

eventually decided to put the three men to death and led them out of their cells to be executed. "Your father said: 'I would ask you one favour – please allow me to pray before you shoot me.'"

The men told Sarah that the officers agreed. Her father knelt, lifted his face toward heaven, and began to pray. As he laid his life before God, something happened that none of the soldiers expected. Before the execution could continue, the Lord took him home. His peaceful passing – right there

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before their eyes – filled the officers with such fear that they were unable to continue with the executions of the other two men.

"Your father laid down his life and saved ours," the visitors told her. "But what amazed us the most was the way he prayed, trusting his God to the very end. The officers returned us to prison and reported to their commanders all that had happened."

Within the walls of that Siberian prison, Sarah's father continued to guide those around him into a living faith in God. His courage, obedience and faithfulness became a lasting testimony – reaching fellow prisoners, Communist guards, and finally the daughter who had waited so many years for answers.

Reading Between the Lines

Sorting Verb Tenses

Sort each of the verbs/verb phrases into the correct categories below: **past**, **present** or **future**.

disappeared	arrived	will tell
will return	pray	wonders

Past	Present	Future
<u>disappeared</u>	<u>pray</u>	<u>will return</u>
<u>arrived</u>	<u>wonders</u>	<u>will tell</u>

Using Conjunctions

Combine each pair of sentences using one of the following conjunctions: **and**, **but**, **or**, **so**, **for**, **yet**, or **because**.

1. Sarah was only 16 years old. She cared for all her siblings.
2. The officers feared what they saw. They could not continue the executions.

