

Scene in the clinic after the siege ended

INT. CLINIC WHERE SICK ARE CARED FOR - DAY

Martin brings food to the injured, and with his sisters helping, they distribute it. Stefan sits beside Paulus, who's resting. Martin hands his father a loaf of bread.

MARTIN

"Here you go, Father."

STEFAN

"Oh, Lord Jesus, we thank you for this bread."

He takes a pinch of bread and puts it in Paulus' mouth. Paulus grunts with pleasure, and smiles. Helda approaches her husband, her face drawn and pale. Her eyes well with tears. She bursts into tears and wraps her arms around him.

HELDA

"I'm so sorry, Stefan."

Martin places a hand on her shoulder as Stefan caresses her hair.

MARTIN

"What is it, Mother?"

HELDA

"I have been such a thorn in your father's side. Forgive me, Stefan."

STEFAN

"Oh, I do, my love."

He kisses her, and she embraces him again. They hear troops marching past the clinic. Helda sees Paulus' eyes open.

HELDA

"How are you, Paulus?"

She goes to his side. Stefan and Martin go to the door to observe Maurice's army marching through the city streets, their banners unfurled.

STEFAN

"Does Maurice really have our best interests at heart now?"

MARTIN

"I believe so."

STEFAN

(taking a bite of bread)  
"I just worry that it's like all princely business. Bread today, lies tomorrow."

MARTIN  
"I can't tell the future."

Meckelburg's horse passes, followed by his men. Stefan and Meckelburg make eye contact.

STEFAN  
"I can. It's the pattern in Scripture, son, and throughout history. If the people trust in Christ and obey Him, we will be free. But if salt loses its savor and the people turn to idols, tyranny is inevitable."

MARTIN  
(sighing)  
"At least the fight's over."

STEFAN  
(looking into Martin's eyes)  
"The fight for freedom is never over."

As the soldiers march past the clinic, we hear Martin's voiceover.

V.O. I'll never forget my father's words that day - every generation must fight for freedom. If we fail, tyranny and judgment may sweep posterity away to hundreds of years of captivity and darkness. Even so, God's eyes roam to and fro throughout the whole earth, looking to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose hearts are perfect toward Him.

SUPER: "In August of 1552, just nine months after the siege of Magdeburg came to an end, Charles the Fifth granted religious liberty throughout the Empire."

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