

Mission Matters Most
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(Adapted from Isaiah 58:6-10)

ALL

Mission.

SIX

(In Spanish)

Mission.

TWO

Webster's defines mission as:

THREE

A special task or duty.

FOUR

A sending out –

FIVE

Or being sent out –

TWO

To perform a special duty.

THREE

A special task to which one devotes his life.

FOUR

Calling.

FIVE

Mission –

TWO

One and the same.

ALL

Mission matters.

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Mission matters most.

THREE

And Calling matters.

FOUR

The mission of the Salvation Army

FIVE

The calling of our Lord

TWO

is one and the same –

THREE

It can be so easy to get tangled up in the sticky webs of our own agendas –

FOUR

Consumed by our own missions –

FIVE

that we sometimes forget – even abandon – the heartbeat of our Savior . . .

TWO

At all costs, we must never create our own ministry rhythms –

THREE

But we must always dance to His tempos –

FOUR

Allowing Him to take the lead –

ALL

for Mission matters most.

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Mission matters most.

FOUR

We must allow only Him to skillfully design our spiritual destinies –

FIVE

And never create our own callings.

THREE

But deliberately dive in to the chaotic waters of others, saving those souls drowning in the depths of sin.

TWO

We risk our own lives for the lives of others –

ALL

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FOUR

The mission of Christ is to serve – and not be served.

FIVE

Therefore, we must continually steward our resources –

TWO

And seek to never satisfy our own gluttonous bellies –

THREE

May we daily seek to feed the hungry, in body, mind, and spirit –

ALL

For mission matters most.

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FOUR

In the words of our Founder:

FIVE

“Do something.”

TWO

In the words of our Lord:

THREE

“Loose the chains of injustice and set the oppressed free. . .

FOUR

And break every yoke.”

FIVE

In the words of our Founder:

TWO

“Others.”

THREE

In the words of our Lord:

FOUR

“Share the food with the hungry and provide the poor wanderer with shelter –

FIVE

When you see the naked, clothe him.”

TWO

In the words of our Founder:

THREE

“Go for souls and go for the worst.”

FOUR

In the words of our Lord:

FIVE

“Go and teach all nations –

TWO

Baptizing them in the name of the Father

THREE

Son

FOUR

And Holy Spirit.

FIVE

Hear the word of the Lord, Salvation Army.

TWO

The fields are ripe with harvest.

ALL

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