Diary of Anne Frank - July 5, 1942



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Questions 2 Ponder

What Happens When Bad News Gets Worse?

Already living under Nazi-imposed restrictions on her Jewish family, Anne Frank takes a walk with her Father who gives her some bad news. Almost impossible to believe, Anne learns that she must leave her home. The Frank family has to go into hiding.

Frightened, the thirteen-year-old Anne doesn't understand what this will mean. Then ... the doorbell rings, and the bad news gets worse. Anne's Father must speed-up his hiding plans in order to protect his family from ever-worsening Nazi restrictions.

What would it be like to be told that you had to leave your home and go into hiding for an undetermined amount of time?

Imagine living in a hiding place with no ability to come and go as you pleased, and no ability to even venture outside for some fresh air. Describe what that situation would do to your psychological well-being. Do you think that the impact of such a life-changing event would be harder on children than on adults? Explain your answer.