



Generosity



Brisbane City Temple

22 March 2020

What would you do if Jesus said to you, ‘sell everything you have and follow me?’ What would that look like for you? Each of us have stuff and Jesus says to us to not be consumed by it or to make it the focus of how we choose to live.

All that we have belongs to God – it is his and he has given it to us so that we can serve him with it.

When a rich young leader comes to Jesus and asks how he can inherit eternal life, he is confronted by Jesus answer – sell all that you have and follow me. Unfortunately for this young man he couldn’t do what Jesus asked. He couldn’t choose Jesus over his stuff. He didn’t trust that Jesus would provide for him.

God asks us to look at all that we have and with open hands and a surrendered heart to ask him what do you want me to do with all of this. Because we have been given much, we must choose generosity and grace giving.

Living generously is not something we do, in Christ, it is who we are.



Our National Vision

Wherever there is hardship or injustice

Salvos will live, love and fight

Alongside others

To transform Australia one life at time

With the love of Jesus

Our response to Coronavirus

Following government regulations, we have decided to temporarily suspend large gatherings at BCT. We understand that there is currently a fine balance between duty of care and fear.

We need to take the necessary precautions while ensuring we still instill hope and are kind to the people that we meet.

What does that mean for Sunday worship?

You will be able to view this week's sermon either through Facebook or the website – Scott will send a link once it is uploaded.

You can also link into a livestream from North Brisbane Corps – here is a link that tells you how to log in to the livestream <https://youtu.be/nbJGc5ZR6AE>

Wollongong Corps in NSW also have a livestream option
There are two ways to access the livestream from Wollongong Salvos.

1. Go to <http://facebook.com/wollongongsalvos> (Available anytime)
2. Go to <http://youtube.com/wollongongsalvos> (Only available from 10am on Sunday and not available after meeting is finished)

You will be able to also view the self-denial video through the website – it is important that we remember the opportunity we have to give financially on Sunday 29 March.

SELF DENIAL ALTAR SERVICE

The Bible tells us “ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.” Mark 12:30-31

Our giving to the Self Denial Appeal is a practical way that we can show love.
You can make your Self Denial financial gift by direct bank transfer to the BCT Corps
Account details are below.

BANK DETAILS

NAME: The Salvation Army Brisbane City Temple

BSB Number: 0314 004

Account Number: 810612

CREDIT CARD GIFTS Here are the details for you to give via your credit card <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/donate/make-a-donation/donate-online/?appeal=selfdenial>



How do we continue to be the church and to stay connected?

This is a great opportunity for all of us to regularly contact each other through phone calls or texts or visit (with hygienic measures in place) to check how we are doing and ask if there is any way that we can support and encourage each other.

You may like to organise a gathering in a park with a small group of people at a time when we would have normally gathered

You may decide to have a small group in your home to share the word and pray together
You may have other ideas that you are happy to share with how we can stay connected and how we can continue to grow spiritually

How do we continue to be the church for the community?

We will look at ways of keeping mainly music families connected whilst not being able to gather inside BCT . We will look at safe and hygienic ways of serving the vulnerable on Wednesday at Open House time

You may discover ways of helping in your local community to help ease the fear, anxiety and frustration that exists

We would like to find other practical ways of serving the community – perhaps opening the doors during the week for people who may want to use our space for prayer or to chat with someone because they are feeling isolated or experiencing fear in these days. If you are available to help or have ideas, please let Scott and Sharon know.



A Prayer for Hope

Since you, O God, are with us, nothing that has happened, nothing still to come, can rob us of our hope in Christ.

Sustain us, we beg you, during this time of uncertainty.

Bless all the emergency and medical personnel who are caring for the sick and working to contain the outbreak. Grant swift recovery to those who are affected and comfort to their families and loved ones.

Encourage those who are afraid. Bind us now, more than ever, to you and to each other, so that we may triumph by the power of him who loves us, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever.

We have an opportunity to pray for each other during the week Victoria, Ray and Desley, Desiree, Margaret, Graeme and Gwenneth, Gordon and Barbara, Carmel, Joyce and Taurean. **Pray also for those unable to join us in worship.** Ann and Colin P, Irene F, Sandra & Lindsey T, Ruth H, Evelyn W, Fay F, Evie W, Stuart & Joyce D, Basil B, Dulcie D, Bev B, Dirk and Glenda D, Carmel L, Graeme O, Rita H and Mjr Leona.

Salvos finding new ways to serve communities

The Salvation Army across the country is innovating its practices as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, whilst continuing to 'live, love and fight' in local communities.

Staff from a Salvation Army conference and training centre in Sydney hit the streets to show love to their community, dropping a gift of toilet paper and a card to the doorsteps of their local neighbourhood.

Many corps are also still meeting on Sundays with extra precautions in place. These include encouraging people to wash their hands, using hand sanitiser and encouraging a no-touch policy. Some corps are encouraging those at home to continue to connect with Sunday worship through live—streaming services.

The Salvation Army are also helping to support elderly and disabled shoppers by pushing trolleys, packing bags at checkouts and carrying their shopping to their cars.

Thank you to our Salvation Army corps and centres who are re-adjusting their service delivery and continue to show love to their community.



BCT FAMILY FUN DAY Thank you to those who were able to attend the picnic last Saturday and to all who arranged fun activities for the children to do. It was a great time of connection and sharing together.



The Salvation Army Brisbane City Temple Corps Podcasts 2020

BCT Sunday Worship Bible based messages are now available at

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/brisbanecity/>

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[bring ticket to BCT for validation]

Entry Edward St Height 2.2mtrs

King George Square Entry is from Roma St

or Adelaide St Height 1.93mtrs \$5.00

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In the EVENT of a FIRE proceed to the CLOSEST EXIT ASSEMBLE across the road from BCT in the forecourt of 180 Ann St / Do Not evacuate BCT Car Park / Do Not use the Lift.