Whether it was morally correct for a Christian to disobey civil authorities and hide Jews fleeing from the Nazis is still a hotly debated question in Christian circles today.

Some commentators teach that in such a situation it is completely legitimate from a biblical perspective. An advocate of this position provides one of the most daring means. He suggested that you should always hide things in plain view. For example, if the Nazi SS come to your home, have both you and your fugitive answer the door together.

Other commentators insist that agreeing with the Jew to lie for him would be of no value, since you have just confessed to be a liar and unworthy of trust.

They also rightly point out that affliction is often the means God uses to drive the sinner to seek the Saviour. In this case, a concentration camp would have a more lasting benefit than the salvation of your home.

But let us look for a moment at what the Bible has to say on the matter. According to Jesus' own words, the right thing to do is not to provide a good hiding place or a clever escape plan, but to decide the very instant trouble comes knocking.