

HEADQUARTERS OF THE SALVATION ARMY,  
272, WHITECHAPEL ROAD, LONDON .E.

23. Nov. 1879

Dear Sister in Jesus our Lord,

I was very glad to receive your last letter. I see how the Lord is leading you and teaching you like a little child. Will you be a little child so that you may learn? It is when we humble ourselves to Him, and become as little children that we begin to understand His ways and His will and then we learn "quick!"

Trouble and sorrow are in the Lord's hands. He sends them out when he sees best to His people, and only then you will be much blessed, and be much strengthened – made strong – and be much lifted up near to Him, by this sorrow if you have yourself in His hands. Do not fear. Do not rebel. Do not say I cannot bear, I will not bear this great burden; but say in your heart – "Lord, thy will, not mine, be done". No matter what is gone – He is not gone. He is the same yesterday and today and forever. He cannot change. If all is gone but Him that will bring you to love Him alone, to work for Him alone, and this is what the King wants. Do you see? He wants you all to Himself.

I think if there were no sorrows in this world, there would be no saints, because we are so selfish we forget the Lord or we keep part from him, when we have joy in the world – it is by sorrow we see how empty, how small, how worthless is all but Him and His and Kingdom.

You must go on with your work for Him. The more Satan tries you, the more you should speak for the Lord. Romans 10:10. The Devil will try to stop you. He does me. He will say "now do not speak so much – do not be so bold – you cannot keep what you say". But he is a liar. I forget the Swedish for that word! Oh do open your mouth. "He will fill it."

Now the Lord is willing to give you a "clean heart" – you must have it. You will not be fully at rest till you. It is good going striving – you must give over – and begin trusting. Write to tell me that it is done. Read Isaiah 6: 1-8.

I was glad to hear of friends. Remember me to your Sister. Tell her to hold fast – I pray for your father. Bid Sister I. and her Sister resist the Devil and look off unto Jesus – He is always looking at them – My love in the Lord to Sisters Björkman – I remember them in prayer – Romans 8:17, 18. I pray for their brother also.

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In Him affectionately

W. Bramwell Booth

Miss Ouchterlony

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