

WHAT DO WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY,

‘With the love
of Jesus’?



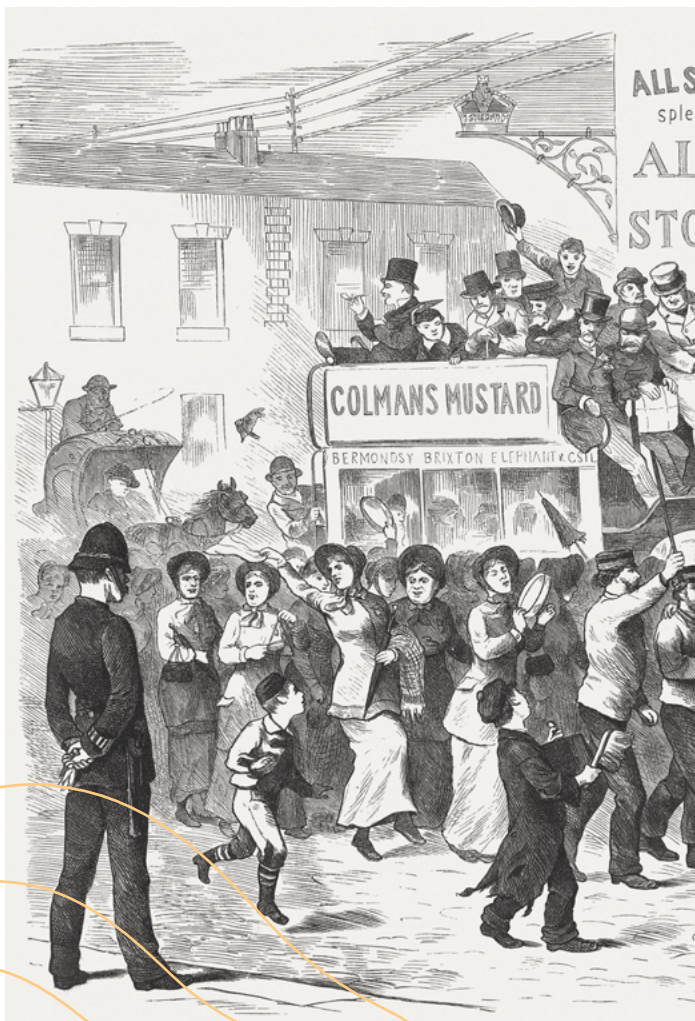
A photograph of a rural landscape at sunset. In the foreground, there are several large, dark trees with thick trunks and dense foliage. A wooden fence runs across the middle ground, separating the trees from a field. The field is filled with tall, dry grass. In the background, there are rolling hills under a warm, golden sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a strong backlight effect and casting long shadows. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

“With the love
of Jesus.”



If you've been around the Salvos for a while, you've probably heard this phrase. It's right there in our vision statement, displayed on our walls, and spoken about by our leaders.

But what does it really mean?





Well first, it points to our
Christian beginnings.

The people who started The
Salvation Army experienced the
love of Jesus firsthand, and it
totally transformed them. Through
his love, Jesus saved them – from
hopelessness, loneliness and
even their own selfishness.

Their
lives now
overflowed
with HOPE,
JOY and
PURPOSE.





They believed that Jesus offers a wonderful, life-changing 'salvation'. And they desperately wanted everyone to experience it.

So they made it their mission to tell people about Jesus.

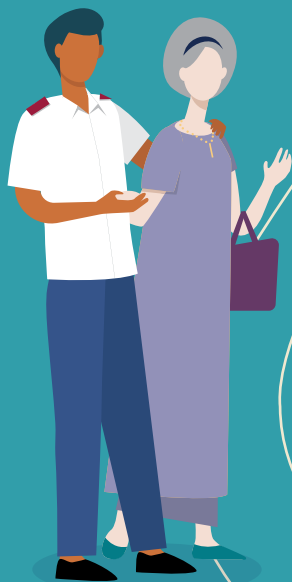
That's how we became
'The Salvation Army'.



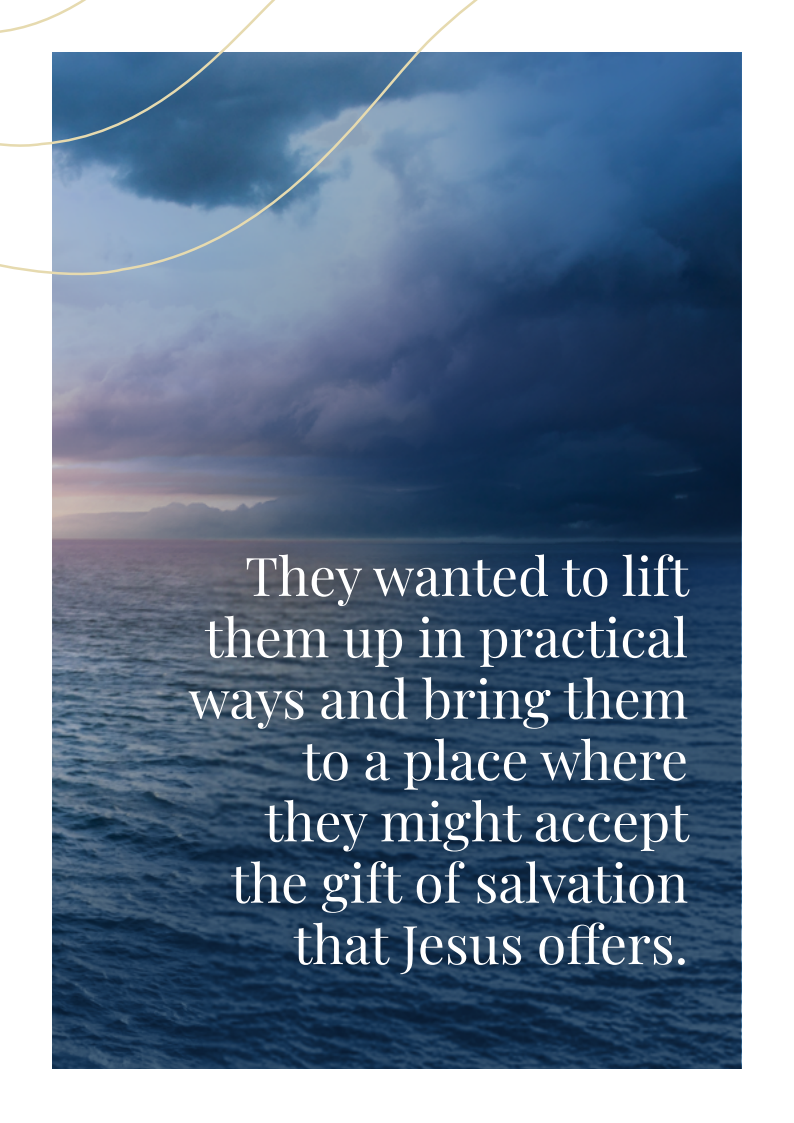
From the outset, they focused on those who were hurting the most: those tossed aside by society, trapped in destructive cycles, or living in poverty.

After 18 years, the mission was expanded to include organised social work.

Following Jesus' example, they wanted to walk alongside people in their struggles.





The image features a dramatic seascape. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with a hint of lighter clouds near the horizon where a soft glow suggests a low sun. The sea is a deep blue with visible ripples. Overlaid on the right side of the image is a series of thin, curved, golden-yellow lines. Centered on the right side is a block of white text in a serif font.

They wanted to lift
them up in practical
ways and bring them
to a place where
they might accept
the gift of salvation
that Jesus offers.

Today, the love of Jesus continues to drive everything we do.

Whether it's setting up evacuation centres during disasters, supporting people recovering from addiction, offering community meals, or meeting for church – it's all about showing and sharing the love of Jesus.



And Jesus is still changing lives today.

Across Australia, Salvos have
amazing stories of the difference
Jesus' love is making.



Have you experienced the love of Jesus for yourself?

Jesus loves you completely and
offers HOPE, JOY and PURPOSE.

His love is not like anything else in the
world. It can brighten even the darkest
corners of your heart, like the way the
sun shines down on a clear spring
day. He is love in its purest form – and
you can experience him for yourself.



No matter who you are,
what you've done or
what's been done to you,
Jesus loves you.

If you'd like to chat more about Jesus' love, please reach out. We'd love to listen, chat, or pray with you.



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