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### Books Matter: Dillon Meek

“To quote my daughter’s favorite movie, Frozen 2, ‘do the next right thing.’”

Dillon Meek, a local lawyer and volunteer city council member, first read *The Hiding Place* in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and then reread it about two years ago.

“It’s a true story which I think makes it all the more compelling, but it reads like a fiction-adventure book about a family who chooses to do the right thing in the midst of really negative consequences,” Meek said.

*The Hiding Place* is an autobiography written by Corrie Ten Boom about how her and her family hid Jews in their watch shop in Poland during the height of Nazi power. This dangerous endeavor saved the lives of countless Jews, but resulted in the arrest and ultimately, the imprisonment of Corrie’s whole family. Once in the concentration camp, Corrie and her family were able to continue their ministry by showing love and kindness of Christ to those around them.

“They weren’t looking to be these great figures of social justice,” Meek said. “But the war and the Holocaust happened around them and they just responded as they believed they were required to. I think they did so lovingly and with dignity to the people around them. Obviously unafraid of the consequences to themselves and I think ultimately carrying love completely, which I think is profound too.”

Meek also believes that this story of hope and doing the right thing can continue to inspire people today as it shows how normal everyday people can choose to have a positive impact on the world around them. This is also a story of sacrifice and Meek said that this story

encourages the people of Waco to ask the question of how they can have a positive impact in their world where might be injustice around them.

“In Waco, for me specifically, there is generational poverty and I there are solutions to resolving that,” Meek said. “My heart and my hope is that we can bring creative and innovative changes to our system to break generational poverty. That’s very different than responding to Nazis but it’s recognizing that there’s change, there’s positive impact in my world and so as an ordinary person, what can I do?”