



# BASINGSTOKE SALVATION ARMY

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God asked Moses to throw down his most treasured possession. His staff was the one thing he needed to make a living as a shepherd. Is God asking you to make the same sacrifice? To give up your livelihood, your way of life, and to sacrifice it to full-time ministry in The Salvation Army?

Then throw it down and see what God can do with it. He can make something extraordinary out of the ordinary when we give it in obedient, faithful service.

## Song – Obedience

1 Lord, I hear your knocking,  
Hear your voice appealing:  
'Open the door of your heart;  
Let me enter in and take the centre of your life,  
controlling every part.  
Come follow me on the way of the cross,  
This is the moment you must start!'

*Lord, I respond to your claims on my life  
With obedience to all that you will ask;  
Following you in the way of the cross,  
This will be my task.*

*Your cross my task.*

2 Lord, I know your prompting,  
Know your Spirit's urging:  
'Be my disciple today!  
Make my will your choice and heed no other voice  
that calls to walk another way.  
Come follow me on the way of the cross,  
This is the moment to obey.'

3 Lord, I know your presence,  
Hear your call to service:  
'Be what I want you to be!  
Servant to your brothers, give your life for others  
as I did on Calvary;  
Come follow me on the way of the cross,  
This is the moment to be free!'

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## Song – Soldiers of our God, arise!

Soldiers of our God, arise!  
The day is drawing nearer;  
Shake the slumber from your eyes,  
The light is growing clearer.  
Sit no longer idly by  
While the heedless millions die,  
Lift the bloodstained banner high  
And take the field for Jesus.

*Storm the forts of darkness,  
Bring them down, bring them down!  
Storm the forts of darkness,  
Bring them down, bring them down!  
Pull down the devil's kingdom  
Where'er he holds dominion;  
Storm the forts of darkness, bring them down!  
Glory, honour to the Lamb,  
Praise and power to the Lamb,  
Glory, honour, praise and power,  
Be for ever to the Lamb!*

2 See the brazen hosts of Hell,  
Their art and power employing,  
More than human tongue can tell,  
The blood-bought souls destroying.  
Hark! from ruin's ghastly road  
Victims groan beneath their load;  
Forward, O ye sons of God,  
And dare or die for Jesus.

3 Warriors of the risen King,  
Great Army of salvation,  
Spread his fame, his praises sing  
And conquer every nation.  
Raise the glorious standard higher,  
Work for victory, never tire;  
Forward march with blood and fire  
And win the world for Jesus.

Robert Johnson



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## Sunday 3 May 2020 – Candidates Sunday

### Reaching Your Full Potential

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### Song – I dare to live the life of faith

I dare to live the life of faith,  
The life of challenge God has planned:  
Of holiness and victory,  
For truth and righteousness to stand.

*I dare to be different, I dare to believe;  
I dare to be different, God's Spirit receive.  
I dare to be different, my life sacrificed;  
I dare to be different by living like Christ.*

2 I dare to ask the Spirit, come,  
To match with power my heart's desire,  
My life to cleanse and energise  
With mighty pentecostal fire.

3 I dare to want to live like Christ  
According to his will and way;  
His love to know, compassion share,  
And serve him boldly every day.

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### A Prayer of Gratitude for Leadership

Father God, thank you for our corps leader(s), our officers and territorial envoys. Thank you for calling them and thank you that they responded to your call. Thank you for their willingness to serve you with their lives and to go where you need them to be. Thank you for the way they lead us and teach us truths, and show by their example what holiness is. Thank you for the salvation they have received and that they want everyone to receive it too and be free from the power of sin. Thank you, Father, for those who have been influenced by their lives and are now responding to your call for them. Thank you for their adventurous spirit and the vision they have for the mission of seeing lives changed. Thank you for keeping them alert to your promptings and obedient to your voice. Father, thank you that you continue to call your people to be leaders in your Church, to be pastors and preachers, to be servants to the poor and mentors to the searching, to be carers of the sick and compassionate to the unloved. Thank you that you can use every one of us to reach out to another person in love and forgiveness. Thank you for examples of faithfulness and for people of prayer. Help me to fit in, too, and be alert to what you want me to offer of myself in your Church. I offer this prayer from a thankful heart. **Amen.**

### Bible Reading: Exodus 4:1-13 (New Living Translation)

**4** But Moses protested again, "What if they won't believe me or listen to me? What if they say, 'The Lord never appeared to you?'"  
"Then the Lord asked him, "What is that in your hand?"  
"A shepherd's staff," Moses replied.  
"Throw it down on the ground," the Lord told him. So Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake!  
Moses jumped back.  
"Then the Lord told him, "Reach out and grab its tail." So Moses reached out and grabbed it, and it turned back into a shepherd's staff in his hand.  
"Perform this sign," the Lord told him. "Then they will believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—really has appeared to you."



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“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Now put your hand inside your cloak.” So Moses put his hand inside his cloak, and when he took it out again, his hand was white as snow with a severe skin disease. 14” “Now put your hand back into your cloak,” the Lord said. So Moses put his hand back in, and when he took it out again, it was as healthy as the rest of his body.

“The Lord said to Moses, “If they do not believe you and are not convinced by the first miraculous sign, they will be convinced by the second sign. 15 And if they don’t believe you or listen to you even after these two signs, then take some water from the Nile River and pour it out on the dry ground. When you do, the water from the Nile will turn to blood on the ground.”

“But Moses pleaded with the Lord, “O Lord, I’m not very good with words. I never have been, and I’m not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled.”

“Then the Lord asked Moses, “Who makes a person’s mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord? 16 Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say.”

“But Moses again pleaded, “Lord, please! Send anyone else.”

## Song – Come, set your rule and reign, in our hearts again

1 Come, set your rule and reign, in our hearts again,  
increase in us we pray, unveil why we’re made.  
Come, set our hearts ablaze with hope,  
like wildfire in our very souls,  
Holy Spirit come invade us now.  
We are your church, we need your pow’r in us.

2 We seek your Kingdom first, we hunger and we  
thirst,  
refuse to waste our lives, for you’re our joy and  
prize.  
To see the captive hearts released,  
the hurt, the sick, the poor at peace;  
we lay down our lives for heaven’s cause.  
We are your church, we pray: ‘revive this earth’.

*Build your Kingdom here, let the darkness fear;  
show your mighty hand, heal our streets and land.  
Set your church on fire, win this nation back;  
change the atmosphere, build your Kingdom here  
we pray.*

3 Unleash your Kingdom’s pow’r, reaching the near  
and far,  
no force of hell can stop, your beauty changing  
hearts.  
You made us for much more than this,  
awake the Kingdom seed in us,  
fill us with the strength and love of Christ,  
we are your church, we are the hope on earth.

*Rend Collective Experiment*

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## Song – Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart

*Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart,  
Teach me to move in the power of your Spirit,  
Teach me to walk in the light of your presence,  
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.  
Teach me to love with your heart of compassion,  
Teach me to trust in the word of your promise,  
Teach me to hope in the day of your coming,  
Teach me to dance to the beat of your heart.*

1 You wrote the rhythm of life,  
Created Heaven and earth;  
In you is joy without measure.  
So, like a child in your sight,  
I dance to see your delight,  
For I was made for your pleasure, pleasure.



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2 Let all my movements express  
A heart that loves to say ‘yes,’  
A will that leaps to obey you.  
Let all my energy blaze  
To see the joy in your face;  
Let my whole being praise you, praise you.

*Graham Kendrick and Steve Thompson*

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## Bible Message: Realising Your Potential

### Are you where you ought to be?

Are you fishing for fish or are you fishing for men, as Jesus put it?

### Moses was not where he ought to be

#### **Exodus 4:2 NLT**

*Then the LORD asked him, “What is that in your hand?” “A shepherd’s staff,” Moses replied.*

Moses’ shepherd’s staff was a constant reminder that he had never reached his fullest potential in God. He was born with the purpose of delivering God’s people from slavery. But he came to believe he was worthy of no more than being a shepherd.

### God asked Moses to let go to realise his full potential

#### **Exodus 4:3 NLT**

*“Throw it down on the ground,” the LORD told him. So, Moses threw down the staff, and it turned into a snake! Moses jumped back.*

In God’s hand the ordinary becomes extraordinary. If you think about the ten plagues God called down on Egypt as he worked to free his people from captivity, then this pattern is repeated throughout Moses’ ministry. There’s nothing out of the ordinary in blood, frogs, gnats, flies, animal disease, boils, thunderstorms, hail, fire, locusts, even darkness. God took the ordinary and showed Pharaoh and the Egyptians who he was by doing something unexpected with them.

He did the same with M’s shepherd’s staff too. If God could do all that with a stick of wood, imagine what he could do with Moses. Imagine what he can do with you and me.

*Consider the mighty ways in which God used a dead stick of wood. ‘God so used a stick of wood’ can be a banner cry for each of us. Though we are limited and weak in talent, physical energy, and psychological strength, we are not less than a stick of wood. But as the rod of Moses had to become the rod of God, so that which is me must become the me of God. Then I can become useful in God’s hands. The Scripture emphasises that much can come from little if the little is truly consecrated to God. (Francis Schaeffer, theologian and pastor)*

### When you are obedient to God you can miraculously reach your full potential

You may sense God saying to you today that you are not where you ought to be, just like he said to Moses. Maybe just at this moment, God is revealing your shepherd’s staff to you. Perhaps you feel like Moses, that you’ve missed your full potential in life. But when God looks at you, he sees your potential.