INTRODUCTION

'Our actions as Salvationists are determined by what we believe. So it follows that we should take time to study our own calling, to reflect upon these beliefs and consider the implications for how we live.'

- General Brian Peddle

In 2021, General Brian Peddle launched two new resources - Called to be a Soldier and Day by Day Call to Mission - to help us explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and live out that calling in our everyday lives.
Over the next twelve weeks, using Called to be a Soldier as a guide, we will consider again what it looks like for us to surrender all areas of our life to Jesus and take a closer look at the covenant made by those who are called to be soldiers of The Salvation Army.

Beginning 01 May, you are invited to read Called to be a Soldier with us as we focus on one chapter each week. Both books are making their way around the world and into various languages but translation and distribution is a big task!

If you have a copy of Called to be a Soldier, great - here is a helpful reading schedule

If you've not been able to access a copy yet, thank you for your patience! You can still follow along @SalvArmySpiritualLife on Facebook and Instagram where we will share excerpts, thoughts and discussion each week.

We look forward to sharing stories of transformation and hearing where God is at work. Our international Salvation Army is formed of thousands of passionate disciples who have a heart for seeing others grow and flourish in their relationship with Jesus – and we think that is something to celebrate!

🔗 Find out more about these resources at sar.my/called

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Jesus invites us to follow him.

To spend time with him, to see how he moves in the world, to learn the rhythms of his everyday life. And to follow his example and teaching as we go out into our world.

Following Jesus is not an idea or theory. To follow Jesus, we need to practice living as Jesus lived. To take his life and teachings as our template, our model, our pattern for living.

For those who are called, becoming a Salvation Army soldier is a public witness to God’s specific call upon their life.

It is not an end in itself but the sign of a new commitment to God that affects the whole of life.

Living as a Salvation Army soldier is only possible by relying on the grace of God - it is an opportunity to demonstrate the real freedom that is found when we are disciplined disciples who are accountable to God, to the Army and to each other.
For all of us, following Jesus is a choice we make each and every day.

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As you begin reading Called to be a Soldier, claim this prayer for yourself. Whether you are reading for the first time, or you've read through the book before, ask God to reveal something new to you, to draw your attention to what you need to hear.

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In the messiness and mundane of our everyday lives, help us to see what it means to be a disciple in our eating, sleeping, going to work, serving others, meeting with friends, raising a family, rushing around life.

We are a scattered army, united in you.

As we each consider again what it means to be a disciple, a follower of Jesus, give us fresh eyes to see the areas of our lives we are yet to give to you.
Lord, we rejoice in the knowledge that you use imperfect, broken people,
young and old, if we’re just starting out or if we’ve been walking with you for a while – you’re not
finished with any of us yet.
Transform our lives. Fill us with childlike wonder, lift the indifference from our hearts, give us a new
energy and deep desire to know you more.
Help us to respond without hesitation when we hear Your voice calling us into action.
We have a gospel worth celebrating. Give us courage and confidence to share the hope of the
resurrection with those we meet and through our living, our ways of being, our actions and our
reactions, others will see a glimpse of you.
Lord, we know we can’t do this in our own strength and we are so pleased we don’t have to!
We’re ready. Take our whole lives, make us into the people you need us to be.
Surround us with your love, fill us with your grace, and strengthen us for your service.
You can and will do immeasurably more than we can ever imagine.
In the beautiful name of Jesus I pray,

Amen’

⚠️ Prayer written by Ashleigh Hunter for the launch of Called to be a Soldier in July 2021
🔗 Watch the live launch of Called to be a Soldier: https://sar.my/called
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Think of your life this week.
The places you will go, the things you will do and the people you will meet along the way.
Our God is extraordinary, and he certainly works in these ways.
But God is also at work in the ordinary. He works in our ordinary lives to transform us and uses our routines to serve those around us.
For most of us, life is not full of extravagant, outstanding moments. Most days, we settle into the routine and necessary tasks on our list. But even in the seemingly insignificant routine of life - working, cooking, cleaning, caring - our God is still at work.
When we approach our everyday life with the greater mission of glorifying God, things change.
What does it look like for you to live out your faith in these places, while doing the things you need to do and with the people you will encounter?
This week, we are reading the Introduction of Called to be a Soldier - get in touch with your local Salvation Army to find out how you can access a copy.

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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://salvarmyspirituallife.carrd.co/