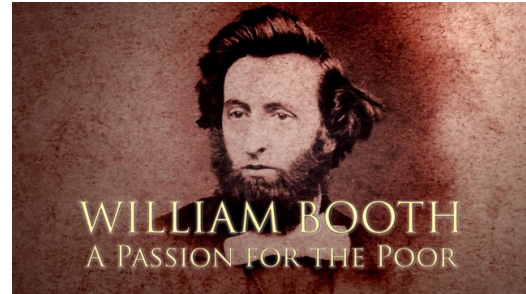


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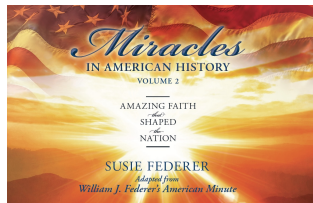
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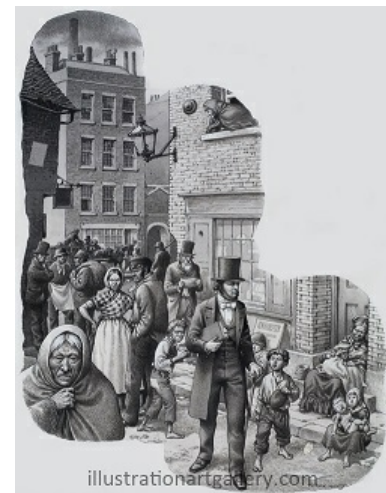


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The Salvation Army was founded by **William Booth**, who was born APRIL 10, 1829.

At the age of 13, **Booth** was sent to apprentice as a pawnbroker.

His job made him aware of poverty, and the humiliation and degradation poor people suffered.



Becoming a Christian as a teenager, **Booth** studied the writings of America's **Second Great Awakening** preacher **Charles G. Finney**, particularly on the subject of revival.

This led **Booth** to begin boldly sharing his faith with others.

Charles Finney's preaching also inspired **George Williams** to found the **Y.M.C.A. (Young Men's Christian Association)** in 1844.

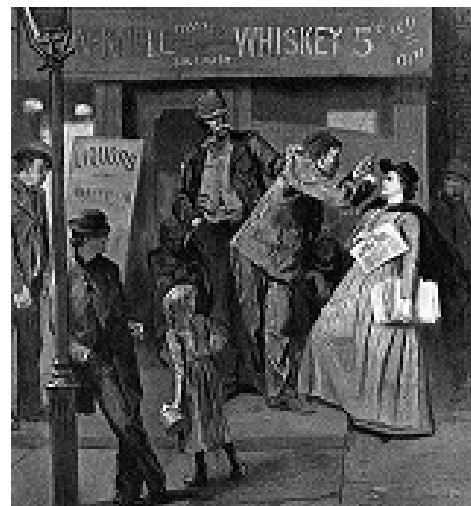


William Booth, at the age of 26, married **Catherine Mumford** in 1855, and together they founded **The Christian Mission** to minister to the poor, drunk, outcast, and wretched of the dirty and dangerous streets of London's East End slums.

They fought to end **child sex-trafficking** and **teenage prostitution** in England.

Catherine Booth said:

"I felt as though I must go and walk the streets and besiege the dens where these hellish iniquities are going on.



To keep quiet seemed like being a traitor to humanity."

The **Booths** helped expose a corrupt **child sex-trafficking**

ring that took advantage of poor families by buying their young girls with the false promise of a giving them a better future, but instead sold them into **prostitution** and **brothels** throughout Europe.



The **Booths** arranged to buy a girl out of this trade in order to expose it, but those profiting from the prostitution ring entangled the **Booths** in a much publicized trial.



The **Booths** were absolved of all charges, and the corresponding **national publicity** increased their **support to end the evil trade**.

With the help of Josephine Butler, **The Salvation Army** worked to influence politics, helping to get passed **England's Criminal Law Amendment Act in 1885**.



This raised the age of consent for sex to adulthood, whereas before it was only at 13 years of age.

In 1884, **The Salvation Army** established the first rescue home in London for women and girls escaping sex trafficking and prostitution.

In 30 years, the number of **Salvation Army** rescue homes

grew from one in **Whitechapel** to 117 homes around the world.



Adopting uniforms and a semi-military system of leadership, **The Salvation Army** ministered to the poor, drunk and outcast, while fighting sex-trafficking and teenage prostitution.

Unfortunately, sex-trafficking continues, often in corrupt Hollywood and political circles.

It also continues in areas where fundamentalist Muslims immigrate.

Bethel University's *The Clarion* wrote "Sex trafficking and Islam," May 23, 2012:

"The deep cultural practices of trading daughters as a commodity for food still pervades societies that practice Islam and that acceptance has not waned because it is passed down from generation to generation."

Muslim militant groups of **ISIS** and **Boko Haram** practice sex-trafficking, Associated Press reported "**ISIS makes \$3M per day from oil smuggling, human trafficking,**" September 15, 2014:

"The Islamic State militant group ... earns more than \$3 million a day from oil smuggling, human trafficking, theft and extortion, according to US intelligence officials and private experts ...

al-Khatteeb said, and millions more from human trafficking by selling women and children as sex slaves."

U.N. "peace-keepers" are routinely accused of engaging in sex-trafficking.

Fighting sex-trafficking, **William Booth** wrote:



"While women weep, as they do now, I'll fight;

-while little children go hungry, I'll fight;

-while men go to prison, in and out, in and out, as they do now, I'll fight-

-while there is a drunkard left,

-while there is a poor lost girl upon the streets,

-where there remains one dark soul without the light of God -- I'll fight! I'll fight to the very end!"

Beginning in 1880, **Catherine Booth** grew concerned over "sweat labor" shops where women and children worked long hours in very poor conditions, particularly in match making factories where white phosphorous was used.



Exposure to white phosphorus caused one's skin to yellow, hair to fall out, and **phossy jaw**,

where the jaw glowed a greenish-white color, then turned black and rotted away, leading to death.



JOHN WERNER

A typical case of phosphorus poisoning

The **Booths'** efforts led to the adoption of safer matches which were struck on sandpaper.



William Booth said:

"We must wake ourselves up! Or somebody else will take our place, and bear our cross, and thereby rob us of our crown."

By the year 1879, **The Salvation Army** had grown to 81 mission stations staffed by 127 full-time evangelists with over 1,900 voluntary speakers holding 75,000 meetings a year.



William Booth was awarded an honorary degree from Oxford.

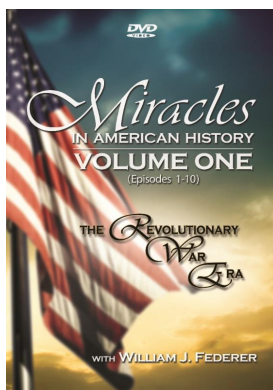
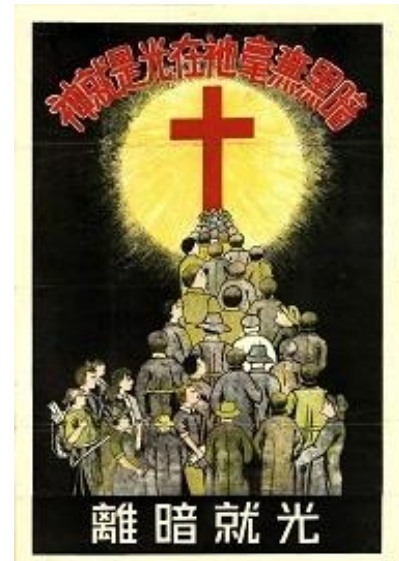
Booth met **King Edward VII** at Buckingham Palace, **Winston Churchill**, and was awarded the

Badge of Honor on behalf of the city of London.



In 1880, **The Salvation Army** opened work in the United States, followed by missions in over 100 countries, including:

- France,
- Australia,
- India,
- Switzerland,
- Sweden,
- Canada,
- South Africa,
- New Zealand,
- Jamaica,
- Hong Kong, and
- China.



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On **MARCH 28, 1885**, **The Salvation Army** was officially organized in the **United States**.



William Booth personally traveled to America, where he met **President Theodore Roosevelt**.



He later sent **President Roosevelt** a telegram, March 7, 1903:

"I am more than impressed with the greatness of the Nation at whose head you have been placed by the Providence of God. I pray that He may spare you all the wisdom needed ...

... These kindly feelings which you are known to entertain towards those who grow in misery and helplessness even in this greatly favored country ...

May the blessing of Him that maketh rich and addeth no sorrow be on the White House and the Nation it represents."

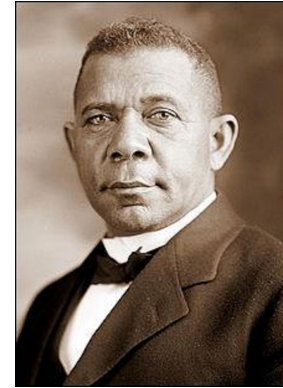
William Booth opened a session of the **United States Senate** with prayer.



The editor of **The Salvation Army's Conqueror** magazine, Major T.C. Marshall,

sent a letter to **Booker T. Washington**, founder of the Tuskegee Institute, thanking him for his favorable comments regarding **The Salvation Army's** effort to minister to poor blacks in America's South.

Booker T. Washington replied, July 28, 1896:



"I am very glad to hear that **The Salvation Army** is going to undertake work among my people in the southern states.

I have always had the greatest respect for the work of **The Salvation Army** especially because I have noted that it **draws no color line in religion ...**

In reaching the neglected and, I might say, outcasts of our people, I feel that your methods and work have peculiar value ...

God bless you in all your unselfish **Christian work** for our country."

Growing blind, **William Booth** finally died in 1912.



Over 150,000 people viewed his casket with 40,000 attending his funeral, including the Queen of England.

At his Memorial Service, messages were read from the King and Queen of England, President William Taft, the

German Emperor, John Wanamaker, Cardinal Gibbons, and Theodore Roosevelt.

COMPARES BOOTH TO LOYOLA AND WESLEY

Principal Speaker at Memorial
Declares He Had Great
Qualities of Both.

2,000 SALVATIONISTS ATTEND

Meeting Carries No Suggestion of
Mourning, but of Rejoicing in
a Work Well Done.

Officers and soldiers of the Salvation Army in the 800 army corps throughout the country met yesterday afternoon to honor the memory of Gen. William Booth. The services were held in the Memorial Hall, in the National Headquarters building in East Fourteenth Street, before 2,000 Salvationists. There was no note of sadness in the gather-

Rev. L.L. Ritchie gave the eulogy, comparing **William Booth** to **John Wesley** and **Ignatius Loyola**:

"**General Booth**, like **Wesley**, had the Apostolic spirit and supreme love for humanity. He was like **Loyola**, who had in him the spirit of the soldier. **Loyola** knew how to organize ...



The one great characteristic of the **General** was his dauntless faith. **No such word as impossible was in his vocabulary**, for he knew it was not in God's dictionary."

William Booth stated:

"**The chief danger of the 20th century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, and Heaven without Hell.**"

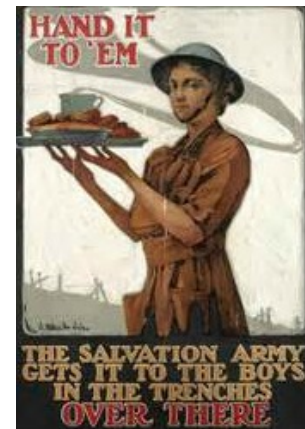
In 1904, William Booth's daughter,

Evangeline, became the **Commander of The Salvation Army's United States forces.**



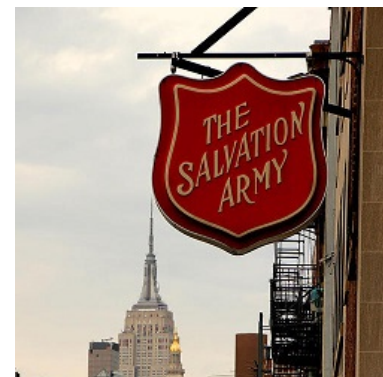
Under **Evangeline's** leadership, **The Salvation Army** not only evangelized, but organized programs for unwed mothers, the homeless and disaster relief, especially after the **1906 San Francisco earthquake** and in **U.S. Army canteens** during **World War One.**

For **The Salvation Army's** work during the war, **Evangeline Booth** was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by **President Woodrow Wilson** in 1919.



The New York Times published an article on August 07, 1927, titled:

"FAR-FLUNG ACTIVITY OF SALVATION ARMY;



Wherever One Goes in New York It Is to Be Found 'Just Around the Corner.' IT HAS 47 INSTITUTIONS These Range Through **Training Schools to Hospitals, Nurseries, Refuges and Homes."**

When **Evangeline** became **The**

Salvation Army's International Commander-in-Chief, she received a telegram from **President Franklin D. Roosevelt**, September 4, 1934, saying:

"Please accept my sincere congratulations on your election as **General of The Salvation Army** throughout the world.



In these troubled times it is particularly important that the leadership of all good forces shall work for the amelioration of human suffering and for the preservation of the highest spiritual ideals."

FDR concluded:

"Your efforts as **Commander-in-Chief of The Salvation Army** ... have earned the gratitude and admiration of millions of your countrymen."



On December 1, 1965, **President Lyndon Johnson** remarked to **The Salvation Army** in New York:

"For a century now, **The Salvation Army** has offered food to the hungry and shelter to the homeless -- in clinics and children's homes, through disaster relief, in prison and welfare work, and a thousand other endeavors.

In that century you have proved time and again the power of a handshake, a meal, and a song. But you have not stopped there. You have demonstrated

also the power of a great idea."

Johnson continued:

"The voice of **The Salvation Army** has reminded men that physical well-being is just not enough; that spiritual rebirth is the most pressing need of our time and of every time; that the world cannot be changed unless men change.

That voice has been clear and courageous-and it has been heard.

Even when other armies have disbanded, I hope that this one will still be on the firing line."

Ronald Reagan stated:

"**The Salvation Army** embodies compassion and **Christian love** in feeding the hungry, caring for the homeless, and attending to the afflicted and downtrodden."

President Trump stated December 5, 2019:

"**Jesus Christ inspires us to love one another** with hearts full of generosity and grace. Joining us today are David and Sharron Hudson of the **Salvation Army**.

Each year, through their Angel Tree program, the **Salvation Army** brings new gifts to more than 600,000 children. David and Sharron are an inspiration to us all. And, David and Sharron, thank you very much for being with us. Thank you."

Another organization
which originated out of

Christian charity to make a global impact was **GOODWILL INDUSTRIES**, founded in 1902 by United Methodist minister **Rev. Edgar James Helms**.

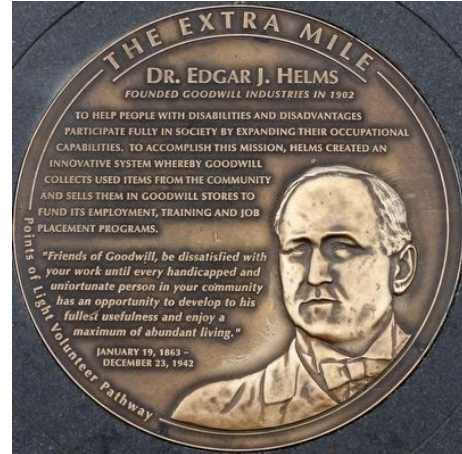


Rev. Edgar J. Helms gave an address at the Council of Cities, Baltimore, MD., April 26, 1918 (E.J. Helms, *Pioneering in Modern City Missions*, Boston, MA:



Morgan Memorial Printing Dept., 1927, chp. III. The Relation of the Church to Industrial Evangelism, p. 126-7).

In his address, **Rev. Helms** stated:



"If the spirit of God is to dominate the whole social order, then must He be manifest as much in the family and industry and state as He is in the Church.

The Church has a greater task of evangelism than to secure individuals who will lift their hands for prayer or sign a card or shake hands with an evangelist ..."

Rev. Helms continued:

"Employer and employee must shake hands in mutual respect and cooperation.

"Friends of Goodwill, be dissatisfied with your work until every person in your community has an opportunity to develop to their fullest usefulness and enjoy a maximum of abundant living."
Rev. Edgar J. Helms, 1941

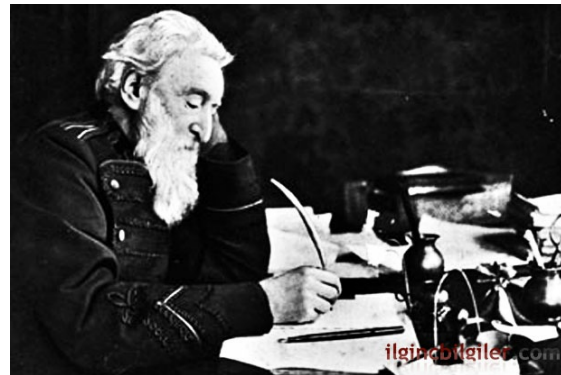


The era of exploitation and competition between nations and races must end in mutual helpfulness and goodwill.

Jesus Christ and His Gospel must permeate industry and every human interest as well as preaching and education. The Church is His divinely appointed agency for this task."

William Booth is credited with saying:

"Most Christian organizations would like to send their workers to Bible college for five years.

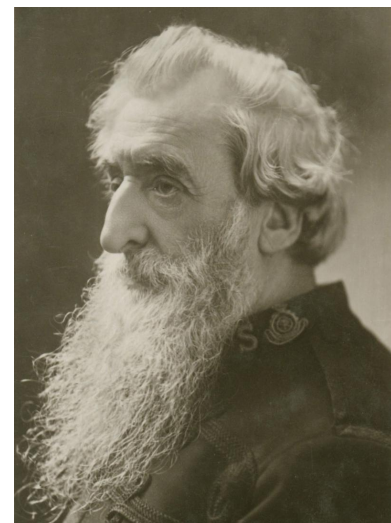


I would like to send our workers to Hell for five minutes. That would prepare them for a lifetime of compassionate ministry."

William Booth wrote:

"What are you living for? What is the deep secret purpose that controls and fashions your existence?

What do you eat and drink for?
What is the end of your marrying



and giving in marriage-your money-making and toilings and plannings?

Is it the salvation of souls, the overthrow of the kingdom of evil, and the setting up of the Kingdom of God?

If not, you may be religious ... **but I don't see how you can be a Christian."**

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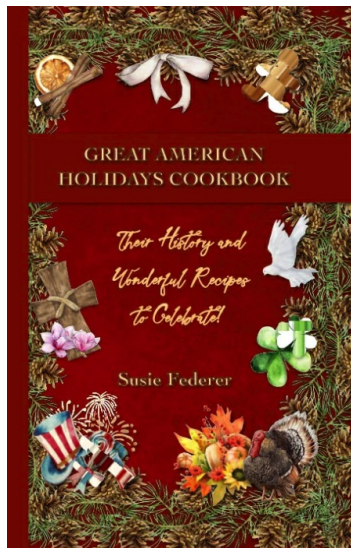
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