

Ch. 1 Companion Book: Quote as a Literary Lens

What if you was Jewish, and you were treated badly? "Hope begins in the dark, the stubborn hope that if you just show up and try to do the right thing, the dawn will come. You wait and watch and work: You don't give up (Anne Lamott)."

This quote means doesn't means how stubborn you are, and how you lost people don't ever give up. In this story Prisoner B-3087, Yanek has faced many soldiers, were they bruised him, but he never gave up. He held back tears, and fought back. Yanek was Jewish, and he was treated carelessly, about being Jewish.

During the book Prisoner B-3087, Yanek he never gave up on the death marches to concentration camps, and the starvations, also during the death marches, it was cold, in Yanek had to keep up or he'll die. At one point, "I closed my eyes, half-walking and half-sleeping, listening always for the crack of the guns at my heels, to know when to pick up my pace (Gratz, 2013, pg. 171)". This quote explains that Yanek was weak, and tired. Without Yanek hope, and strength, Yanek would never survived, or he wouldn't be a strong working man he is now.

Also in this story Prisoner B-3087, Yanek is Jewish, and he gets judged for being a Jew. Yanek has a good personality, he is tough, during the camps, he has to try not to have feelings for the other prisoners, Yanek sometimes is scared, but he

doesn't really show that he is scared. Yanek is facing a lot of things such as, his family taken away, and he got taken away to several camps. Yanek during the camps he barely ate, Yanek had several long death marches, were they were weak to barely keep up, but Yanek kept going, and on his way to one of the camps a boy was very weak to walk, In one point of the book "He wasn't really heavy-none of us were anymore- but I was already so weak and tired from the march and from eating bread sparingly that I barely had the strength to carry myself. Within just few meters I stumbled the weight of just him but I didn't let go (Gratz, 2013, pg. 175)". This quote explains how Yanek was very tough to keep up the pace, trying hard not to fall or he'll get killed. And even though he wasn't supposed show care, he did what was right, so therefore you do something good, good is coming your way.

To sum up, Anne Lamott's quote summarized that Yanek stayed strong throughout the whole process of ten concentration camps, and he never gave up. Yanek was Jewish, and he was treated badly by Nazis, and Germans. At last Yanek was very happy for little things he received. By reading the novel Prisoner B-3087, I've learned to never give up and to keep going. Because if I were in Yanek perspective I would've of probably given up. But now that I read and finished the novel I feel like if he can survive all 10 camps than if I really wanted to, I can push myself to go farther and do more.