

ISIS Captured a Yazidi Daughter, Demanding Funds for Her Freedom

He leaned against the wall of the cinder block shelter, exhausted by tragedy, as he sipped boiling hot tea through his thick mustache. He wore a red and white checkered head wrap and had deep wrinkles in his face from years in the hot Iraqi sun. There was an inconsolable look in his eyes, as if he had seen a thousand deaths ... and he had.

Only six months earlier, ISIS troops invaded his home in Sinjar, the central location of his people—the Yazidi. Fueled by an obsession to make radical converts of Islam and a belief that Yazidis were “devil-worshipping infidels,” the ISIS militants had forced thousands of Yazidi women and girls into sexual slavery and killed more than 5,000 others.

The Yazidi man was now living in a makeshift refugee camp with 16 other grief-stricken families who had all lost loved ones in the hellish invasion by ISIS.

As our team of Americans unloaded crates of tomatoes in the camp, the man motioned for us to come into his unfinished living quarters to drink tea. His eyes pleaded as he began to speak.

“Fifteen of the girls from my tribe have been captured by ISIS and were forced to become ISIS wives. We’ve heard nothing from 14 of the girls, but we have heard from one. We know where she is, and ... she is my daughter.”

The desperation in the room was thick and tangible. Our team could barely breathe, but the Yazidi man continued ...

“The terrorists have allowed her to call me. They’ve taken her

to Syria, but they say they will sell her back to me for \$12,000 U.S. dollars.”

With these words, he looked into the eyes of our team one by one, pleading for us to do something. The cold room fell silent. Immediately, minds raced with thoughts of how to acquire money to buy this Yazidi daughter back, but the brainstorming came to an abrupt halt when a British man in the room chimed in. With a firm but respectful tone, he addressed the group saying, “American and British policy says that we cannot negotiate with these terrorists. If we pay the money for this one life, ISIS will use it to buy more weapons and kill many more lives!”

To hear the rest of this story and discover the one thing God required us to do in this dire situation, listen to Episode 4 of the *Podcast* on Charisma Podcast Network now.

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