00:07:44,279

Ceausescu's child gulags. We need to

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00:07:44,279 --> 00:07:45,839

travel to Hungary. We need to go to

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00:07:45,839 --> 00:07:47,959

Poland. We need to be in the same room

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00:07:47,959 --> 00:07:49,240

and walk the same streets

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with more of the people who risked

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everything for their faith and freedom

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against the tyranny of

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communism. Additionally, there are

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stories we need to capture here in the

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states. Ex-pats who moved

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here to flee communism, journalists and

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thought leaders who are

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working to stem the tide of

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totalitarianism here in the west. The war

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for truth has

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battlegrounds all over the planet and

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this is an important one of them. So

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please join us today. We need your

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support. Tell your friends,

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sign up and support the project so that

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00:08:20,240 --> 00:08:21,360

we can continue to tell

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these incredible stories before

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00:08:22,800 --> 00:08:23,519

they're lost forever.

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Thank you for your time.

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from the inside are looking

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around at this war which is

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being waged in the west and they're

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being fought in the name of truth and the

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problems facing western

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in Eastern Europe where

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we interviewed some of the

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most heroic people I've ever met in my

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entire life. Our first stop

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was Prague in the Czech Republic.

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It was in Prague that we talked to Kamila

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Bendova, a remarkable woman who along

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with her late husband

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refused to bend the knee to the godless

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Soviet regime and paid a

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dear price for their courage.

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It was by building and relying upon a

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tight-knit community of other

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courageous people that she was

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able to survive and even thrive while

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raising her six children

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during the years her husband spent

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in a Soviet prison. In this very

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apartment that Kamila still lives in

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today, spraying forth the

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resistance movement that eventually

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toppled the Soviet leadership in

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Czechoslovakia, the future

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president Vaclav Havel and many other top

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government officials

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00:10:16,440 --> 00:10:18,279

including this man, Alexander

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Von Dre met in this very apartment while

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they plotted their

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resistance and made plans to rebuild

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a new and better government. After a

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powerful experience in

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Prague, we then traveled to

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Bratislava, Slovakia where we talked to

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even more unsung heroes of the

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anti-communist resistance.

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We interviewed John Simocek who took us

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to an underground bunker

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where he and other dissidents

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worked covertly to print and distribute

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contraband materials like Bibles and

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prayer books. We talked

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to Eugene Balovich who is an important

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00:10:48,000 --> 00:10:49,279

leader of the underground church in

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Slovakia and an organizer

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of the famous candle demonstration and

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Gabriela Kirchmeri whose brother

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00:10:55,600 --> 00:10:56,720

Sylvester was in prison

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00:10:56,759 --> 00:11:00,039

for 15 years in the 1950s but refused to

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00:11:00,039 --> 00:11:01,120

give himself over to

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00:11:01,120 --> 00:11:02,879

resentment and anger and instead

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00:11:03,159 --> 00:11:05,159

devoted his life to the building of the

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00:11:05,159 --> 00:11:06,840

underground church. We

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visited the river where Slovak

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citizens tragically lost their lives

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00:11:10,240 --> 00:11:12,480

attempting to cross the iron curtain for

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00:11:12,480 --> 00:11:13,519

the freedom of the West.

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We talked to many inspiring people during

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00:11:16,000 --> 00:11:17,399

our travels and the trip

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00:11:17,399 --> 00:11:18,399

was one of the most meaningful

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00:11:18,600 --> 00:11:22,879

of our lives. We are so grateful for the

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financial support of

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our investors and the

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spiritual support of the people who

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00:11:26,519 --> 00:11:27,639

prayed for us during our

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00:11:27,639 --> 00:11:29,559

time abroad but the work is not

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00:11:29,559 --> 00:11:32,279

finished. The race is not yet won. The

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00:11:32,279 --> 00:11:34,080

story is not yet told and

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00:11:34,080 --> 00:11:35,480

we need your help to go back.

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We need to travel to Romania to learn

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00:11:37,600 --> 00:11:38,879

about Ceausescu's child

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00:11:38,879 --> 00:11:40,840

gulags. We need to travel to

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Hungary. We need to go to Poland. We need

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to be in the same room and

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walk the same streets with

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more of the people who risked everything

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so that we can continue to

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tell these incredible stories

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before they're lost

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00:12:19,399 --> 00:12:21,279

forever. Thank you for your time.

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I learned Russian in order to read

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00:00:02,720 --> 00:00:04,559

Pravda, the Soviet Communist paper.

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00:00:04,839 --> 00:00:06,799

I visited communist countries regularly.

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00:00:08,119 --> 00:00:11,759

There is no example of leftism not

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00:00:11,759 --> 00:00:14,199

becoming totalitarian, if it could.

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00:00:15,519 --> 00:00:17,120

Liberalism is not totalitarian,

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00:00:17,559 --> 00:00:18,719

conservatism is not

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00:00:18,719 --> 00:00:20,800

totalitarian, leftism is.

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So as a Jew raised by a father who fought

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in World War II and lost

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00:00:27,800 --> 00:00:29,960

some relatives to Hitler,

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00:00:31,359 --> 00:00:34,119

it is still something that I have not

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00:00:34,119 --> 00:00:35,880

made emotional, I've

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00:00:35,880 --> 00:00:37,119

made intellectual but not

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00:00:37,119 --> 00:00:39,920

emotional peace with, that what I studied

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00:00:39,920 --> 00:00:41,039

about communism would

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00:00:41,039 --> 00:00:42,600

be applicable to the

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00:00:42,600 --> 00:00:43,719

land of the free and

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00:00:43,719 --> 00:00:44,679

the home of the brave.

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00:00:55,719 --> 00:00:56,560

American students

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00:00:56,560 --> 00:00:58,079

know nothing about evil.

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00:01:00,640 --> 00:01:03,719

And by the way, that's a key to

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00:01:03,719 --> 00:01:07,000

understanding the crisis in the West.

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00:01:08,280 --> 00:01:09,359

Evil has not been taught.

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00:01:09,640 --> 00:01:13,159

Do you know 45% of Americans under, I

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00:01:13,159 --> 00:01:15,680

think 35, cannot identify Auschwitz.

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00:01:16,560 --> 00:01:17,599

Forget Paul Potts.

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00:01:17,920 --> 00:01:19,680

I mean, Paul Potts, they might, they

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00:01:19,680 --> 00:01:21,000

probably think it's pottery.

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00:01:21,400 --> 00:01:24,680

The ignorance of evil is

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00:01:24,680 --> 00:01:28,239

staggering and it's deliberate.

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00:01:28,879 --> 00:01:30,400

One of the reasons it's deliberate is

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because it was nearly all communism.

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Outside of Hitler, all the genocide of

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00:01:34,599 --> 00:01:36,519

the 20th century was left wing.

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00:01:44,519 --> 00:01:46,560

Instead of Deutschland, Uberallis,

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00:01:46,560 --> 00:01:49,000

Germany above all, we have

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00:01:49,000 --> 00:01:51,959

the new one, safety above all.

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00:01:52,560 --> 00:01:53,799

In the name of safety,

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00:01:54,519 --> 00:01:56,920

all rights can be removed.

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The irony is it's not even true.

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They're not getting safety

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00:02:03,400 --> 00:02:05,079

and well-being out of this.

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I recognize that because you've lived,

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00:02:09,479 --> 00:02:10,520

Westerners have lived in freedom,

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00:02:11,120 --> 00:02:13,879

much of what you are about to hear or see

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is almost surreal, but it is not surreal.

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This happened and the whole point is it

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00:02:25,039 --> 00:02:28,120

could happen again anywhere.

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00:02:35,120 --> 00:02:37,240

The people who survived Soviet communism

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00:02:37,240 --> 00:02:38,759

in the 20th century are looking around

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00:02:38,800 --> 00:02:40,680

at what's happening in America right now

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00:02:40,680 --> 00:02:42,240

and they're saying, "We

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00:02:42,240 --> 00:02:44,080

have seen all of this before."

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00:02:45,439 --> 00:02:46,639

We have to heed their warnings.

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00:02:47,240 --> 00:02:48,319

We have to listen to

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00:02:48,319 --> 00:02:49,280

what they're telling us.

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We have to bring their stories to light

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and then we have to

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bring them to the biggest

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possible audience we can because if we

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don't listen to their

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stories, if we don't learn

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00:02:59,360 --> 00:03:02,240

from the sacrifices that they made, we

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are going to be doomed

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00:03:03,479 --> 00:03:05,960

to fall into the same trap

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that they gave everything to get out of.

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My name is Isaiah Smallman and I've

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decided that no matter what

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00:03:11,599 --> 00:03:14,240

it cost me, I live for truth.

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I'm going to stand up for what's right

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and that's why I've partnered

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with Angel Studios who brought

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you the Sound of Freedom as well as Rod

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Dreher who wrote the New

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York Times bestselling books

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The Benedict Option and the Not by Lies.

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Together we're developing a new

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documentary series to

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bring these stories to life,

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to help people understand that Soviet

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brought down with tanks or rockets,

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it was brought down by simple truth.

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People living in the

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truth one day at a time.

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Faithful people who we want to put on

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camera so that all of us can

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learn and be inspired by their

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stories. Please join us and support the

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project at angel.com/live

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where you can find

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lots of materials we've already begun

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production and you can learn all about

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what we're hoping to

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do. This is the most important project

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that I've ever worked on

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hands down and it's the most

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important project that you will ever be a

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part of. So go to the

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website learn more about what we're

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doing and support the project. The fate

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of the world is at stake.

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We have no time to waste.

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join the movement. Thanks for your time.

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most heroic people I've ever met in my

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entire life. Our first stop

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00:05:41,600 --> 00:05:43,040

was Prague in the Czech Republic.

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00:05:43,720 --> 00:05:45,360

It was in Prague that we talked to Kamila

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Bendova, a remarkable woman who along

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00:05:47,839 --> 00:05:48,759

with her late husband

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00:05:48,920 --> 00:05:50,920

refused to bend the knee to the godless

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00:05:50,920 --> 00:05:52,480

Soviet regime and paid a

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00:05:52,480 --> 00:05:53,839

dear price for their courage.

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00:05:54,879 --> 00:05:56,680

It was by building and relying upon a

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00:05:56,680 --> 00:05:57,959

tight-knit community of other

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00:05:57,959 --> 00:05:59,439

courageous people that she was

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00:05:59,439 --> 00:06:02,120

able to survive and even thrive while

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00:06:02,120 --> 00:06:04,600

raising her six children during the years

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00:06:04,600 --> 00:06:05,879

her husband spent in

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00:06:05,879 --> 00:06:08,759

a Soviet prison. In this very apartment

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00:06:08,759 --> 00:06:10,079

that Kamila still lives in

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00:06:10,079 --> 00:06:11,959

today, spraying forth the

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00:06:11,959 --> 00:06:13,519

resistance movement that eventually

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00:06:13,519 --> 00:06:15,199

toppled the Soviet leadership in

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00:06:15,199 --> 00:06:16,959

Czechoslovakia. The future

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00:06:16,959 --> 00:06:19,199

president Václav Havel and many other

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00:06:19,199 --> 00:06:19,839

top government

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00:06:19,839 --> 00:06:21,399

officials, including this man,

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00:06:21,759 --> 00:06:23,959

Alexander Vondra, met in this very

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00:06:23,959 --> 00:06:25,399

apartment while they plotted their

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00:06:25,399 --> 00:06:27,240

resistance and made plans to

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00:06:27,240 --> 00:06:28,839

rebuild a new and better government.

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00:06:30,839 --> 00:06:32,399

After a powerful experience

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00:06:32,399 --> 00:06:33,800

in Prague, we then traveled

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00:06:33,800 --> 00:06:36,000

to Bratislava, Slovakia, where we talked

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00:06:36,000 --> 00:06:37,879

to even more unsung heroes of the

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00:06:37,879 --> 00:06:39,040

anti-communist resistance.

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00:06:39,720 --> 00:06:42,040

We interviewed John Simocek, who took us

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00:06:42,040 --> 00:06:43,160

to an underground bunker

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00:06:43,160 --> 00:06:44,480

where he and other dissidents

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00:06:44,480 --> 00:06:46,680

worked covertly to print and distribute

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00:06:46,680 --> 00:06:48,680

contraband materials like Bibles and

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00:06:48,680 --> 00:06:49,959

prayer books. We talked

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00:06:49,959 --> 00:06:51,839

to Eugene Balovich, who was an important

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00:06:51,839 --> 00:06:53,079

leader of the underground church in

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00:06:53,079 --> 00:06:54,720

Slovakia and an organizer

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00:06:54,720 --> 00:06:57,399

of the famous candle demonstration, and

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Gabriela Kirchmeri, whose brother

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Sylvester was in prison

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for 15 years in the 1950s but refused to

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give himself over to

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resentment and anger and instead

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devoted his life to the building of the

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00:07:08,959 --> 00:07:11,279

underground church. We visited the river

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00:07:11,279 --> 00:07:12,439

where Slovak citizens

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00:07:12,519 --> 00:07:14,720

tragically lost their lives, attempting

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00:07:14,720 --> 00:07:15,959

to cross the Iron Curtain

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00:07:15,959 --> 00:07:17,319

for the freedom of the west.

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00:07:18,160 --> 00:07:19,839

We talked to many inspiring people during

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00:07:19,839 --> 00:07:20,959

our travels and the

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00:07:20,959 --> 00:07:21,920

trip was one of the most

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00:07:21,920 --> 00:07:25,959

meaningful of our lives. We are so

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00:07:25,959 --> 00:07:26,720

grateful for the

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00:07:26,720 --> 00:07:28,079

financial support of our investors

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00:07:28,439 --> 00:07:30,199

and the spiritual support of the people

200

00:07:30,199 --> 00:07:31,959

who prayed for us during our time abroad.

201

00:07:32,360 --> 00:07:34,720

But the work is not finished. The race is

202

00:07:34,720 --> 00:07:36,920

not yet won. The story is

203

00:07:36,920 --> 00:07:38,480

not yet told and we need your

204

00:07:38,480 --> 00:07:40,639

help to go back. We need to travel to

205

00:07:40,639 --> 00:07:41,720

Romania to learn about

206

00:07:41,720 --> 00:07:44,279

Ceausescu's child gulags. We need to

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00:07:44,279 --> 00:07:45,839

travel to Hungary. We need to go to

208

00:07:45,839 --> 00:07:47,959

Poland. We need to be in the same room

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00:07:47,959 --> 00:07:49,240

and walk the same streets

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00:07:49,399 --> 00:07:51,160

with more of the people who risked

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00:07:51,160 --> 00:07:53,720

everything for their faith and freedom

212

00:07:53,720 --> 00:07:55,199

against the tyranny of

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00:07:55,199 --> 00:07:58,120

communism. Additionally, there are

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00:07:58,120 --> 00:07:59,600

stories we need to capture here in the

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00:07:59,600 --> 00:08:01,279

states. Ex-pats who moved

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00:08:01,319 --> 00:08:03,560

here to flee communism, journalists and

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00:08:03,560 --> 00:08:04,399

thought leaders who are

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00:08:04,399 --> 00:08:05,720

working to stem the tide of

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00:08:05,720 --> 00:08:08,600

totalitarianism here in the west. The war

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00:08:08,600 --> 00:08:09,199

for truth has

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00:08:09,199 --> 00:08:11,279

battlegrounds all over the planet and

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00:08:11,279 --> 00:08:13,160

this is an important one of them. So

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00:08:13,160 --> 00:08:15,839

please join us today. We need your

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00:08:15,839 --> 00:08:17,480

support. Tell your friends,

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00:08:18,000 --> 00:08:20,240

sign up and support the project so that

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00:08:20,240 --> 00:08:21,360

we can continue to tell

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00:08:21,360 --> 00:08:22,800

these incredible stories before

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00:08:22,800 --> 00:08:23,519

they're lost forever.

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00:08:24,199 --> 00:08:25,040

Thank you for your time.

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00:08:32,200 --> 00:08:34,279

There's a war being waged and it's not

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00:08:34,279 --> 00:08:35,840

one political party versus another.

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00:08:36,559 --> 00:08:38,519

It's not one nation versus another. This

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00:08:38,519 --> 00:08:40,879

is a war for truth and the

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00:08:40,879 --> 00:08:42,200

people who stood up against

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00:08:42,440 --> 00:08:44,840

and brought down Soviet totalitarianism

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00:08:44,840 --> 00:08:46,440

from the inside are looking

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00:08:46,440 --> 00:08:47,879

around at this war which is

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00:08:47,879 --> 00:08:50,159

being waged in the west and they're

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00:08:50,159 --> 00:08:52,960

saying you're failing. You're losing to

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00:08:52,960 --> 00:08:55,279

lies. My name is Isaiah

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00:08:55,279 --> 00:08:57,480

Smallman. I'm a Christian and a filmmaker

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00:08:57,480 --> 00:08:58,879

and I'm the director of the

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00:08:58,879 --> 00:09:00,279

new Angel Studios documentary

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series Live Not by Lies based on the New

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00:09:03,399 --> 00:09:04,279

York Times bestselling

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00:09:04,279 --> 00:09:05,879

book of the same name by Rod

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00:09:05,879 --> 00:09:08,399

Dreher. If you haven't already please

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00:09:08,399 --> 00:09:09,399

watch our torch video

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00:09:09,399 --> 00:09:11,360

below. It unpacks the battles

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00:09:11,559 --> 00:09:13,840

being fought in the name of truth and the

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00:09:13,840 --> 00:09:14,960

problems facing western

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00:09:14,960 --> 00:09:17,159

civilization. The torch video is

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00:09:17,159 --> 00:09:19,159

our vision for the important documentary

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00:09:19,159 --> 00:09:20,279

series that we're creating.

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00:09:20,879 --> 00:09:22,039

With the resounding support

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00:09:22,039 --> 00:09:24,039

of more than 1,800 investors we've

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00:09:24,039 --> 00:09:24,879

already raised nearly

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00:09:24,879 --> 00:09:27,960

\$900,000, assembled an incredible team

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00:09:28,200 --> 00:09:29,799

and commenced the first leg of production

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00:09:29,799 --> 00:09:30,960

in Eastern Europe where

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we interviewed some of the

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Soviet regime and paid a

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dear price for their courage.

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raising her six children

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during the years her husband spent

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00:10:01,879 --> 00:10:04,519

in a Soviet prison. In this very

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00:10:04,519 --> 00:10:06,279

apartment that Kamila still lives in

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today, spraying forth the

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resistance movement that eventually

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toppled the Soviet leadership in

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Czechoslovakia, the future

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00:10:13,159 --> 00:10:15,679

president Vaclav Havel and many other top

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00:10:15,679 --> 00:10:16,440

government officials

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00:10:16,440 --> 00:10:18,279

including this man, Alexander

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00:10:18,279 --> 00:10:20,960

Von Dre met in this very apartment while

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00:10:20,960 --> 00:10:21,559

they plotted their

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00:10:21,559 --> 00:10:23,639

resistance and made plans to rebuild

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a new and better government. After a

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00:10:27,759 --> 00:10:28,799

powerful experience in

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00:10:28,799 --> 00:10:30,279

Prague, we then traveled to

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00:10:30,279 --> 00:10:32,399

Bratislava, Slovakia where we talked to

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even more unsung heroes of the

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00:10:34,080 --> 00:10:35,320

anti-communist resistance.

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Slovakia and an organizer

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of the famous candle demonstration and

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Gabriela Kirchmeri whose brother

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Sylvester was in prison

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for 15 years in the 1950s but refused to

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give himself over to

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resentment and anger and instead

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devoted his life to the building of the

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00:11:05,159 --> 00:11:06,840

underground church. We

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00:11:06,840 --> 00:11:08,200

visited the river where Slovak

313

00:11:08,200 --> 00:11:10,240

citizens tragically lost their lives

314

00:11:10,240 --> 00:11:12,480

attempting to cross the iron curtain for

315

00:11:12,480 --> 00:11:13,519

the freedom of the West.

316

00:11:14,320 --> 00:11:16,000

We talked to many inspiring people during

317

00:11:16,000 --> 00:11:17,399

our travels and the trip

318

00:11:17,399 --> 00:11:18,399

was one of the most meaningful

319

00:11:18,600 --> 00:11:22,879

of our lives. We are so grateful for the

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00:11:22,879 --> 00:11:23,720

financial support of

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00:11:23,720 --> 00:11:25,080

our investors and the

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00:11:25,080 --> 00:11:26,519

spiritual support of the people who

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00:11:26,519 --> 00:11:27,639

prayed for us during our

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00:11:27,639 --> 00:11:29,559

time abroad but the work is not

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00:11:29,559 --> 00:11:32,279

finished. The race is not yet won. The

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00:11:32,279 --> 00:11:34,080

story is not yet told and

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00:11:34,080 --> 00:11:35,480

we need your help to go back.

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00:11:36,000 --> 00:11:37,600

We need to travel to Romania to learn

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00:11:37,600 --> 00:11:38,879

about Ceausescu's child

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00:11:38,879 --> 00:11:40,840

gulags. We need to travel to

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00:11:40,840 --> 00:11:43,080

Hungary. We need to go to Poland. We need

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00:11:43,080 --> 00:11:44,320

to be in the same room and

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00:11:44,320 --> 00:11:45,840

walk the same streets with

334

00:11:45,960 --> 00:11:47,879

more of the people who risked everything

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00:11:47,879 --> 00:11:49,399

for their faith and

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00:11:49,399 --> 00:11:51,399

freedom against the tyranny of

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00:11:51,440 --> 00:11:54,559

communism. Additionally there are stories

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00:11:54,559 --> 00:11:55,639

we need to capture here in

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00:11:55,639 --> 00:11:57,559

the states expats who moved

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00:11:57,559 --> 00:11:59,720

here to flee communism, journalists and

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00:11:59,720 --> 00:12:00,600

thought leaders who are

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00:12:00,600 --> 00:12:01,960

working to stem the tide of

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00:12:01,960 --> 00:12:04,799

totalitarianism here in the West. The war

344

00:12:04,799 --> 00:12:05,399

for truth has

345

00:12:05,399 --> 00:12:06,879

battlegrounds all over the planet

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00:12:07,240 --> 00:12:09,360

and this is an important one of them so

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00:12:09,360 --> 00:12:11,639

please join us today. We

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00:12:11,639 --> 00:12:13,200

need your support. Tell your

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00:12:13,240 --> 00:12:16,120

friends sign up and support the project

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00:12:16,120 --> 00:12:17,399

so that we can continue to

351

00:12:17,399 --> 00:12:18,639

tell these incredible stories

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00:12:18,639 --> 00:12:19,399

before they're lost

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00:12:19,399 --> 00:12:21,279

forever. Thank you for your time.

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I learned Russian in order to read

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00:00:02,720 --> 00:00:04,559

Pravda, the Soviet Communist paper.

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00:00:04,839 --> 00:00:06,799

I visited communist countries regularly.

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00:00:08,119 --> 00:00:11,759

There is no example of leftism not

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00:00:11,759 --> 00:00:14,199

becoming totalitarian, if it could.

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00:00:15,519 --> 00:00:17,120

Liberalism is not totalitarian,

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00:00:17,559 --> 00:00:18,719

conservatism is not

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00:00:18,719 --> 00:00:20,800

totalitarian, leftism is.

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00:00:21,760 --> 00:00:25,679

So as a Jew raised by a father who fought

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00:00:25,679 --> 00:00:27,800

in World War II and lost

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00:00:27,800 --> 00:00:29,960

some relatives to Hitler,

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00:00:31,359 --> 00:00:34,119

it is still something that I have not

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00:00:34,119 --> 00:00:35,880

made emotional, I've

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00:00:35,880 --> 00:00:37,119

made intellectual but not

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00:00:37,119 --> 00:00:39,920

emotional peace with, that what I studied

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00:00:39,920 --> 00:00:41,039

about communism would

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00:00:41,039 --> 00:00:42,600

be applicable to the

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00:00:42,600 --> 00:00:43,719

land of the free and

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00:00:43,719 --> 00:00:44,679

the home of the brave.

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00:00:55,719 --> 00:00:56,560

American students

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00:00:56,560 --> 00:00:58,079

know nothing about evil.

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00:01:00,640 --> 00:01:03,719

And by the way, that's a key to

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00:01:03,719 --> 00:01:07,000

understanding the crisis in the West.

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00:01:08,280 --> 00:01:09,359

Evil has not been taught.

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00:01:09,640 --> 00:01:13,159

Do you know 45% of Americans under, I

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00:01:13,159 --> 00:01:15,680

think 35, cannot identify Auschwitz.

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00:01:16,560 --> 00:01:17,599

Forget Paul Potts.

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00:01:17,920 --> 00:01:19,680

I mean, Paul Potts, they might, they

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00:01:19,680 --> 00:01:21,000

probably think it's pottery.

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00:01:21,400 --> 00:01:24,680

The ignorance of evil is

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00:01:24,680 --> 00:01:28,239

staggering and it's deliberate.

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00:01:28,879 --> 00:01:30,400

One of the reasons it's deliberate is

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00:01:30,400 --> 00:01:31,680

because it was nearly all communism.

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00:01:32,280 --> 00:01:34,599

Outside of Hitler, all the genocide of

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00:01:34,599 --> 00:01:36,519

the 20th century was left wing.

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00:01:44,519 --> 00:01:46,560

Instead of Deutschland, Uberallis,

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00:01:46,560 --> 00:01:49,000

Germany above all, we have

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00:01:49,000 --> 00:01:51,959

the new one, safety above all.

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00:01:52,560 --> 00:01:53,799

In the name of safety,

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00:01:54,519 --> 00:01:56,920

all rights can be removed.

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00:01:57,560 --> 00:02:00,879

The irony is it's not even true.

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They're not getting safety

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00:02:03,400 --> 00:02:05,079

and well-being out of this.

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00:02:05,879 --> 00:02:08,479

I recognize that because you've lived,

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00:02:09,479 --> 00:02:10,520

Westerners have lived in freedom,

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00:02:11,120 --> 00:02:13,879

much of what you are about to hear or see

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00:02:13,879 --> 00:02:19,280

is almost surreal, but it is not surreal.

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00:02:20,599 --> 00:02:25,039

This happened and the whole point is it

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00:02:25,039 --> 00:02:28,120

could happen again anywhere.

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00:02:35,120 --> 00:02:37,240

The people who survived Soviet communism

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00:02:37,240 --> 00:02:38,759

in the 20th century are looking around

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00:02:38,800 --> 00:02:40,680

at what's happening in America right now

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00:02:40,680 --> 00:02:42,240

and they're saying, "We

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00:02:42,240 --> 00:02:44,080

have seen all of this before."

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00:02:45,439 --> 00:02:46,639

We have to heed their warnings.

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00:02:47,240 --> 00:02:48,319

We have to listen to

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00:02:48,319 --> 00:02:49,280

what they're telling us.

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00:02:49,280 --> 00:02:50,840

We have to bring their stories to light

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00:02:50,840 --> 00:02:51,800

and then we have to

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00:02:51,800 --> 00:02:52,879

bring them to the biggest

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00:02:53,120 --> 00:02:56,120

possible audience we can because if we

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00:02:56,120 --> 00:02:57,159

don't listen to their

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00:02:57,159 --> 00:02:58,759

stories, if we don't learn

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00:02:59,360 --> 00:03:02,240

from the sacrifices that they made, we

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00:03:02,240 --> 00:03:03,479

are going to be doomed

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00:03:03,479 --> 00:03:05,960

to fall into the same trap

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00:03:06,080 --> 00:03:07,719

that they gave everything to get out of.

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00:03:08,520 --> 00:03:10,400

My name is Isaiah Smallman and I've

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decided that no matter what

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it cost me, I live for truth.

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00:03:15,000 --> 00:03:16,319

I'm going to stand up for what's right

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00:03:16,319 --> 00:03:17,879

and that's why I've partnered

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00:03:17,879 --> 00:03:19,240

with Angel Studios who brought

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00:03:19,240 --> 00:03:21,319

you the Sound of Freedom as well as Rod

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00:03:21,319 --> 00:03:22,080

Dreher who wrote the New

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York Times bestselling books

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00:03:23,439 --> 00:03:25,280

The Benedict Option and the Not by Lies.

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00:03:26,240 --> 00:03:27,439

Together we're developing a new

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documentary series to

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bring these stories to life,

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00:03:30,560 --> 00:03:33,360

to help people understand that Soviet

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totalitarianism was not

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brought down with tanks or rockets,

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00:03:38,360 --> 00:03:40,840

it was brought down by simple truth.

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People living in the

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00:03:43,520 --> 00:03:46,159

truth one day at a time.

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00:03:46,879 --> 00:03:49,439

Faithful people who we want to put on

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camera so that all of us can

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00:03:51,800 --> 00:03:53,840

learn and be inspired by their

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00:03:53,840 --> 00:03:57,439

stories. Please join us and support the

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project at angel.com/live

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00:03:59,159 --> 00:04:01,599

where you can find

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lots of materials we've already begun

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00:04:03,719 --> 00:04:06,080

production and you can learn all about

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00:04:06,080 --> 00:04:06,680

what we're hoping to

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00:04:06,719 --> 00:04:09,240

do. This is the most important project

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that I've ever worked on

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00:04:10,400 --> 00:04:12,199

hands down and it's the most

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00:04:12,199 --> 00:04:13,919

important project that you will ever be a

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00:04:13,919 --> 00:04:16,000

part of. So go to the

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00:04:16,000 --> 00:04:17,839

website learn more about what we're

102

00:04:17,839 --> 00:04:20,439

doing and support the project. The fate

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00:04:20,439 --> 00:04:22,120

of the world is at stake.

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00:04:22,600 --> 00:04:23,879

We have no time to waste.

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00:04:24,680 --> 00:04:27,639

Join us at angel.com/live and

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00:04:27,639 --> 00:04:29,720

join the movement. Thanks for your time.

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There's a war being waged and it's not

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one political party versus another.

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It's not one nation versus another. This

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00:04:42,319 --> 00:04:44,680

is a war for truth and the

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00:04:44,680 --> 00:04:45,920

people who stood up against

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00:04:46,199 --> 00:04:48,680

and brought down Soviet totalitarianism

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00:04:48,680 --> 00:04:50,240

from the inside are looking

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00:04:50,240 --> 00:04:51,680

around at this war which is

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00:04:51,680 --> 00:04:53,959

being waged in the west and they're

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saying you're failing. You're losing to

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lies. My name is Isaiah

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Smallman. I'm a Christian and a filmmaker

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and I'm the director of the

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new Angel Studios documentary

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book of the same name by Rod

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Dreher. If you haven't already please

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watch our torch video below.

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It unpacks the battles being

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fought in the name of truth and the

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problems facing western

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civilization. The torch video is

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our vision for the important documentary

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series that we're creating.

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With the resounding support

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of more than 1,800 investors we've

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already raised nearly

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\$900,000, assembled an incredible team,

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00:05:32,199 --> 00:05:33,600

and commenced the first leg of production

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in Eastern Europe where

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we interviewed some of the

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most heroic people I've ever met in my

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entire life. Our first stop

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was Prague in the Czech Republic.

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It was in Prague that we talked to Kamila

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Bendova, a remarkable woman who along

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with her late husband

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refused to bend the knee to the godless

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Soviet regime and paid a

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dear price for their courage.

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It was by building and relying upon a

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tight-knit community of other

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courageous people that she was

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able to survive and even thrive while

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raising her six children during the years

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her husband spent in

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a Soviet prison. In this very apartment

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that Kamila still lives in

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today, spraying forth the

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resistance movement that eventually

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toppled the Soviet leadership in

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Czechoslovakia. The future

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president Václav Havel and many other

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top government

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officials, including this man,

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Alexander Vondra, met in this very

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apartment while they plotted their

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resistance and made plans to

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rebuild a new and better government.

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After a powerful experience

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in Prague, we then traveled

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to Bratislava, Slovakia, where we talked

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to even more unsung heroes of the

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anti-communist resistance.

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to an underground bunker

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where he and other dissidents

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to Eugene Balovich, who was an important

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leader of the underground church in

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Slovakia and an organizer

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of the famous candle demonstration, and

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Gabriela Kirchmeri, whose brother

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Sylvester was in prison

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for 15 years in the 1950s but refused to

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devoted his life to the building of the

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underground church. We visited the river

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where Slovak citizens

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tragically lost their lives, attempting

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to cross the Iron Curtain

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for the freedom of the west.

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We talked to many inspiring people during

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our travels and the

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trip was one of the most

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meaningful of our lives. We are so

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grateful for the

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financial support of our investors

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and the spiritual support of the people

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who prayed for us during our time abroad.

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But the work is not finished. The race is

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not yet won. The story is

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not yet told and we need your

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help to go back. We need to travel to

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Romania to learn about

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Ceausescu's child gulags. We need to

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travel to Hungary. We need to go to

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Poland. We need to be in the same room

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and walk the same streets

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with more of the people who risked

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everything for their faith and freedom

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against the tyranny of

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communism. Additionally, there are

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stories we need to capture here in the

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states. Ex-pats who moved

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here to flee communism, journalists and

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thought leaders who are

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working to stem the tide of

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totalitarianism here in the west. The war

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for truth has

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battlegrounds all over the planet and

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this is an important one of them. So

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please join us today. We need your

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support. Tell your friends,

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sign up and support the project so that

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we can continue to tell

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these incredible stories before

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they're lost forever.

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Czechoslovakia, the future

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president Vaclav Havel and many other top

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government officials

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including this man, Alexander

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visited the river where Slovak

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citizens tragically lost their lives

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attempting to cross the iron curtain for

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the freedom of the West.

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our travels and the trip

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spiritual support of the people who

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prayed for us during our

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time abroad but the work is not

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finished. The race is not yet won. The

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story is not yet told and

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we need your help to go back.

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We need to travel to Romania to learn

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about Ceausescu's child

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gulags. We need to travel to

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Hungary. We need to go to Poland. We need

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to be in the same room and

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walk the same streets with

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more of the people who risked everything

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freedom against the tyranny of

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communism. Additionally there are stories

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need your support. Tell your

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00:12:13,240 --> 00:12:16,120

friends sign up and support the project

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00:12:16,120 --> 00:12:17,399

so that we can continue to

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00:12:17,399 --> 00:12:18,639

tell these incredible stories

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00:12:18,639 --> 00:12:19,399

before they're lost

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00:12:19,399 --> 00:12:21,279

forever. Thank you for your time.

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00:00:00,120 --> 00:00:02,720

I learned Russian in order to read

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00:00:02,720 --> 00:00:04,559

Pravda, the Soviet Communist paper.

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00:00:04,839 --> 00:00:06,799

I visited communist countries regularly.

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00:00:08,119 --> 00:00:11,759

There is no example of leftism not

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00:00:11,759 --> 00:00:14,199

becoming totalitarian, if it could.

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00:00:15,519 --> 00:00:17,120

Liberalism is not totalitarian,

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00:00:17,559 --> 00:00:18,719

conservatism is not

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00:00:18,719 --> 00:00:20,800

totalitarian, leftism is.

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00:00:21,760 --> 00:00:25,679

So as a Jew raised by a father who fought

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00:00:25,679 --> 00:00:27,800

in World War II and lost

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00:00:27,800 --> 00:00:29,960

some relatives to Hitler,

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00:00:31,359 --> 00:00:34,119

it is still something that I have not

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00:00:34,119 --> 00:00:35,880

made emotional, I've

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00:00:35,880 --> 00:00:37,119

made intellectual but not

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00:00:37,119 --> 00:00:39,920

emotional peace with, that what I studied

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00:00:39,920 --> 00:00:41,039

about communism would

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00:00:41,039 --> 00:00:42,600

be applicable to the

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00:00:42,600 --> 00:00:43,719

land of the free and

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00:00:43,719 --> 00:00:44,679

the home of the brave.

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00:00:55,719 --> 00:00:56,560

American students

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00:00:56,560 --> 00:00:58,079

know nothing about evil.

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00:01:00,640 --> 00:01:03,719

And by the way, that's a key to

23

00:01:03,719 --> 00:01:07,000

understanding the crisis in the West.

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00:01:08,280 --> 00:01:09,359

Evil has not been taught.

25

00:01:09,640 --> 00:01:13,159

Do you know 45% of Americans under, I

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00:01:13,159 --> 00:01:15,680

think 35, cannot identify Auschwitz.

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00:01:16,560 --> 00:01:17,599

Forget Paul Potts.

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00:01:17,920 --> 00:01:19,680

I mean, Paul Potts, they might, they

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00:01:19,680 --> 00:01:21,000

probably think it's pottery.

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00:01:21,400 --> 00:01:24,680

The ignorance of evil is

31

00:01:24,680 --> 00:01:28,239

staggering and it's deliberate.

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00:01:28,879 --> 00:01:30,400

One of the reasons it's deliberate is

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because it was nearly all communism.

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00:01:32,280 --> 00:01:34,599

Outside of Hitler, all the genocide of

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00:01:34,599 --> 00:01:36,519

the 20th century was left wing.

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00:01:44,519 --> 00:01:46,560

Instead of Deutschland, Uberallis,

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00:01:46,560 --> 00:01:49,000

Germany above all, we have

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00:01:49,000 --> 00:01:51,959

the new one, safety above all.

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00:01:52,560 --> 00:01:53,799

In the name of safety,

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00:01:54,519 --> 00:01:56,920

all rights can be removed.

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00:01:57,560 --> 00:02:00,879

The irony is it's not even true.

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00:02:02,120 --> 00:02:03,400

They're not getting safety

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00:02:03,400 --> 00:02:05,079

and well-being out of this.

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00:02:05,879 --> 00:02:08,479

I recognize that because you've lived,

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00:02:09,479 --> 00:02:10,520

Westerners have lived in freedom,

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00:02:11,120 --> 00:02:13,879

much of what you are about to hear or see

47

00:02:13,879 --> 00:02:19,280

is almost surreal, but it is not surreal.

48

00:02:20,599 --> 00:02:25,039

This happened and the whole point is it

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00:02:25,039 --> 00:02:28,120

could happen again anywhere.

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00:02:35,120 --> 00:02:37,240

The people who survived Soviet communism

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00:02:37,240 --> 00:02:38,759

in the 20th century are looking around

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00:02:38,800 --> 00:02:40,680

at what's happening in America right now

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00:02:40,680 --> 00:02:42,240

and they're saying, "We

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00:02:42,240 --> 00:02:44,080

have seen all of this before."

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00:02:45,439 --> 00:02:46,639

We have to heed their warnings.

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00:02:47,240 --> 00:02:48,319

We have to listen to

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00:02:48,319 --> 00:02:49,280

what they're telling us.

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00:02:49,280 --> 00:02:50,840

We have to bring their stories to light

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00:02:50,840 --> 00:02:51,800

and then we have to

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00:02:51,800 --> 00:02:52,879

bring them to the biggest

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00:02:53,120 --> 00:02:56,120

possible audience we can because if we

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00:02:56,120 --> 00:02:57,159

don't listen to their

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00:02:57,159 --> 00:02:58,759

stories, if we don't learn

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00:02:59,360 --> 00:03:02,240

from the sacrifices that they made, we

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00:03:02,240 --> 00:03:03,479

are going to be doomed

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00:03:03,479 --> 00:03:05,960

to fall into the same trap

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00:03:06,080 --> 00:03:07,719

that they gave everything to get out of.

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00:03:08,520 --> 00:03:10,400

My name is Isaiah Smallman and I've

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00:03:10,400 --> 00:03:11,599

decided that no matter what

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00:03:11,599 --> 00:03:14,240

it cost me, I live for truth.

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00:03:15,000 --> 00:03:16,319

I'm going to stand up for what's right

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00:03:16,319 --> 00:03:17,879

and that's why I've partnered

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00:03:17,879 --> 00:03:19,240

with Angel Studios who brought

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00:03:19,240 --> 00:03:21,319

you the Sound of Freedom as well as Rod

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00:03:21,319 --> 00:03:22,080

Dreher who wrote the New

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00:03:22,080 --> 00:03:23,360

York Times bestselling books

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00:03:23,439 --> 00:03:25,280

The Benedict Option and the Not by Lies.

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00:03:26,240 --> 00:03:27,439

Together we're developing a new

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documentary series to

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bring these stories to life,

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to help people understand that Soviet

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totalitarianism was not

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brought down with tanks or rockets,

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00:03:38,360 --> 00:03:40,840

it was brought down by simple truth.

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People living in the

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00:03:43,520 --> 00:03:46,159

truth one day at a time.

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00:03:46,879 --> 00:03:49,439

Faithful people who we want to put on

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00:03:49,439 --> 00:03:51,800

camera so that all of us can

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00:03:51,800 --> 00:03:53,840

learn and be inspired by their

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00:03:53,840 --> 00:03:57,439

stories. Please join us and support the

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00:03:57,439 --> 00:03:59,159

project at angel.com/live

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00:03:59,159 --> 00:04:01,599

where you can find

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00:04:01,840 --> 00:04:03,719

lots of materials we've already begun

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00:04:03,719 --> 00:04:06,080

production and you can learn all about

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00:04:06,080 --> 00:04:06,680

what we're hoping to

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00:04:06,719 --> 00:04:09,240

do. This is the most important project

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00:04:09,240 --> 00:04:10,400

that I've ever worked on

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00:04:10,400 --> 00:04:12,199

hands down and it's the most

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00:04:12,199 --> 00:04:13,919

important project that you will ever be a

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00:04:13,919 --> 00:04:16,000

part of. So go to the

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00:04:16,000 --> 00:04:17,839

website learn more about what we're

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00:04:17,839 --> 00:04:20,439

doing and support the project. The fate

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00:04:20,439 --> 00:04:22,120

of the world is at stake.

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00:04:22,600 --> 00:04:23,879

We have no time to waste.

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00:04:24,680 --> 00:04:27,639

Join us at angel.com/live and

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00:04:27,639 --> 00:04:29,720

join the movement. Thanks for your time.

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00:04:36,000 --> 00:04:38,079

There's a war being waged and it's not

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00:04:38,079 --> 00:04:39,639

one political party versus another.

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It's not one nation versus another. This

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is a war for truth and the

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people who stood up against

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00:04:46,199 --> 00:04:48,680

and brought down Soviet totalitarianism

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00:04:48,680 --> 00:04:50,240

from the inside are looking

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00:04:50,240 --> 00:04:51,680

around at this war which is

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00:04:51,680 --> 00:04:53,959

being waged in the west and they're

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saying you're failing. You're losing to

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00:04:56,800 --> 00:04:59,120

lies. My name is Isaiah

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00:04:59,120 --> 00:05:01,279

Smallman. I'm a Christian and a filmmaker

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00:05:01,279 --> 00:05:02,680

and I'm the director of the

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new Angel Studios documentary

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series Live Not by Lies based on the New

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York Times bestselling

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book of the same name by Rod

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Dreher. If you haven't already please

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problems facing western

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civilization. The torch video is

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our vision for the important documentary

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series that we're creating.

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With the resounding support

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already raised nearly

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\$900,000, assembled an incredible team,

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00:05:32,199 --> 00:05:33,600

and commenced the first leg of production

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in Eastern Europe where

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we interviewed some of the

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most heroic people I've ever met in my

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00:05:37,879 --> 00:05:41,600

entire life. Our first stop

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00:05:41,600 --> 00:05:43,040

was Prague in the Czech Republic.

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It was in Prague that we talked to Kamila

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Bendova, a remarkable woman who along

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with her late husband

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refused to bend the knee to the godless

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00:05:50,920 --> 00:05:52,480

Soviet regime and paid a

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00:05:52,480 --> 00:05:53,839

dear price for their courage.

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It was by building and relying upon a

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tight-knit community of other

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courageous people that she was

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able to survive and even thrive while

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raising her six children during the years

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her husband spent in

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00:06:05,879 --> 00:06:08,759

a Soviet prison. In this very apartment

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00:06:08,759 --> 00:06:10,079

that Kamila still lives in

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00:06:10,079 --> 00:06:11,959

today, spraying forth the

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00:06:11,959 --> 00:06:13,519

resistance movement that eventually

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toppled the Soviet leadership in

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Czechoslovakia. The future

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president Václav Havel and many other

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top government

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officials, including this man,

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Alexander Vondra, met in this very

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00:06:23,959 --> 00:06:25,399

apartment while they plotted their

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resistance and made plans to

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rebuild a new and better government.

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After a powerful experience

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in Prague, we then traveled

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to Bratislava, Slovakia, where we talked

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to even more unsung heroes of the

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anti-communist resistance.

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We interviewed John Simocek, who took us

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to an underground bunker

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where he and other dissidents

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worked covertly to print and distribute

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contraband materials like Bibles and

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prayer books. We talked

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to Eugene Balovich, who was an important

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leader of the underground church in

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Slovakia and an organizer

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of the famous candle demonstration, and

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Gabriela Kirchmeri, whose brother

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Sylvester was in prison

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for 15 years in the 1950s but refused to

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give himself over to

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resentment and anger and instead

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devoted his life to the building of the

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underground church. We visited the river

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where Slovak citizens

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tragically lost their lives, attempting

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to cross the Iron Curtain

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for the freedom of the west.

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We talked to many inspiring people during

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our travels and the

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00:07:20,959 --> 00:07:21,920

trip was one of the most

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meaningful of our lives. We are so

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grateful for the

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financial support of our investors

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and the spiritual support of the people

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who prayed for us during our time abroad.

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But the work is not finished. The race is

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not yet won. The story is

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not yet told and we need your

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help to go back. We need to travel to

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Romania to learn about

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Ceausescu's child gulags. We need to

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travel to Hungary. We need to go to

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Poland. We need to be in the same room

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and walk the same streets

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with more of the people who risked

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everything for their faith and freedom

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against the tyranny of

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communism. Additionally, there are

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stories we need to capture here in the

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states. Ex-pats who moved

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here to flee communism, journalists and

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thought leaders who are

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working to stem the tide of

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totalitarianism here in the west. The war

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for truth has

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battlegrounds all over the planet and

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this is an important one of them. So

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please join us today. We need your

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support. Tell your friends,

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they're lost forever.

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raising her six children

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during the years her husband spent

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in a Soviet prison. In this very

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apartment that Kamila still lives in

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today, spraying forth the

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resistance movement that eventually

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toppled the Soviet leadership in

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Czechoslovakia, the future

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president Vaclav Havel and many other top

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government officials

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including this man, Alexander

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Von Dre met in this very apartment while

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they plotted their

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resistance and made plans to rebuild

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a new and better government. After a

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powerful experience in

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Prague, we then traveled to

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Bratislava, Slovakia where we talked to

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even more unsung heroes of the

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anti-communist resistance.

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We interviewed John Simocek who took us

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to an underground bunker

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where he and other dissidents

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worked covertly to print and distribute

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contraband materials like Bibles and

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prayer books. We talked

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to Eugene Balovich who is an important

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leader of the underground church in

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Slovakia and an organizer

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of the famous candle demonstration and

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Gabriela Kirchmeri whose brother

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Sylvester was in prison

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for 15 years in the 1950s but refused to

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give himself over to

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resentment and anger and instead

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devoted his life to the building of the

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underground church. We

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visited the river where Slovak

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citizens tragically lost their lives

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attempting to cross the iron curtain for

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the freedom of the West.

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We talked to many inspiring people during

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our travels and the trip

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was one of the most meaningful

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of our lives. We are so grateful for the

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financial support of

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our investors and the

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spiritual support of the people who

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prayed for us during our

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time abroad but the work is not

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finished. The race is not yet won. The

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story is not yet told and

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we need your help to go back.

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We need to travel to Romania to learn

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about Ceausescu's child

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gulags. We need to travel to

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Hungary. We need to go to Poland. We need

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to be in the same room and

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walk the same streets with

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more of the people who risked everything

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for their faith and

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freedom against the tyranny of

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communism. Additionally there are stories

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we need to capture here in

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the states expats who moved

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00:11:57,559 --> 00:11:59,720

here to flee communism, journalists and

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thought leaders who are

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working to stem the tide of

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totalitarianism here in the West. The war

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for truth has

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00:12:05,399 --> 00:12:06,879

battlegrounds all over the planet

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and this is an important one of them so

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please join us today. We

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need your support. Tell your

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friends sign up and support the project

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so that we can continue to

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tell these incredible stories

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before they're lost

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forever. Thank you for your time.