

THE SALVATION ARMY
HEADQUARTERS
272 WHITECHAPEL ROAD LONDON E.

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The Lord will give you the soul of your sister. Do not be afraid to speak faithfully to her about Eternal things. God is with you. He will cause the word to go with power.

I trust you are really better again. These afflictions of our poor bodies must be for our good. The Lord is not only good – but He is wise. And He doth not willingly afflict. He is getting us more like His own image. He is conforming us to the image of His Son. We must be still. We must be as clay in the hands of the potter. We must. We will. We are. Oh Lord, do as you like with us, only make us to perfectly love Thee wholly, fully, serve Thee always. I feel God is good to me. I am quite sure I am getting on. The Lord of Glory is bringing me closer to keeping me closer – and yet I feel I am nothing in His Sight so it is boundless love that lets Him have anything to do with me.

Do not be afraid of the Devil. He cannot hurt you. He is chained. He can only go so far. You must hold to the word of God and to God Himself in the time of temptation as Jesus did. Read Matt 4 and the same story in Mark and Luke. The temptation lasted 40 days – the Lord Jesus triumphed. Hallelujah. He held on. So will you. So will I. The blood does cleanse. The Holy Spirit does purify. The Keeper does keep. In spite of all Earth and all Hell, hold fast the beginning of your confidence.

I hope Dr Boardman will bring you much blessing by the Lord's goodness.


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My love in the Lord to the Björkmans and the T's and your Sister and all. I pray for you all. Pray for me and The Salvation Army. We are still marching along. God gives victory over all our enemies. Many Souls are being saved. We must soon come to Sweden.

Every affectionate greetings in Jesus our Lord and Life and all

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