Night

# Notes, Chapter 8

* At Buchenwald, Elie & his father go to take hot showers, but it is too crowded & Schlomo wants to lie down in the snow.
  + Elie won’t allow him to, too many are already dead from resting in the snow.
* They are sent to barracks to sleep; Elie wakes up and realizes he’s lost his father.
  + \*For a moment, he wishes his father would die, so he wouldn’t have to care for him.\*
    - For this, he feels awful & ashamed.
  + Elie finds Schlomo at the block with coffee; he has a fever & is calling out Elie’s name
* Elie takes care of his father for a few days, but he is dying of dysentery.
  + He takes him to the doctor, but he is a surgeon, so he sends him away.
* Bunkmates continuously hit his father because of his moaning & mess. Elie bribes them to stop, and they laugh him away.
* The Block leader tells Elie to stop caring for Schlomo “every man for himself”
  + Elie feels extreme guilt, because he considers it
* Schlomo moans for water & the SS beats him.
* Elie stays awake with his father for a while, but eventually ignores his calling out, calling for Eliezer, and he goes to sleep.
  + Next morning, his body is gone. Elie thinks “I hope he wasn’t taken to the crematorium before he stopped breathing.”
* Elie can’t cry. And if he could come up with a feeling, it would probably be “free at last.”

# Notes, Chapter 9

* Eliezer is at Buchenwald for a 3 more months, until April 11th. Eliezer says that during those months after his father died, nothing mattered to him.
* The Allies are approaching and it seems like the Germans will fulfill their promise to "liquidate" the world of Jews.
* The SS officers begin to evacuate the camp and start moving thousands of prisoners out each day. After all prisoners are removed, the camp will be blown up.
* But Eliezer and others in the camp are lucky. An underground resistance movement in the camp acts and gains control.
* At 6:00 that evening, American tanks are at the door of Buchenwald.
* The first thing everybody does as free men is stuff themselves with food.
* Eliezer gets food poisoning and spends a couple of weeks recovering in the hospital, hovering between life and death.
* When he is better, Eliezer looks at himself in the mirror. He sees a corpse.
* That vision of himself has stayed with him forever.