

CALLING THE COURAGEOUS...

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When people hear the word "sacrament" they will often think of the ceremonies of the church, such as "communion" or "baptism." The Salvation Army has often been identified by others in the Christian community as "non-sacramental." At times, we have even been misinterpreted as being "anti-sacramental" in our practice and position. In reality, the Army has worked diligently to present itself as an "ultra" or "pan" sacramental organization whose members not only portray but enjoy a living, vibrant relationship with Christ.

Salvationists should never think they are in a "superior" position because of their unique expression of faith nor think less of their spiritual position as a result of non-participation in traditional sacramental expressions.

One's position in Christ is not determined by rite or ceremony but in the acceptance of Jesus as Saviour and Lord. Accordingly, fellowship with him, in his suffering and death, is also not a question of established ritual but ongoing relationship.

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Hear the Spirit CALLING THE COURAGEOUS... to be Christ's broken bread: to live out every area of their lives as a sacrament unto God.

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"MAY WE EVEN MORE DARE FOR YOU"

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Read:

Acts 10:1-48; John 13:1-17;
17:17-26

Read:

The Salvation Army Soldier's Covenant

Consider:

How did the act of Christ in John 13 demonstrate the full extent of his love for his disciples?

In the end, how did Christ ultimately demonstrate the full extent of his love for us?

What are some practical ways in which we can demonstrate this love to others?

How can this be seen as a sacrament?

Pray:

Pour into me the brightness of your daybreak!

Pour into me your rays of revelation-truth!

Let them comfort and gently lead me onto the shining path,

Showing the way into your burning presence, Into your many sanctuaries of holiness.

Then I will come closer to your very altar

Until I come before you, the God of my ecstatic joy!

Psalm 43:3-4a (The Passion Translation)

*My life must be Christ's broken bread,
My love His outpoured wine,
A cup overfilled,
a table spread
beneath His name and sign,
That other souls,
refreshed and fed,
May share His life through mine.*

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