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Stories of Faith from WWII: Beryl's Story

Beryl's story is one of four real-life stories that will feature in our upcoming WWII Commemorative Gospel of John.

Beryl Yorke was eleven when World War II broke out. During a bombing raid, she lost her most precious possession – a Bible. She prayed to be reunited with it, and eighteen months later, a workman found it and returned it to her. Now 91, Beryl reflects on the lifelong impact of this answered prayer.

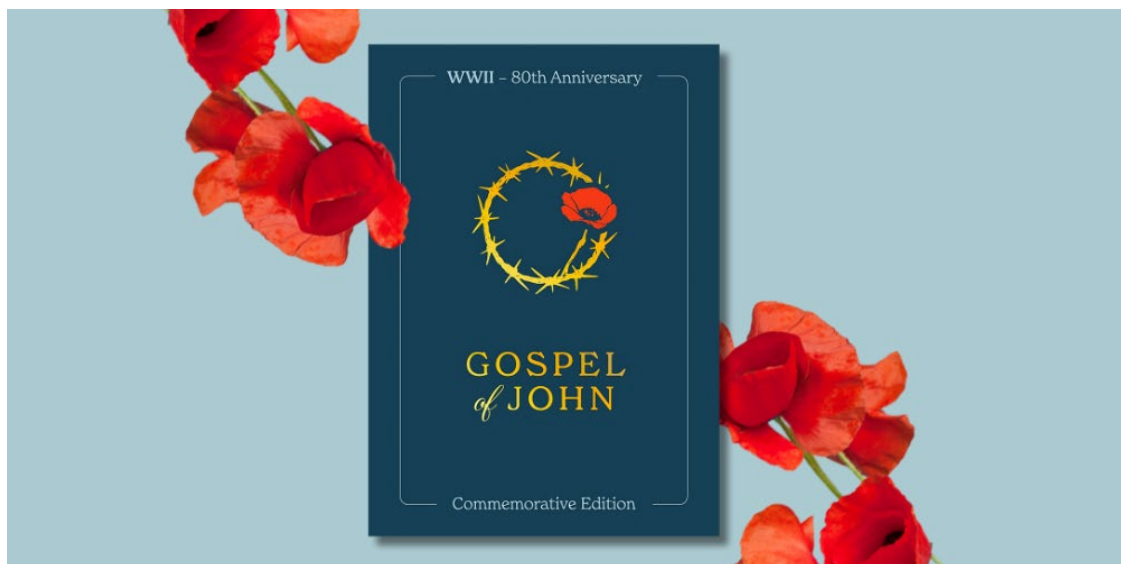
I grew up in London in a large family with few material belongings, but there was one item I treasured above all else: a Bible I received in primary school. At bedtime, my mother would occasionally read from it to us. We attended church regularly, and I spent a lot of time at the Girl's Brigade, which I loved.

When World War II was declared, I happened to be staying with my sisters at a Christian convalescence home in Bournemouth, recovering from a significant illness. What was meant to be a two-week stay turned into a four-and-a-half-year residence. The war prompted the mass evacuation of children from London to protect us from the bombings, and we remained in Bournemouth.

The only possessions I had brought with me were a few clothes and my treasured black, soft-leather Bible.

Then, one weekend, there was a bombing raid on the south coast, and the school I was attending was hit. Fortunately, no one in the school was hurt, but everything was destroyed and my Bible was lost in the ruins.

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During World War II, British soldiers were given a Bible or Gospel to carry into battle. Many of these Bibles included a message from King George VI, encouraging them to turn to God for strength and guidance in difficult times.

Hope Together and Biblica will soon release a commemorative edition of John's Gospel, inviting us to share this same message with others today, as

we celebrate the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in 2025.

Available in March 2025.

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Upcoming Events

Talking Toddlers Webinar: All Things Easter

Thursday 6 March 2025, 10.00-11.30am

Join us as we discuss and share creative ideas on how to nurture the faith development of under 5s during the Easter season.

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Perspective Conversations: Pioneering for Everyone

Saturday 15 March, 10.00-11.30am

Join us for our next inspiring online event where we'll hear stories from those who've launched pioneering initiatives in their communities. John McGinley will also share how the pioneering movement is spreading across the UK and how you can get involved.

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