

CALLING THE COURAGEOUS...

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The Soldier's Covenant is a large and significant—and perhaps even overwhelming—commitment. And to be honest, if you try to keep this covenant in your own strength, you will fail. But thankfully, it is a covenant entered into, not only by you, but by others before you, and with God himself.

The phrases at the beginning and conclusion of the Soldier's Covenant should be a strong encouragement: "I now by God's grace enter into sacred covenant..." and "I do here declare my full determination, by God's help..."

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Paul writes in Philippians 2:13, that "God is working in you to make you willing and able to obey him."

You are not alone on the journey. And you are not left to your own strength.

Hear the Spirit CALLING THE COURAGEOUS... to live in covenant, as an overflow of your commitment to follow Jesus Christ with all that you are.

Continue to courageously rely on him and his strength in every area of your life, offered as a living sacrifice—in sacred covenant—to him.

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Read:
Philippians 2:1-13

Read:
The Salvation Army Soldier's Covenant

Consider:
What covenant relationship is Jesus calling you to enter into with himself?
What promises and assurances does he give in this relationship?
What commitments do you make?
How can/does the Soldier's Covenant help provide a context and means for you to express your covenant relationship with Jesus as a Salvationist?
As you consider the Soldier's Covenant, how does your expression of it change as you journey each new phase of life, desiring to remain faithful to the commitments you have made before God and your spiritual community?

Pray:
Lord God, who establishes Your covenant through all generations, May we be a people who are faithful to you in all we do and are.
May we have strength and courage in our resolve, never fearing, knowing that You go with us – that You will never leave or forsake us in Your unfailing love.
- based on Deuteronomy 31:8

*Saviour and Lord,
we pray to Thee,
Thy people ever would we be;
To Thee whose love
our lives has sealed,
To Thee our lives
we gladly yield.*

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