

# CALLING THE COURAGEOUS...

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Most churches have some type of membership that they ask individuals to make a commitment to. For many this will come in the form of baptism or confirmation. One expression of membership within The Salvation Army is soldiership.

Soldiership is more than just getting your name added to a list and considering The Salvation Army to be your church home. It is active engagement in the life and ministry of your corps, and in what The Salvation Army calls "the salvation war"—standing against anything that works against God's redemptive plan in the world, and actively doing one's part to live out one's own salvation and to bring the gospel of salvation to others.

When someone chooses to make the commitment to become a Salvation Soldier, they are essentially saying that not only are they a member of The Salvation Army, but they identify so much with the story, mission, and message of the Army, that they are declaring, "I am The Salvation Army"—actively—not simply someone who supports or attends.

Hear the Spirit CALLING THE COURAGEOUS... to come join our Army; to declare: "This is who I am and how I choose to express my part in the story and mission in which I find myself."

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"MAY WE EVEN MORE DARE FOR YOU"

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Read:  
2 Timothy 2:1-13

Read:  
*The Salvation Army Soldier's Covenant*

Consider:  
*Have you ever let your faith get "entangled in civilian affairs"—living a compartmentalized faith, or not allowing God to transform every aspect of your daily life? If so, how might you resolve to live faithfully, no matter the cost?*

Look around your corps.  
*Who are your newest soldiers?  
What can you do to encourage them to live out their covenant as part of a larger community of faith?  
How will you model this to others in your own life?*

Pray:  
*May we hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess—we know You are faithful.  
Inspire us to spur one another on to love and good deeds.  
May we not give up meeting together, but recognize the value of being part of a spiritual community beyond our individual faith. May we be encouraging to each other's faith development and expression, longing for the redemption of all things in your full salvation.*  
- based on Hebrews 10:24-25

*Come, join our Army,  
and do not delay,  
The time for enlisting  
is passing away;  
Fierce is the battle, but victory  
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