

# RESTORATION

## *& The Power of Prayer*



A man with a beard and long hair, wearing a white shawl over a light-colored tunic, stands in a forest. He is looking back over his right shoulder towards the viewer. The forest floor is covered in fallen leaves, and a path of light leads through the trees. A large rock is visible on the right side of the path.

“Come follow Me”



# The Belt of Truth



# TRUTH ABOUT THE "TRUTH"



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REV. RICHARD WURMBRAND

Many people called him the "Voice of the Underground Church" and others referred to him as the "Iron Curtain St. Paul." This humble man who began the ministry of The Voice of the Martyrs was the Rev. Richard Wurmbbrand. Richard's life was a partnership with the equally amazing Sabina.



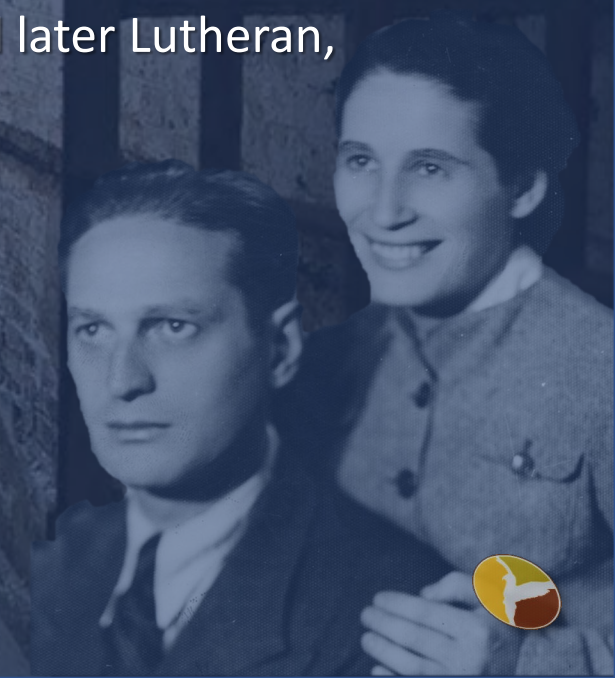
Rev. Richard Wurmbbrand (March 24, 1909- Feb. 17, 2001)  
Sabina Wurmbbrand (July 10, 1913 - August 11, 2000)  
Michael Wurmbbrand (January 7, 1939 - )



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Richard Wurmbrand was born the youngest of four boys in a Jewish family on March 24, 1909, in Bucharest, Romania. Gifted intellectually and fluent in nine languages, Richard was active in politics and worked as a stockbroker. On Oct. 26, 1936, Richard married Sabina Oster, who was also Jewish.


They placed their faith in Jesus Christ in 1938 as a result of the influence of a German carpenter named Christian Wölfkes. Richard was ordained as an Anglican, and later Lutheran, minister.



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During World War II, Richard and Sabina saw opportunities for evangelism among the occupying German forces. They preached in bomb shelters and rescued Jewish children out of the ghettos. Richard and Sabina were repeatedly arrested and beaten and, at least once, nearly executed. Sabina lost her Jewish family in Nazi concentration camps.

In 1945, Romanian Communists seized power and a million Russian troops poured into the country. Pastor Wurmbbrand ministered to his oppressed countrymen while engaging in bold evangelism to the Russian soldiers.





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That same year, Richard and Sabina Wurmbbrand attended the Congress of Cults organized by the Romanian Communist government. Many religious leaders came forward to praise Communism and to swear loyalty to the new regime. Sabina said, "Richard, stand up and wash away this shame from the face of Christ." Richard warned, "If I do so, you'll lose your husband."



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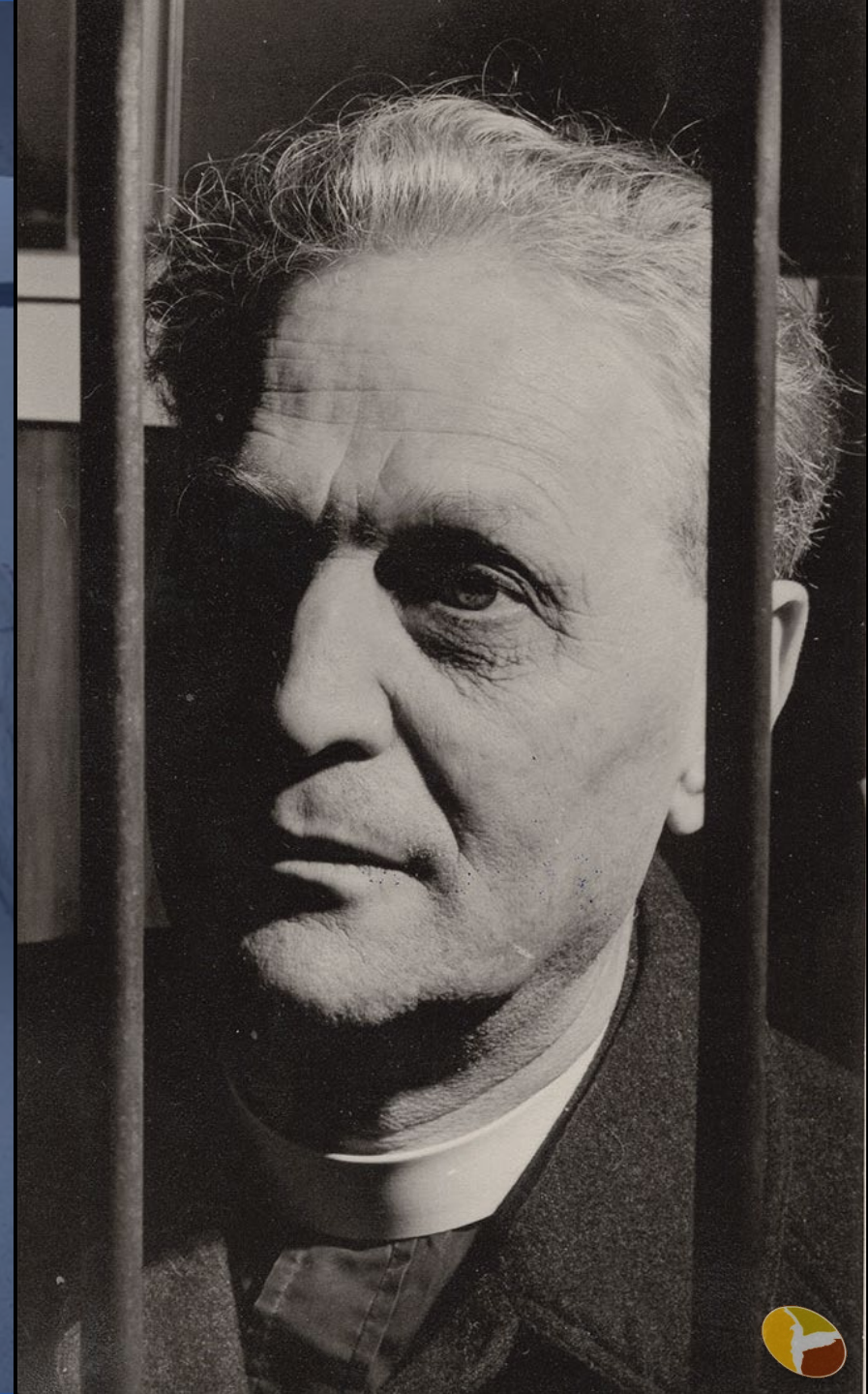
"I don't wish to have a coward as a husband," she replied. Thus Richard declared to the 4,000 delegates, whose speeches were broadcast to the whole nation, that their duty is to glorify God and Christ alone.

Between 1945 and 1947, Richard distributed 1 million Gospels to Russian troops, often disguising the books as Communist propaganda. Richard also helped arrange the smuggling of Gospels into Russia.



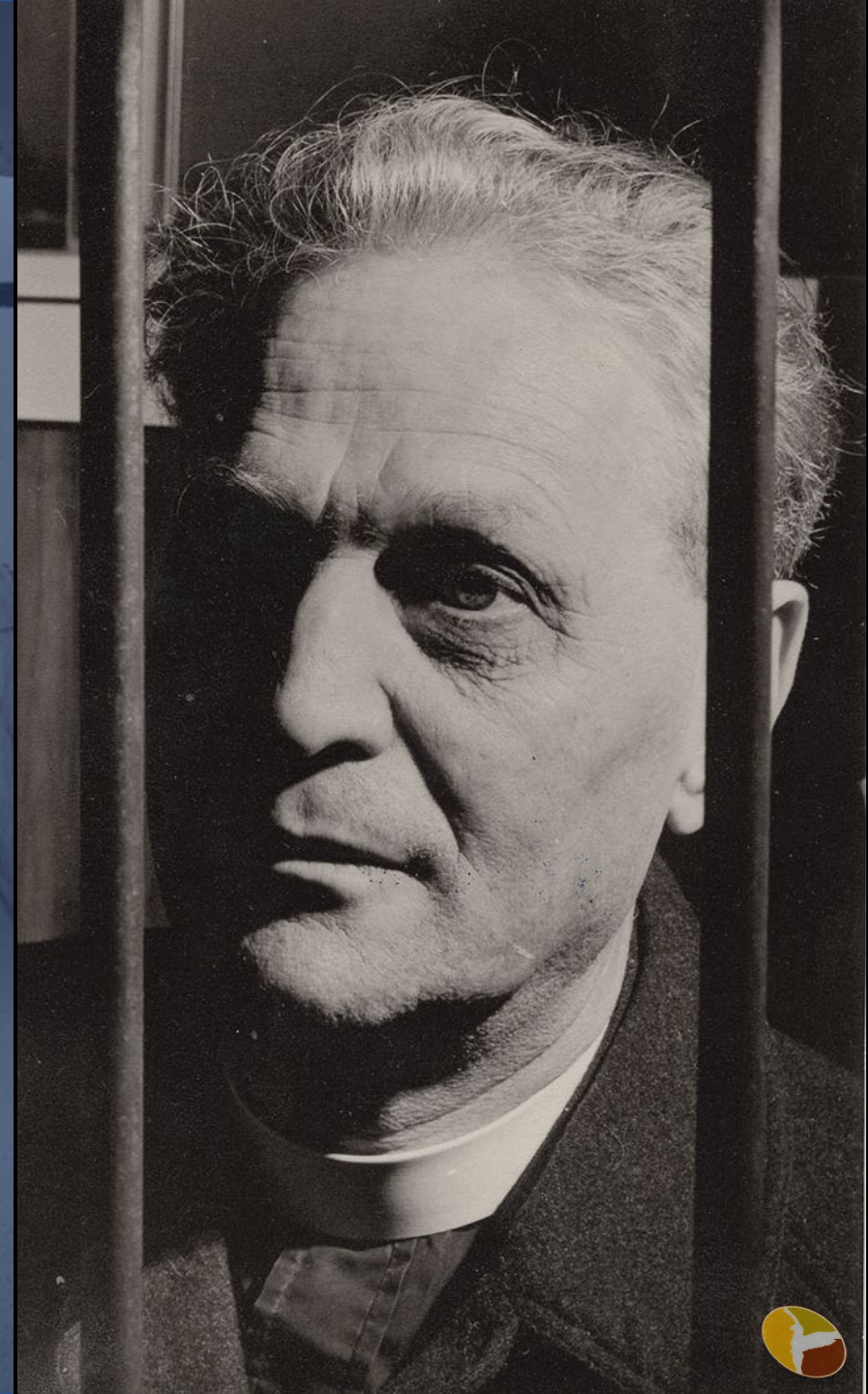
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On Feb. 29, 1948, the secret police kidnapped Richard as he traveled to church and took him to their headquarters. He was locked in a solitary cell and labeled "Prisoner Number 1."



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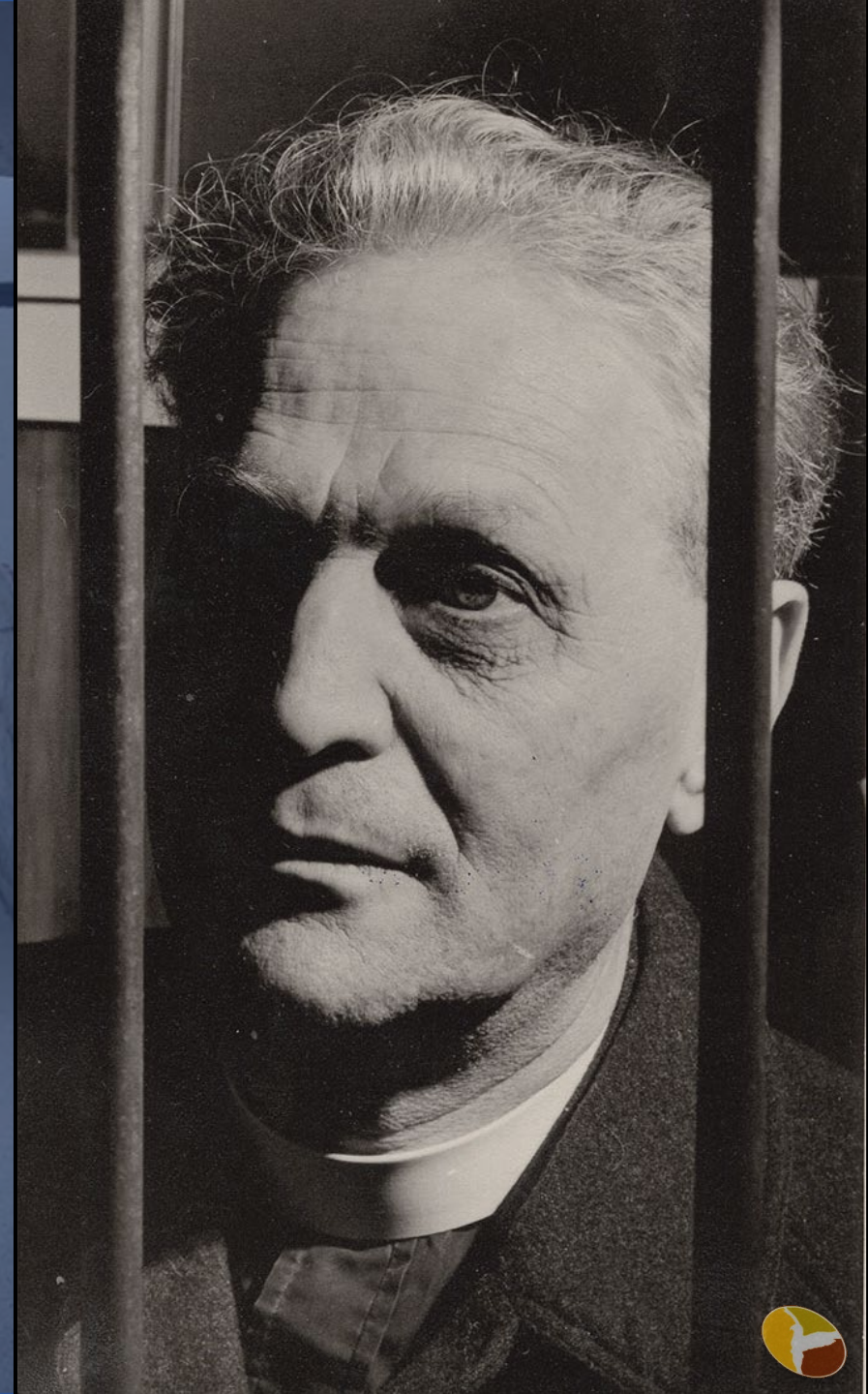
In 1950, his wife, Sabina, was also imprisoned. She was forced to serve as a laborer on the Danube Canal project, leaving their 9-year-old son, Mihai, alone and homeless. He was then taken in by Christian friends, who risked imprisonment to care for the child of a political prisoner.



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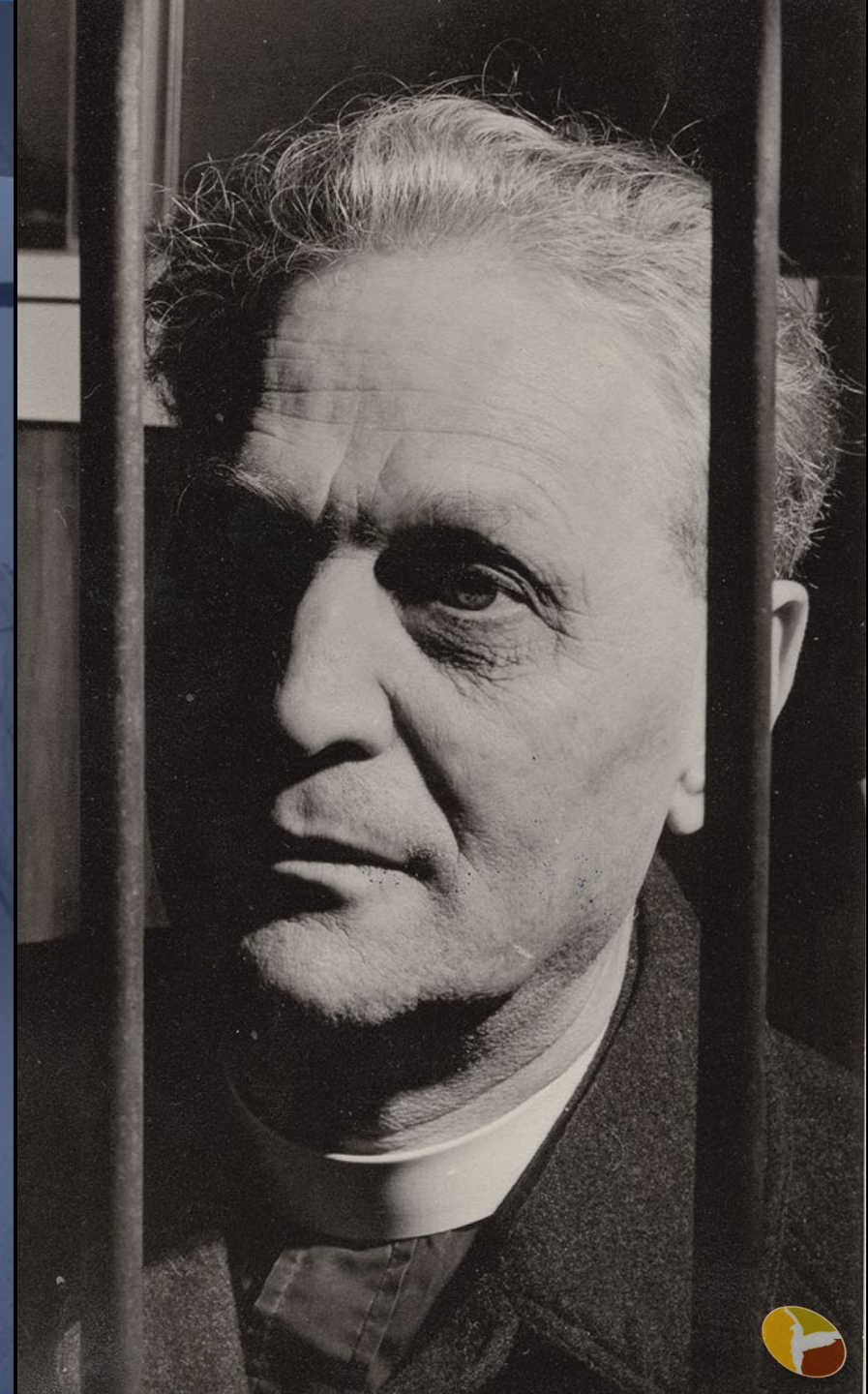
A Christian doctor masquerading as a Communist Party member discovered Richard alive in prison. In a general amnesty, Richard was released in 1956 after serving eight-and-a-half years in prison. He was warned never to preach again.

While in prison, he went through horrific tortures at the hands of the brutal secret police. Despite the treatments and the warnings he received from his persecutors, Richard resumed his work with the "underground" churches after his release.



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He was re-arrested in 1959 through the conspiracy of an associate and sentenced to 25 years. He was accused of preaching ideas contrary to Communist doctrine. Due to increased political pressure from Western countries, Richard was granted another amnesty and released in 1964.



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In December 1965, the Norwegian Mission to the Jews and the Hebrew Christian Alliance paid a \$10,000 ransom to the communist party to allow the Wurmbrand family to leave Romania. Reluctant to leave his homeland, Richard was convinced by other underground church leaders to leave and become a “voice” to the world for the underground church. Richard, Sabina, and their son, Mihai, left Romania for Norway and then traveled on to England.



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Richard began his ministry of being a voice for persecuted Christians in the West, where he also wrote his testimony of persecution, *Tortured for Christ*.

Later, Richard moved to the United States, and in 1967 the Wurmbrands officially began a ministry committed to serving our persecuted Christian family called Jesus to the Communist World (later renamed The Voice of the Martyrs). This work continues today in more than 60 countries where Christians are persecuted.





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He said of the Christian world outside when he escaped (much to his disappointment):



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*“God is ‘the Truth.’ The Bible is the ‘truth about the Truth.’ Theology is the ‘truth about the truth about the Truth.’ Christian people live in these many truths about the Truth, and because of them, have not ‘the Truth.’ Hungry, beaten, and drugged, we had forgotten theology and the Bible. **We had forgotten the ‘truth about the Truth,’ therefore we lived in ‘the Truth.’**”*



**TRUTH**

**GOD**

truth

**The Bible**

truth

**Theology**



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# “Tortured for Christ”

Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand  
Voice of the Martyrs, Inc.

Book released 1967  
Movie released 2018



# “Solitary Prayer”

Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand  
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# “Sabina, Tortured for Christ”

Richard and Sabina Wurmbrand  
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*Jesus is the Way, the Truth,  
and the Life!*



Keep fighting the “Good Fight”  
of faith in Jesus Christ  
one-day-at-a-time!







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