

My Calling Journey

In 1978, I went to The Salvation Army Tsz Wan Shan Corps hall with a playful heart and an “I won’t believe in Jesus” attitude. In addition to fellowship, the games and tea time after the meeting were of course the most important and valuable moments for me at that time.

But thank God for His wonderful guidance. Teachings of the teachers and the Word of God transformed me. In 1978, I was accepted as recruit, and enrolled as soldier in 1979. Since then, I joined the church and have never left up till now. Deep in my heart, I know clearly that The Salvation Army is the spiritual home God has prepared for me on earth, in which I learn to worship and serve God, to love one another among fellow brothers and sisters, to preach the gospel, and to grow up.

A few years later, I began serving in different positions in the fellowship, subsequently becoming the fellowship leader, youth fellowship teacher and local officers. For years, the greatest satisfaction and reward are not just that I could serve God and be used by Him. More importantly, God shaped and trained me into someone pleasing to Him.

I reflected all the time during the many years of service: Is such service sufficient? How can I better serve Thee?

Then came a stage when I found no breakthrough in my service. I started thinking: Is it because I still have reservation without offering myself completely in serving God? The call to full time service began to emerge in my mind.

However, I did not respond to God’s call because of my little faith. There were many things I could not let go of. I always wondered how I could put aside the financial burden of my mother and mother-in-law. How could I give up my favorite work in the academia, as well as its many fringe benefits? I only focused on all the obstructions, without looking at God’s great power.

But thanks be to God! He leads me in triumphal procession. In September 2001, my wife and I began our full time service in The Salvation Army as “lieutenants”. By 2003, we entered the Officers’ Training College and officially joined the officership. All the worries I experienced in the past just came from my ignorance, because our heavenly Father who takes His children into account.

May glory and praise be to our heavenly Father.

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