Chapter TEN

‘I will be faithful to the purposes for which God raised up The Salvation Army, sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, endeavouring to win others to him and in his name caring for the needy and the disadvantaged.’

The story of Jesus Christ is good news.

To keep it to ourselves would not make sense.
As reconciled and transformed people, we have a story to tell. A message of reconciliation and transformation. A message that has the power to change the lives of individuals. To bring new life and purpose to communities. To influence the public life of cities and nations. A message of salvation.

We’re all called to share the truth, the good news of Jesus Christ, with those God allows our lives to intersect with.

The way we share the gospel will look different. We are different people with different gifts. Our lives are different. The contexts in which we live are different. But the truth remains the same.

Whether evangelism is a gift we hold or is something we find a little uncomfortable, we all have good news to share. And a responsibility to share it. To be able to explain what we believe and why we believe it. To live in a way that makes it evident we are a follower of Jesus.

Loving God requires that we love others. Throughout the Bible, the people of God had been commanded to care for people, particularly for those on the margins of society or excluded from it. This is seen in the Old Testament law, the teaching and healing ministry of Jesus and the practices of the Early Church.

We are called to follow this example. To offer everyone respect, dignity and hope as people who are created in the image of God, loved by him and offered salvation through Jesus Christ.

We are an Army of salvation in a world that so desperately needs Jesus.

We all have a story of God’s faithfulness that no one else can tell. Let us echo the goodness of God to those we know and love, and to those we don’t, believing that lives will be transformed.
Writing in 'The Salvationist' in 1879, cofounder William Booth summed up the purpose of The Salvation Army like this:

"We are a salvation people - this is our speciality - getting saved and keeping saved, and then getting somebody else saved, and then getting saved ourselves more and more until full salvation on earth makes the heaven within, which is finally perfected by the full salvation without, on the other side of the river."

We are a salvation people. We are saved from sin and it’s consequences.

 Salvation is not earned.

It’s a gift from God and it’s a gift for everyone.

Who can you share your experience of Jesus with today?
Take courage.

God is at work.

He is actively going about his business of drawing people to himself.

He hasn’t given up and neither should we.

Through your words and your actions, allow God to use you to break down barriers and build bridges to him.

This doesn’t have to be hard. See people, get to know people, love people, live with integrity, be intentional, pay attention, look for every opportunity to point others to God.

What a responsibility and what a privilege!
There is power in your story.

There is nothing truer or more authentic than your experience of God at work in your life.

You may feel like your story is lacking a dramatic moment of transformation or you may not be able to identify the moment you gave your life to Jesus at all.

But here’s a truth: you still have a transformation story to tell. You are still living a changed life because you are living in God’s grace. You have a story of God’s faithfulness that no one else can tell and it’s yours to share.

God shows up for each of us, every single day.

Let us tell those stories to those we know and love, trusted voices echoing the goodness of God.

We want to hear your story - take a few minutes to share your testimony, your experience of life with God.
💬 Share your story with us - https://sar.my/calledfocus or follow the link in our bio