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**IN HIM WE HAVE REDEMPTION
HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS
OF SINS, IN ACCORDANCE
WITH THE RICHES OF
GOD'S GRACE**

Ephesians 1:7



"I HAVE SEEN THE LORD"

Major Evama Shaijraj, Editor

"Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. You can nail it to a cross, wrap it in winding sheets and shut it up in a tomb, but it will rise" – Clarence W. Hall.



Mary's words *"I have seen my Lord"* literally shocked not only the disciples but the whole Judea and the entire Roman empire. It's doubtful whether there has been another woman's voice that has so stunned the world. Throughout the Bible we see many women who not only faithfully followed Jesus Christ but stood by Him even unto the brutal death. They stood as symbols of unwavering faith and fearlessness in the face of death of their beloved Master.

Mary Magdalene is one among them from whom the Lord had cast seven demons. Really, she was a person of high calibre and also extremely happy and grateful to the Lord for healing her. The Bible tells that on *'first day of the week'* Mary and other women came to the tomb. *'When was the sabbath day changed?'* We hear this question very often by the people who observe Saturday as the day of rest and worship. It was changed when Christ arose from the dead. The Gospel writers emphasize that it was the first day of the week when Jesus arose from the dead. Jesus was dead during the sabbath day; He became alive on Sunday. From that time on, believers have been gathering together on the first day of the week. Pentecost also occurred on Sunday, the first day of the week!

At this point, we cannot forget Mary, mother of Jesus, who was informed by the angel even before the birth of Jesus that 'a sword will pass through your soul' kept that truth in her heart and stood courageously beside that cross with tears and prayers for her son. Worth remembering is the courage of Pilate's wife, who gave her husband a timely message 'not to interfere with the righteous man' despite the thought of losing their authority. It is very amazing that the women who witnessed and faithfully followed Christ in his ministry, crucifixion and burial were also able to witness his resurrection!

Even though Mary and other women went to the tomb, they had no hope to receive the Risen Jesus. His beloved disciples, John and Peter also had no expectation to find Jesus alive when they rushed to the tomb. But the joy that Mary and the disciples filled when the risen Lord appeared to them was indescribable! – They exulted *"He is not Here...He is Risen!"*

"Let the resurrection joy lift us from loneliness and weakness and despair to strength and beauty and happiness" – Floyd Tomkins.

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THE FINAL WORD AT EASTER

Several of the main characters in the crucifixion and resurrection story of Jesus did not agree about much of anything, but they did agree about this: the story of Jesus was over.

Pontius Pilate believed he was the final word on all things that happened in his region. It was a troubled part of the Roman world but, despite the challenging situation, Pilate was accustomed to having unquestioned authority. If he decided an innocent man needed to die to keep the peace, so be it. He handed Jesus over to be crucified, and the oft-practised theatre of killing on a cross was performed on his orders. Later, after hearing of Jesus' death, Pilate issued his final instructions to the religious leaders. 'Take a guard,' Pilate answered. 'Go, make the tomb as secure as you know how' (Matthew 27:65). There was essentially a triple lock on Jesus' tomb: a large stone was rolled in front, an official seal served as a powerful warning and armed guards watched to ensure that no one interfered. Pilate was certain that he was the final authority on the story of Jesus.

Mary, mother of Jesus, understood the anguish of seeing a loved one suffer. She watched as opposition to Jesus grew, and she would have worried day after day that something terrible would happen. Eventually, the powerful enemies of Jesus moved against him. Following his arrest, rumours probably circulated about the beatings, the torture and the humiliation he was enduring. She would have felt so helpless, so broken to know that her son was experiencing such pain. Mary would have given her own life to save his, but that was not possible. The best his mother could do was to stand close by until the bitter end, not wanting him to face those final painful moments alone. She was there, near the Cross, as Jesus took his last breath (John 19:25). Filled with despair, Mary was certain that his excruciating death was the final

chapter of the story of Jesus.

Peter knew his ministry was over and, in truth, he knew it deserved to be. After all, he had denied Jesus, not once, not twice, but three times. Right when Jesus needed him the most, he had failed miserably. After the cock crowed, and Peter remembered Jesus' words – that before the cock crows, Peter would disown Jesus three times – he bowed his head in defeat and wept bitterly (Matthew 26:75). Peter had never known utter despair like this. Despite promising his friend and rabbi that even if others denied him, he never would, it had taken only a persistent servant girl to make him unravel and fall apart. In denying Jesus, Peter had lost the ministry that had become his life and joy over the past three years. With his friend's public death on the Cross, combined with his own repeated denial of being one of his disciples, Peter believed his part in the story of Jesus was now over.

But the story of Jesus was not over. They each forgot one very important thing: God always has the final word.

On that first Easter morning, when everyone assumed that the whole story of Jesus had already been written, the heavenly father wrote the most powerful chapter yet. The large stone was rolled away, the seal was broken and the guards were overcome with fear (Matthew 28:2-4). This all demonstrated that no people or power on earth can prevent God from having the final word. Jesus was risen, alive again, and because of that powerful truth,

everything had changed. Pilate and the circumstances he dictated did not have final authority over God's Son or his followers. Mary was able to see her son's death not as the end, but as part of the continuing story of God's compelling grace for humankind. And in the days that followed, Peter discovered that his post-denial ministry would be even greater than he dared hope or imagine (John 21:15-19).

Perhaps you are facing challenging situations in your life right now. Be assured of this: God will have the final word, and no enemy or circumstance can stand against the word of our Almighty God.


Perhaps someone you love is suffering deeply, and you feel inadequate to relieve their pain or heal their hurt. Remember, God will have the final word, and that word will be filled with grace, and hope, and ultimate victory.

Perhaps, like Peter, you no longer feel worthy to be used by God. Possibly at one time you abandoned him and are convinced he has now abandoned you. Be certain of this: God will have the final word, and it will be a powerful word of restoration and renewal. And who knows? Perhaps, like Peter, you will discover your most impactful ministry is yet to come.

My prayer for you, and for the whole of The Salvation Army, is that this Easter will proclaim anew that the story of Jesus is not over, and that God always has the final, victorious word. It will be a triumphant word that reminds us that God is greater than any foe that stands against him.

It will be a powerful word of grace and hope for the broken-hearted and hurting. And it will be a restorative word, reminding us that no sin is greater than his redeeming grace.

God will have the final word, and it will be a word of victory!

Happy Easter, and God bless you. 

The Cross of Jesus and Me...



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The very first job that I had to do on my return to India as I retire from active service of officership, is to help my grandchildren in their studies. I enjoy doing so, for it helps me to understand them better. Shanaya attends Catharism class in her School. She is preparing her test paper on religion. Beside other questions, she could be asked on 'Stations of the cross' (according to the Roman Catholic Teaching). While I was helping her, I realised why she thinks that the 14 stations would be surely one of the questions she will be asked, because the Christian around the world are observing forty days of lent.

The events around Jesus' death on the cross is the central of the fasting and prayers in church congregations, which are not only observed in RC church but many churches. In many of the Salvation Army Corps, special bible studies, fellowships and various activities take place during lent leading to Good Friday and celebration of Jesus resurrection on Easter Sunday.

In many of the Salvation Army Corps, there is tradition to have three hours worship and meditate seven saying of Jesus on the cross. In the lives of those, who truly encounter the resurrected Christ in their lives, the cross remains centre of their witness, its importance is beyond any Christian traditions, for it becomes their lives. If such is person you are, then you would also relate yourself with me to the Cross of Jesus in everyday life, living witnesses of how God has loved us in Jesus Christ our Savior.

The Cross of Jesus for me is God's fulfilled promise of his everlasting Love for me. At the very moment, we know and experience this truth and confess our sin and ask Jesus to come into our lives, this promise of God becomes true reality. God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3: 16). When we encounter this truth, the cross no more remains a history or religious symbol, but becomes reality of our lives, and it only become so, when in faith we claim God's promise in faith and sincere prayer. God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5: 8). Friends do not let your souls wonder in darkness of sin but claim on the promise of God for your salvation. Bible tells us, 'If we confess

our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1: 8-9).

The Cross of Jesus for me is to know God's amazing grace that is made available for me. My salvation is completely free. Our good deeds or any religious ritual is not enough to save us from sins. Jesus had paid the price by giving himself to take away our punishment. Bible gives us that assurance on which we can claim. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish of defect (1 Peter 1: 18 - 19 NIV). This way, God has shown his enduring grace to those who seek him. No human endeavours can make us holy or take away our sins, it is purely and wholly God's act of grace towards us. Saint Paul describes this way, 'For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.' (Ephesians 2: 8-9 NIV).

Anyone can excess to this grace by faith in Jesus, and not by your own doing. We all need God's grace to walk uprightly in this new sanctified life. We no more live on our own strength but live by God's grace. It is my experience as well as many God's people. As Saint Paul explains how God answered his prayer, as God assured him that God's grace is sufficient, even when he is weak (2 Corinthians 12:9-10).

The Cross of Jesus assured us complete freedom and victory over sin. On the cross every kind of sin was nailed down and was put to the end. The cross though became emblem of suffering and shame for which the lamb of God was slain, becomes victory for me and you. As Isaiah prophesied about Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, 'He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.' (Isaiah 53: 5 -6 NIV). If you are struggling to live a victorious life, then you need to turn to Jesus and claim and cling to victory he has won for us. God has given us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ that should give us power be

steadfast, immovable, always abounding living and serving him knowing that whatever we do is never go in vain (Read 1 Corinthians 15: 57 - 58).

Moreover, Jesus our Lord calls us to take up our cross and follow him. He said, 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' (Matthew 16:24). God loved us in giving his only Son on the cross: Jesus fulfilling that promise and gave his life to die on the cross, sanctifies our life as we seek forgiveness of our sins. He gives us full access to God's grace, and he make us live a victorious life. But he also calls us to bear our cross and follow him. The Cross that Jesus took and gave his life for us becomes guide to me and to you that will empower us imitate Jesus in our day-to-day life. I wish that you say with me, 'It is no longer that I live for myself but following Jesus, I live to the purpose of God in my life and live it for the salvation of the souls.' And learn and follow the footsteps of Jesus Christ so that others may come into the holiness of God and find everlasting life.

We follow and serve Jesus who suffered and died on the cross on our place, who was buried, and God raised him from the death. He conquered on evil and death. He lives forevermore and He will come again. Let us follow Him and keep following him till he comes again in his glory.

Let me conclude with these words from a famous song we find in the Salvation Army Song Book, written by American Evangelist George Bennard.

In The Old Rugged Cross,
Stained with Blood So Divine,
A Wondrous Beauty I See;
For It Was on That Old Cross
Jesus Suffered and Died
To Pardon and Sanctify Me.

To The Old Rugged Cross
I Will Ever Be True,
Its Shame and Reproach Gladly Bear;
Then He'll Call Me Some Day
To My Home Far Away,
When His Glory for Ever I'll Share



THE POWER OF RESURRECTION

On this Easter Sunday, we meditate God's power in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have a Saviour who is victorious over death. We are celebrating the power of resurrection. Paul speaks of the power of Jesus resurrection. He wants to know Christ, yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings. Jesus left all his glory with his father and came to this world to accomplish the task of his father. Jesus started his mission on this earth. He has done miracles, wonders and signs but he was betrayed by his own disciple. He was arrested, judged, and crucified in the middle of two criminals. Jesus laid his life on the cross. The resurrection of

Jesus is helped the believers to justified before God. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification Rom 4:25. The resurrection gives Christians hope that they too will be raised to life after death in heaven with Jesus.

The Power of resurrection Appeared to Woman: Luke 24: 1-7. On the third day women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb, but the tomb was empty. The grave clothes in order but the body of Jesus is missing. She found two Angels sitting in the place of Jesus body laid down. Mary was crying for His body. Why are you crying? Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but is risen Luke 24:5&6. Jesus called her Mary, she turned towards him and cried Rabbony. Go and tell my brothers. She went to the disciples and said I have seen the Lord. It was an amazing that he appeared to first and clearly showed that Jesus was alive and conquered the grave. resurrection, His disciples to believe that he was God.

The Power of resurrection Opened the Eyes: Luke 24: 13 – 32 Two men travelling to a village called Emmaus. On their way as they are talking each other, Jesus himself and walked along with them but they were not recognising him. They were talking about crucifixion of Jesus until they reached the town. They invited him to stay with them for a dinner. As they went inside Jesus broke the bread again and blessed it. Then their eyes were opened, and they realized that who was stranger. He disappeared from their sight. They both asked each other "were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road."

The Power of resurrection Opened the Minds : Luke 24: 36 - 45 Christ appeared many times to individuals and also group of people. While disciples gathered and talking about resurrection, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them "Peace be with you" They were very much frightened and thinking that they saw a ghost. He said to them why you are doubting, look at my hands and my feet. It is my self-touch me, still they did not believe. He said that while I was still with you, everything must be fulfilled. That is written in the law of Moses. Then he opened their minds, so they could understand the scriptures. Rising of Christ brought great hope to every Christian.

May the resurrected Lord be your portion and ne you inheritance.

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parents. Empower Mothers. Get women in to power and to proper value for the women work. Gender Equity: can contribute to reductions in school-related gender-based violence and harmful practices, including child marriage and female genital mutilation. Gender equitable education systems help keep both girls and boys in school, building prosperity for entire countries.

Women and Girls in Technology & Innovation: Women and Girls are connected to the digital world, many find themselves exposed to cyber violence that deters them from digital participation in political, social, and cultural life. As the world is involving becoming more digital. Digital technologies need to be used to accelerate progress on the sustainable goals. Many women are still facing the issues like gender discrimination, sexual abuse, income inequality compared to male colleagues, workplace gender bias.

Commission on the Status of Women 68th Session is going to conduct March 11-22, 2024. The Salvation Army has had an active presence at the United Nations since 1947 and it is a continued privilege to participate in the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 68). The Salvation Army has much to offer as well as much to learn in terms of empowerment and education for women and girls in the digital age. A woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Priority theme: "Accelerating the achievement of gender equality and empowerment of all women and girls by addressing poverty and strengthening institutions and financing with a gender perspective.

General William Booth said
*"While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight
 While little children go hungry, as they do now, I'll fight
 While men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight
 While there is a drunkard left,
 While there is a poor lost girl upon the streets,
 While there remains one dark soul without the light of God,
 I'll fight-I'll fight to the very end!"* 

International Women's Day is a global day celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women. March 8th is one of the most important days of the year. A day dedicated for women achievements. Significant activity is witnessed worldwide as groups come together to celebrate women's achievements or rally for women's equality, call for positive change advancing women. We are cute daughters, sweet sisters, darling wives, adorable mothers, source of strength and we are incredible. We are beautiful and we all are masterpieces of God.

Organizations can #InspireInclusion through action in areas such as:

- forging women's economic empowerment
- recruiting, retaining, and developing female talent
- supporting women and girls into leadership, decision-making
- designing and building infrastructure meeting the needs of women and girls
- helping women and girls make informed decisions about their health.
- involving women and girls in sustainable agriculture and food security
- providing women and girls with access to quality education and training
- elevating women and girl's participation and achievement in sport

- promoting creative and artistic talent of women and girls
- addressing further areas supporting the advancement of women and girls

Naman was a good commander of the Army Syria. He was a leper. There was a small girl who brought as a slave. The little Israelite slave girl must have noticed her mistress's distress. When she came to know he was suffering with leprosy this slave girl said to Naaman's wife My master should meet the prophet lives in Samaria. She communicated positively. She became a channel of blessing to Naman. Naman was healed by following the advice of the Prophet Elisha (2nd kg 5).

We can see disgraced woman who had positive communication with Jesus in the book of John 4th Chapter. They had lengthy conversation, after that she came to know He is the messiah, she left her pot and ran into the town and communicated with people. V 39 says many of the Samaritan's from that town believed in him because of the woman.

Gender Equality: How do we achieve Gender Equality. We need to talk to women and girls. Let girls use mobile phones and parents should be monitor them. Stop child marriage and sexual harassment. Make education gender sensitive. Raise aspirations of girls and their

Embracing Women's **FREEDOM**

In a world where the concept of freedom for women has evolved over time, it's essential to explore what true freedom means from a biblical standpoint. The Bible offers profound insights into the value, dignity, and liberation of women, providing a timeless framework for celebrating their freedom.

The Intrinsic Value of Women:

Genesis 1:27 affirms that both man and woman are created in the image of God, highlighting their inherent worth and equality before the divine.

Proverbs 31:10-31 portrays the virtuous woman, showcasing her strength, wisdom, and industriousness, emphasizing her significant role in society.

Liberation from Oppression

Exodus 15:20-21 recounts the story of Miriam, who led women in joyful celebration after the Israelites were delivered from bondage in Egypt, illustrating women's vital role in liberation movements.

Galatians 3:28 declares that in Christ, there is no distinction between male and female, emphasizing the equal spiritual standing and freedom for both genders.

Empowerment through Knowledge and Education:

Proverbs 4:7 encourages acquiring wisdom as it brings freedom, indicating the importance of education and intellectual growth for women's empowerment.

Acts 18:26 portrays Priscilla, a knowledgeable woman who, along with her husband Aquila, instructed Apollos in the ways of the Lord, demonstrating women's capacity for teaching and leadership in the faith community.

Freedom of Choice and Agency:

Joshua 24:15 presents a call to choose whom to serve, affirming the freedom of

individual choice, including women's autonomy in decision-making.

The story of Ruth exemplifies a woman who exercised agency in choosing her path, showcasing the power of determination and courage.

Advocacy for Justice and Equality:

Isaiah 1:17 urges to defend the oppressed and seek justice, including advocating for the rights and equality of women in society.

Esther's bravery in approaching the king to intercede for her people reflects the importance of women's voices in championing justice and equality.

The Bible offers a rich tapestry of narratives, teachings, and principles that underscore the value, dignity, and freedom of women. From celebrating their intrinsic worth to advocating for their rights and equality, scripture provides a timeless framework for embracing women's freedom. As we navigate the complexities of modern society, let us draw inspiration from these biblical truths to empower, uplift, and celebrate the freedom of women everywhere.


In the journey towards gender equality, one of the fundamental pillars is the concept of freedom for women. Freedom isn't merely the absence of physical constraints but encompasses a spectrum of rights and opportunities that enable women to thrive, express themselves, and contribute to society on their own terms. Recognizing the multifaceted nature of women's freedom is crucial in crafting policies and fostering societal attitudes conducive to true empowerment.

Let's explore some key dimensions of freedom that women need:

Recognizing Embracing women's freedom means supporting and encouraging



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women to have the same rights and opportunities as men. In the Bible, Galatians 3:28 says, 'There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' This verse emphasizes the equality of all people in the eyes of God, regardless of gender. So, embracing women's freedom aligns with the biblical principle of treating everyone with equal respect and dignity. 



RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

My greetings to you as we recognise and celebrate Easter 2024!

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead was a reality. When God raised Jesus from the dead. He gave new life. We observe Easter as a mark of resurrection of the Lord from the death. The resurrection of Jesus is unique, even within the context of many other claimed miracles about Jesus. Indeed, it is foundational to the Christian faith.

From the days of the early Church, it was central to the gospel message they preached: that Christ died for our sins, was buried, rose again, and appeared to many of his disciples. We, the Christian believe that the death and resurrection of Jesus changed the world not just at a historical level – which it clearly did – but also at a supernatural level.

Christian faith does not rest on feelings, impulse, or personal insights. It is believing God's explanation of events, given to us in the Scripture. So, what about one of the most amazing miracles we see in Scripture, the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead? Why does it matter that Jesus rose from the dead? Why is this truth so central to the Christian faith?

While we observe and enjoy the fruits of the resurrection, it is also important for us to know the meaning of Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Resurrection of Jesus Christ is giving Hope, Resurrection of Jesus Christ is giving Power, Resurrection of Jesus Christ is giving courage to introduce Jesus (sharing the good news to the people)

Resurrection - Hope

As we are celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ it is giving the hope of immortality. Because Jesus Christ was raised from the dead, we who trust Him and have the same hope for ourselves. Resurrection changes our sorrows to joy, our sickness to health, weakness to strength, fear to courage, hopelessness to hope. The hope of forgiveness, the hope of peace, the hope of assurance, the hope of heaven and that hope is centered in the person – Jesus Christ. In John 11:25, Jesus said "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die. Jesus raised 3 people from the dead during his earthly ministries:

Lazarus, the daughter of Jairus and the son of the widow at Nain. These 3 were raised to die again but Jesus was not. These 3 they get back their earthly body but Jesus resurrected.

The empty tomb and empty cross give us the hope that Jesus resurrected for you and me. Jesus is the hope of hopeless. If there was ever a day that gives us hope, it is resurrection Sunday! In fact, that's why the church gathers week by week on Sunday. Through the resurrection the Sabbath becomes the Lord's Day (Worship Day) It became the day of worship to celebrate and commemorate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Resurrection - Power

Resurrection power is the work of God in the life to come that reaches into our present and brings us into a union with Him. The announcements that the angels gave the women who came to the tomb, was that Jesus has risen. The message Jesus gave the two disciples on the way to Emmaus was that He has risen!

We no longer look for Jesus Christ among the dead. He has risen from the dead. The message to the apostles and to Thomas was that He has risen! And Jesus appearing to Mary was declaring that He had risen! And lastly saw Him ascending into heaven. Jesus died to forgive our sins and arose to make us righteous people. (Romans 4:25)

And the message that God gives to us is that Jesus has risen! 1 Corinthians 15:20 What does the resurrection mean to you? We have to live resurrected life, new life. God has accepted sacrifice of Jesus Christ that He given for us. The power of Resurrection is the power that keeps the things and people alive. It is the power that makes whatever is dying to come back to life. It is amazing power of God that gives hope to hopeless situations and makes the impossible possible. We need the power of God to truly love one another and forgive as we have been forgiven.

If you want to experience this power of resurrection you need to believe in the resurrected Christ. The Roman seal and tomb were not enough to prevent the power of risen LORD. The disciples were with fear but when they received the power of resurrection, they became the witness for Christ. We too need to receive this power.



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Resurrection – Witnessing

Introducing the resurrected Jesus Christ to other is great responsibility of every Christian or believer. The angel told to women at the tomb to go and tell this good news of resurrection of Jesus to his disciples, brothers who were scattered out of fear. Matthew 28:7 "Then go quickly and tell his disciples: He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee.

There you will see him." Now I have told you." When the women listen and obeyed to message of angel when they were in the mission of proclaiming the good news, Jesus appeared to them and they worshipped Jesus.

If we believe that this is true, then let us start proclaiming the message of resurrection with courage for the Christ who appeared to women will always be with us and give strength, The message that the angel has given to the women "Do not be afraid", is given to us today to be his witness, we are bearers of the good news of resurrection power.

Dear friends the Easter is reminding us that Jesus obeyed His Father's command, fulfil the task given to Him, then went back to the Father. It took place more than 2000 years ago. Now is the time for His second coming, so we have to prepare ourselves. May God help us and encourage us to witness the resurrection stay strong in our belief that would enjoy the true resurrection as a result of our continued obedience and faith in Lord Jesus Christ.

God bless you. 



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JUST AS HE SAID

WHE HAS RISEN JUST AS HE SAID" (Matthew 28:5,6) is the words of an angel to the women – probably Mary and Mary Magdalene. The women were agonisingly standing in front of tomb. Have no idea how to enter the tomb where their dear one was laid to do their customary practice. Surprisingly an angel appeared and proclaimed, *"He is not here; he has risen, just as he said"*. Risen mean risen from the dead and have alive today. It is the planned of God. It is also the defeat of Satan.

Just as God said through the prophets, everything was happened. Jesus was born. Arrested and mocked. Crucified on the cross and risen on the third day. When God planned, it happened without fail.


When God speaks everything obeyed. It is happening JUST AS HE SAID.

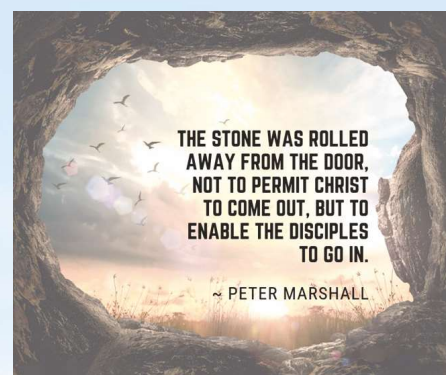
Jesus is risen to make complete reconciliation between God and men. He has risen to prove He is God – the supreme power. God said many things about Jesus Christ. About salvation, about ransom and about redemption. It happened JUST AS HE SAID.

The redemption of Jesus Christ is not happening accidentally. It is well planned. It is prophesied. Declared and pre-information. It happened JUST AS HE SAID.

Jesus – the Son of God is the scapegoat for men as we see in Leviticus 16. Scapegoat mean a person or group made to bear the blame for others or to suffer in their place. Jesus became the scapegoat for us JUST AS HE SAID in Leviticus 16.

We are all aware by the prophets, by the Scriptures and by the preachers. The Holy Spirit help us to understand the hidden things as the Holy Spirit awakening us. Jesus Christ is risen again. We are trusting in the living God. We put our hope in the living almighty God.

May Jesus Christ be risen in your heart. 



"PAUSE"



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In the busy schedules of our modern lives every moment is filled with noise and chaos. In such times the concept of "PAUSE" holds a profound significance for Christians seeking to deepen their relationship with God. To pause is more than a temporary break or momentary cessation; it is a deliberate, intentional stop amidst the chaotic rhythm of life. In the context of the Christian life, the act of pausing is not just a break from the routine; rather, it is a deliberate and sacred moment of introspection, communion, and spiritual renewal. As we journey through the season of Lent, it is my intention to explore the significance of the pause, how it can draw us closer to God, and its transformative power in our spiritual development.

• Understanding "Pause" in a Christian Context:

The idea of pausing finds its roots in the Bible, where God often calls His people to stop, reflect, and connect with Him. In Psalm 46:10, the Lord declares, "Be still, and know that I am God." This divine call to stillness, to pause, invites believers to step back from the constant noise of the world and focus on the presence of the Almighty.

The word "pause" in the Christian sense is not a mere cessation of activity but a purposeful break to redirect our attention to God. It involves a conscious effort to disengage from the worldly distractions that hinder our spiritual growth and listen to the whispers of the Holy Spirit. As we embrace this sacred pause, we open our hearts to God's guidance, wisdom, and transformative power.

• Pausing for Intimacy with God:

Intimacy with God is at the heart of the Christian journey. Just as a married couple needs quiet moments together to nurture their

relationship, believers need to pause and create sacred spaces for intimacy with God. This pause is an invitation to enter into the secret place of the Most High, as described in Psalm 91:1: "He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

During Lent, Christians are encouraged to intensify their search of intimacy with God through prayer, fasting, and reflection on Scripture. The Gospel accounts reveal that Jesus often withdrew to solitary places to pray (Luke 5:16). In the midst of His demanding ministry, Jesus understood the importance of pausing to commune with the Father. His example encourages us to prioritize moments of solitude and prayer, especially during seasons like Lent.

These intentional pauses allow us to draw near to God, seeking His face and surrendering our burdens at His feet. In Matthew 6:6, Jesus teaches about the value of private prayer: "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."

• Pausing for Spiritual Reflection:


The season of Lent provides a unique opportunity for believers to engage in spiritual reflection, examining their lives in light of God's Word. This reflective pause involves taking stock of our actions, attitudes, and priorities, aligning them with the teachings of Christ. In Luke 10:38-42, we encounter the story of Mary and Martha. Martha is busy with many tasks, while Mary sits at the feet of Jesus, listening. Jesus commends Mary for choosing what is better. This narrative emphasizes the significance of pausing to be present with God, prioritizing the relationship over busyness.

In 2 Corinthians 13:5, the Apostle Paul urges believers to "examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves." Lent serves as a designated period for this self-examination, a time to assess our spiritual journey, repent of sins, and realign our lives with God's will. By pausing to reflect, we can identify areas of growth and transformation needed in our lives.

• Pausing for Transformation:

The pause in the Christian life is also a powerful catalyst for transformation. In Romans 12:2, Paul encourages believers, "Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

As we intentionally pause during Lent, we create space for God to renew our minds and transform our hearts. The disciplines of prayer, fasting, and meditation on Scripture allow the Holy Spirit to work within us, shaping us into the image of Christ. This transformative pause is not a one-time event but a continual process of becoming more like Jesus in our thoughts, words, and actions.

As we journey through the season of Lent, why can't we take an opportunity to this sacred pause as a gift from God. In the midst of our fast-paced lives, intentional pauses for intimacy, reflection, and transformation draw us closer to the heart of God. Through prayer, fasting, and meditation on Scripture, we create space for the Holy Spirit to work in us, shaping us into the likeness of Christ. May this season be a time of profound pause, leading to a deeper understanding of God's love and a more vibrant spiritual life. 



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WHAT PRECISELY HAPPENED WHEN CHRIST DIED?

shifted in the spiritual realm.

I would like to point out three things that happened in the spiritual realm that changed the human race forever!

It is not that the capital punishment of nailing on the cross was ceased after Christ's death, Peter and many others were later hanged on the cross. So what was different about Jesus' cross?

When Jesus dies, at that exact moment things greatly shift in the Spiritual realm!

As Christian believers we have to realize that, God and Satan are in conflict with each other, but this conflict is not about strength or might, if it were so, God being the most powerful entity, Satan never had any chance of winning, but this is a conflict of character! Remember Satan is not a name, it is a title which means accuser or adversary, There are many instances, where we see Satan accusing, E.g., Satan accusing Job, Satan accusing Joshua (Zechariah 3:1-2). Just as Satan's nature is to accuse, God's nature is to be Holy, Just and Merciful.

Satan- the accuser had no idea what Jesus's death would change. If he had the slightest idea that through Jesus's death the entire human race could have a chance to receive eternal life and reverse the curse of death, he would have made sure that Jesus does not die on that cross. Yes, Satan is smart and cunning but he is not an 'all knowing' being. As mentioned before this fight was not about power but about God's character. The tragedy of sin at Eden questioned the Just and Holy nature of God, this was a planned indirect intent of accusing God by Satan; How can a just God who hates sin, tolerate his creation now full of sin? How can God go against his own will?

Satan knew there was no way that any angel or human could reverse the curse of death but God himself but he did not know how Jesus would reverse this! When Jesus died on the cross, Satan thought he had won because he killed Jesus and there was no hope for mankind. But he was wrong; the moment Jesus breathed his last, things

1) **The Torn Veil:** The veil held significant value to the Jewish community, especially for the Pharisees because in earlier times only the High Priest was allowed to enter the sacred space (Holy of Holies) that too once a year to atone through a sacrificial lamb. This was the same temple which Solomon had built to worship God, which also once was the dwelling place of the Ark of the Covenant. But when Jesus died and took His last breath on earth, there was an earthquake and the veil was torn in half from the top, signifying that the sacred space of God where His Spirit dwelt was now available to everyone. This also means that God – The Father now was able to justify every sinner as righteous, from past, present and future who would repent and believe that Jesus died for their sins. Because now the sacrifice has already been made. This also signifies that God's character was still intact while also saving the condemned creation at the same time. The accuser had realized that he disgracefully failed (Colossians 2:15) and has been defeated (Revelation 12:10)


2) **Dead rose from the grave:** This event played a magnificent role in proclaiming life after death to the Pharisees and Sadducees

who rejected Jesus who claimed "I am the way, the truth and the Life". In the Gospel of Matthew ch 57:51-53 it says "At that moment the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked and the rocks were split. The tombs broke open, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After Jesus' resurrection, when they had come out of the tombs, they entered the holy city and appeared to many people.

It is important to note that these people came out of the tombs only after Jesus' resurrection on the third day and why not at the earthquake. There is a wonderful explanation to this which we will see below.

3) **The mystery of the Jesus' Three days in the tomb:** There are two passages in the bible that speak of this. 1 Peter 3:18-20, explains one reason, which is proclaiming to the spirits in prison, these are the spirits of rebellious angels who disobeyed God and took daughters of men as wives during the times of Noah, mentioned in Gen 6. They are imprisoned there 2 Peter 2:4 records this. The reason Jesus went there according to 1 Peter 3:18-20 is because He displayed his victory to them and condemned them for their ways.

Another passage mentioning this is in Ephesians 4:7-10 which mentions that Jesus went down and took captives with him when he ascended high in heaven, This signifies the ultimate resurrection of Old testament believers of God who knew Yahweh –God of Israel but did not know Jesus. When Jesus proclaimed to the evil spirits He also preached to the Old Testament believers and since Jesus is the only way to Heaven, they witnessed the prophesied messiah in Abraham's bosom and Jesus took them up in heaven and this is why Jesus foreshadowing the thief's death said today you will be with me in Paradise! Revelation 1:18 says Jesus holds the keys of Death and Hades; this is both literal and spiritual, as we know that there are angels imprisoned in hell.

Because of the atonement paid for our sins once and for all by Jesus himself, we now have a direct access to God, the Veil has been torn, death has no power and we have an assurance of Eternal life. John 10:28-30. 



BEHOLD, YOU ARE MADE WELL

John 5:14 Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "Behold, you are made well. Sin no more, so that nothing worse happens to you." John Newton's poem, Grace is beautiful and sweet, Salvation for the wicked. The way God gave us the world to save the wounded and perishing of sin is a deep and wonderful grace, a wonderful grace that cannot be explained in human language. His eternal plan is wise and His grace is deep and wide in Christ to give us salvation even the weakest and most unrighteous. John 5:7-8 The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, but while I'm coming, another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Arise, take up your mat, and walk." The sick man who wanted to be healed in the pool of Bethesda was trying to jump into the pool for 38 years. Jesus came to him and healed him. He said to him, "Behold, you are healed; sin no more. The Lord took us to the place of our sickness, took upon Himself all our sicknesses and suffered on the Cross, so that we might be healed all sin is removed from the heart of God. The body of Jesus, crucified for sinners is buried. Rom 6:4 We were buried therefore with him through baptism to death, that just like Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. Our sins in God's heart are buried with Jesus, our sins are no longer visible in God's heart, and Christ, who was resurrected without sin on the third day, is revealed to us in our new life - Halleluiah praise be to God in the highest. To sanctify us daily, the Spirit of God leads us in the path of righteousness. Philippians 2:13 For it is God who works in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure.



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I Corinthians 1:30 But of him, you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption. Here The Bible clearly tells us that Christ, who overcame death and rose from the dead, is our new life. II Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, new things have come. So believing in the work of Christ, we have a new position without any worth or deeds. Ephesian 2:6 and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, having raised us up together with him, they who know by the Spirit that he has seated them with him in the heavenly places, say, 'I am no longer afraid of condemnation, my father is pleased with me. Now, O Lord, I know this, and I thank thee, thou hast accepted me as incompetent; Though all my sins are remembered, but thou, O LORD, hast forgotten. I will always praise your love. A believer who has been healed by the living word of God praises the healer and is led by the Lord in a new way. - Halleluiah. 🏹



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Our Mission

"The Salvation Army is an International movement, a part of the Christian Church whose spiritual motivation has practical application in an evangelical, social, educational and health ministry.

It's goal is to help all people find fulness of life in a relationship with the living Christ discovered through the scriptures and demonstrated by holy living in peace and harmony with others."



Willy Pulimugath

Trivandrum Central Corps
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Time and place is not a barrier for a sound meditation. People always prefer to be at a calm and quiet place for a successful meditation. The Seashore meditation at the dawn of Easter Monday at the Shanghumugham Beach, Trivandrum, ISW in the year 2010 was one of its kind happened in the history of the Salvation Army!

It is customary to have week-long Prayer and Meditation Meetings on every evening of the Passion Week. The series starts with a March of Witness on the Palm Sunday morning along the public road, waving palm leaves, beating the drums and tambourines and singing praises of Jesus. The Good Friday meeting is a 4-hour long service. The main theme of meditation is based on the 7 sayings of Jesus on the cross. On the Easter dawn 4 am there is a Candle-Light Procession, followed by the Sunrise Service at 5 am. It will be followed by Easter Sunday Holiness Meeting at 9 am. All meetings are marked by good attendance. The Trivandrum Central Corps (ISW) in that year had decided to extend further the fellowship meeting one day more. The Easter-Monday at 4 am! A Sea-shore Meditation!

Organizational Hurdles

The organizing of such an event at an odd hour was a bit challenging. The sea shore selected had been a sensitive area. The beach having been used by different religious groups for their sacred rituals had been met with some violence earlier. The police authorities were reluctant to give permission at first as they don't want to take a chance for another communal clash. They feared that other religious factions could make some troubles. We have convinced them that it's only a prayer

meeting for religious harmony. We had to go to several Police Stations one after the other, located many miles apart, as this area was under the jurisdiction of several Circles. After a weeks' ordeal we got the sanction at last! Corps Commanding Officer Captain Jacob Joseph (now Lt. Colonel), CSM Willy Pulimugath, Corps Secretary Manuel George, Treasurer Georgekutty were determined to go ahead with the spiritual outreach as planned. We were sure that we would get it as we have prayed for two days at the spot before jumping into the event. Afterwards we met the Priests of other Local Churches and local people of the area and sought their support and also had invited them to the prayer meeting. The time selected was quite odd. 4 am! Early in the morning! Special buses were arranged to take the Officers, soldiers and children, the Training College Staff and Cadets to the Meditation Point, which was 15km away. Special platform was set up on a mobile vehicle and also the sound system as permission were denied for them on the ground.

Drama by Young People


Young people had re-enacted a drama on the plot of Jesus' reunion with his disciples 'having-put-his-hand-to-the-plow -(net)-and-looking-back' attitude; Jesus retrieving and making them fishers of men eventually. A 'Catamaran' was rented out. An interesting thing was that the actors have started the "make up" for the drama from 2am! Jesus and the 12 disciples looked original. The drama was Directed by C. M. Chacko (Promoted to Glory) and background music track by Jose Bappayya. It sounded very effective. The cadets sang a touching Malayalam song "Galilee... Have you seen my Master?" written and composed by Major John Samuel, Training Principal. Renowned artist Narayana Bhattathiri had designed an attractive brochure for the event.

4 am!

Early in the morning!

When the prayer was over, alas! it was a real time of fisher men dragging the net to the shore! We all had joined with them and drawn the net ashore containing lots of fish. We all felt the same mood as described in the gospel of John! Afterwards we served "Appam" (bread) and fish stew curry to all the participants. A great sense of satisfaction infilled in our hearts.

Main Theme of Meditation

The main theme of meditation was presented by Colonel Jaya Paul (Promoted to Glory), Territorial Commander, an eloquent speaker, based on a note by Commissioner William Francis (Canada). We owe to Colonel for he had graciously agreed to speak at an odd hour away from the church! The theme was the ever-challenging conversation between Jesus and Simon Peter written in the 21st chapter of the gospel according to John. Jesus asking him three times, "Do you love me more than these?" Colonel Jaya Paul gave an inspiring and moving message. Cool breeze grazing the murmuring waves had touched every person present there. It was really nothing else than the embracing of Holy Spirit. We could see the fishermen drawing their nets for their worldly life. Peter and his friends were doing the same. Then they faced the pertinent question from Jesus, "Do you love me more than these?" The very same question echoed in the seashore of Galilee, had struck every heart who heard the message. Everyone knelt on the sandy ground on the beach and rededicated themselves. As Peter answered, "Yes Lord! You know everything" The attitude was the same with every one present there. What is your answer? As I ponder again the cherishing memory, 14 years back, the love of Jesus constraineth me to say it again... Yes Lord!, I love you more than these. 

SPECTACULAR SPIRITUAL IMPACT : TERRITORIAL YOUTH CONGRESS - INDIA SOUTH EASTERN TERRITORY

Nagercoil, ISET, 14th -16th January 2024

The shared vision of the Territorial Leaders, Commissioners John Kumar & Mani Kumari Dasari about youth & children in view of the territory's theme for the year, 'Building Future Together' was celebrated by a three days Territorial Congress during 14-16 January 2024 at Booth Tucker Memorial Church premises in Nagercoil.

The commissioners' passion of pushing the youth to the world of new opportunities was the basis of the spirit of the congress which was supported by Lieut. Colonels Lalbulliana Tlau and Lalnunhlui Khawlhling, Chief Secretary & TSWM and senior officers as well.

Commissioner John Kumar Dasari, Territorial Commander explained what lies ahead of these three days in his speech at the inauguration session led by Lieut. Colonel Santhi Babu, Program Secretary. The commissioner encouraged them with his emphasize to let God speak in them during these days.

In adoration and appreciation of the Lord, the youth were cheerfully engaged through inspiring songs and music by offering free worship service led by youth. Special guest, Captain Charles Chalrimawia, Secretary for Youth and Children from National Office, Kolkata, whose presence was felt encouraging for the youth to experience the mighty move of the Holy Spirit through his demonstration on 'Army Internationalism', Bible study, and his worship songs.

The stories of state recognized Salvationists, aimed at inspiring the youth to new opportunities were motivating. Of them, Mr. Samuel Jonathan spoke on 'Me and My Army' who having begun as a 'journalist' presently elevated as 'State Commissioner of Information' in Andhra Pradesh must be a motivating instrument God used. Being a son



of an officers parents, retired Commissioners P. Devavaram & Victoria, gratefully recalled his youth-hood memories of the territory's contributions to his career. Another Samuel, from Mizoram, an IFS Officer (Indian Forest Services) in the State of Kerala from India Eastern Territory also added his story of Salvation.

Territorial Commander's 'Me and My God' – through Nehemiah's life story connecting to the Army's 7th doctrine was a spiritual tool from the very beginning God used to move the youth to the desired of goal of the congress. An interactive session, 'How To Be A Good Friend' by Commissioner Mani Kumari, TPWM explored the contemporary concerns of their world of friendship.

Aimed at accessing new knowledge, exclusive seminars were conducted: Commissioner John Kumar, Territorial Commander's 'Youth & Politics', must be a stirring invitation for the youth to create a new opportunities by coming out of the traditional thought boxes.

Dr. Robert's information on 'Artificial Intelligence', was a product of praiseworthy while Dr. Josphine Priyadharshini's offer of 'Career options & Choices' was a fine future admonisher; Mrs. Caroline Jabarani's 'Stress Management', and Dr. Beena Starlin's 'Nutrition Diseases' were of healthy meals for minds.

The 'Fire Camp' on second day was a sacred event. The flames of fire on wood invoked the spark of the Holy Spirit which moved hundreds of youth on their knees to repentance towards God by writing their wrongs on papers and throwing them into the fire. Lieut. Colonel R. Aruldas and Major Y. Selvam were in help of motivating the youth.

The fun-flavoured yet, spirit-filled cultural night was the time for the youth to exhibit their gifts and talents through dances, dramas, mime shows, instrumentals, and street folk art. Prior to this, Chief Secretary, Lieut. Colonel Lalbulliana Tlau, by sharing the word of God invited the youth to the cultural events while Lieut. Colonel Lalnunhlui Khawlhling, TSWM blessed the youth by her prayers.

Earlier, Lieut-Colonel Santhi Babu, Program Secretary welcomed the leaders, guests, and all congress participants. Prior to this, the congress salute was received by territorial leaders.

At last, the word of God from 1 John 2:14 spoken by Territorial C challenged the congress rhythm and keep the spirit until meet again next time in a same sort of event. To her part, TPWM wished them to the best with her words of wisdom. Few youth came forward to share their reflections how the congress to them was different and helpful in their spiritual journey.

Eventually, in response to the word of God, 456 of them were moved to mercy seat while 30 young men and women dedicated their life to the Salvation Army officership. Major Ruben Buel, DYS, related thanks to leaders, guests, and various committees and individuals who worked to make the congress blessed.

The careful choice of time, topics, and faculties; the way the events shared by youth themselves; presentations of sessions, presence of new personalities, arrangements of fun, fire, and feast were all helpful spiritual invokers; and to say it was first of its kind: spiritually inspiring, intellectually thrilling, and culturally entertaining. 🕯️

**Captain G. Pauldurai &
Lieutenant Suthan
India South Eastern Territory**



BACHELOR OF THEOLOGY PROGRAMME ASSESSMENT 2024

Bachelor of Theology assessment programme was conducted in CFOT Thiruvananthapuram 1st - 2nd and Nagercoil 3rd - 4th February 2024 under the leadership of Colonel S. P. Simon, President, The Salvation Army HRDI, Kolkata (ATA) Colonel Annamma Simon, Secretary for Women's Ministry supported by Major Samson Macwan, Principal, The Salvation Army HRDI, Kolkata (ATA)

The Main Aim of Assessment:

1. To see how cadets underwent three years Bachelor of Theology programme.
2. To evaluate Cadets and Teaching Faculty for better outcomes
3. To understand present challenges and strength in BTh Programme

Mode of Assessment:

1. Lectures
2. Discussions
3. Interviews
4. Written Comprehensive Examination

Colonel S. P. Simon delivered lectures on: TSA Management, Church Growth and Development of Officers



Colonel Annamma Simon delivered lectures on:

Explore Human Emotions and Importance of Women in TSA


Major Samson Macwan dealt with B.Th. Assessment in area of Spiritual formation, Methodology, Cadets Evaluation, Faculty Evaluation, Library study and attitude and skills related matter.

Finally, the assessment team was satisfied with "Defenders of Justice" session cadets Bachelor of Theology programme undergoing and implementation of their

valuable learnings. Colonel S. P. Simon conducted final spiritual meetings and encouraged cadets and training staff for advancement of The Salvation Army. Colonel Annamma Simon inspired everyone with her short speech in Jesus Christ.

I am thankful to Colonel S. P. Simon-National Executive Officer and Colonel Annamma Simon, Secretary for Women's Ministry for their valuable time and inspiration for success of this programme.

I am also thankful to The Territorial Leadership for their permission and support in his event. I am also indebted to Training Principal, Staff and cadets for their learnings and acceptance.

May God continue to bless CFOT's! 

Major Samson Macwan
Secretary for HRDI
India National Office, Kolkata



UPCOMING PROGRAMMES

NATIONAL OFFICE PROGRAMMES

03rd & 04th March 2024

: B. Th. Assessment, CFOT, ICT

05th & 06th March 2024

: BoD Meeting & Induction, HRD Chennai

20th & 21st March 2024

: IFAS Training

22nd March 2024

: IFAS Training for Territorial Auditors

25th & 26th March 2024

: Property Company visit, INT

27th & 28th March 2024

: B. Th. Assessment, CFOT, INT

SENIOR OFFICERS' COUNCILS INDIA WESTERN TERRITORY

The Senior Officers' Councils of India Western Territory held at YMCA international Guest House, Mumbai during 29th & 30th January 2024. The Councils began by the keynote address of Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari, Territorial Commander and the inaugural session was led by Lieut-Colonels Zothanmawia, Chief Secretary. The Theme of the Council was "Enlarge your Tent."



In the inaugural session three Officers who are serving in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Goa shared their short testimony about their ministry. In the keynote address Commissioner shared about the Five-year Strategic Priorities of the India Western Territory 'Empowering our People, Equipping Systems, Engage In Mission'. He also shared a challenging message on theme 'Enlarge Your Tent'.

After the Keynote address Lieut-Col Sanjay Khristi, Sec. for Personnel shared about the need of 'Spiritual Life Development'. He spoke that every Corps, Division, Institution and Territorial Headquarters need to give more focus on spiritual life of our people. Lieut-Col Vanlalnungi, TSWM shared various information about what we are doing in the territory in regard to 'Empowering Girls and Women' and asked the group what else we need to do in coming five years. Commissioner Daniel Raju Dasari, TC spoke about the importance of 'Evangelism & Outreach' and challenged

the participants to give more concentration. Followed by the sessions group discussions taken place and noted various thoughts by the participants. Evening inspirational devotion shared by Major Champa Parmar, DDWM, Matar.



Second-day councils commenced with morning devotion by Lieut. Colonel Vanlalnungi, TSWM followed by various sessions. Lieut. Colonel Ashok K. Dushing, Secretary for Leader Development shared about what the territory doing in regard to 'Training and Leader Development' and what more we need to do in order to develop and

train the leaders. Lieut-Colonel Zothanmawia, Chief Secretary explained the financial situations of the Territory by presenting a white paper of our accounts. He asked the groups to discuss and share how best we do 'Self Sufficiency' to strengthen. Lieut. Colonel Sanjivani Dushing, Secretary for Programme shared about how the territory doing its services to the community and by 'Serving Others' what more we need to do. After each session there was a group discussion which was very though provoking and meaningful.

In the afternoon session Territorial Commander presented an informative, thought provoking and challenging subject on 'Overview of India Western Territory'. He has presented 3 years statistics of members, ministry, finance and geographical information about every state and division. This is an exceptional and motivating talk. Followed by time of Prayer led by Major Jyoti Kalkumbe.

The Final Session was led by Lieut.Col.Vanlalnungi, TSWM and the spiritual and thought provoking message given by the Chief Secretary. His message was based on John 1: 4. He spoke about the Relationship with God by giving first priority to God in our life.

Apart from various subjects there was a time to discuss various other matters which is related to the territory. The two days councils were conducted very successfully, and it was very much helpful for the officers to be motivated and encouraged in spirit, faith and action which will help to sustain and Enlarge the Territorial services to the humanity. Please remember our India Western Territory in your prayer as we are focusing on the Theme 'Enlarge Your Tent'.

Lieut. Colonel Sanjivani Ashok Dushing
Secretary for Programme
India Western Territory



**Junior Soldier to
Senior Soldier
enrolled at
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Eastern Territory**