**TESTIMONY**

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When I first attended The Salvation Army back in 2015, I had not set out to go to church when I left my home. At that time I was in a bad place – I was drinking heavily, massively in debt and had left home with other purposes. But if I hadn’t heard a clear voice telling me to look right, or ventured into the doors of Swindon Gorse Hill and been lovingly accepted into the corps family, I truly do not know where I would have ended up. Unaware at the time, I now know that the voice I heard was God, and it was the love of Jesus that led to my own salvation. Jesus led me here, to this place.

In the Scripture used this year for Candidates Sunday, we see the humanity of Jesus in full view – he knew what he had to do, yet he had doubts. When I was called to become an officer, I can assure you that that was not my intention either. But I began the journey, and it would be true to say I still had doubts. I was sober, clear of debts, finally had a stable home and had met and married the most wonderful man, yet God was still calling me to give up all this newly found stability and follow him.

But I am so glad I did. Now I am here, I am filled with such peace that can only come from saying yes to God. So if you believe you have been called, yet you have doubts, I pray that you will have the courage to find that inner peace that allows you to place your trust in him who is faithful. May God bless you all in the days and decisions ahead.