



受訪者：狄愛詩姊妹
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今期要向你們介紹一位女士，她在數月前曾經是本軍區舉足輕重的人物，因她曾在救世軍港澳軍區負責掌管財政和業務多年——她就是狄愛詩姊妹，一位相當能幹和願意委身事奉的女士，更重要的是她愛神，神也愛她。

你會怎樣形容你和神的關係？

我的生命是個奇妙的旅程，我在所有事情當中都看見神的恩手。我來香港時只簽了兩年合約，結果我在港工作了七年。神在我生命的各個範疇中都好好預備和計劃，使我深深感到祂的支持。

為甚麼加入救世軍？

我自幼在聖公會成長，又會參加主日學，但有一次朋友邀請我參與救世軍的週末小組派對，那時候是我第一次聽到基督為我捨身。父母和聖公會的牧者都支持我參與救世軍的決定，但也提醒我：「神用不着一塊滾動的石頭——好好在那裏植根，留在那裏。」

身為女性，你最喜歡自己的是甚麼？

我的媽媽自幼教導我要相信自己任何事情都能做到。這使我對自己充滿自信。一個人有了信心，別人就會喜歡你。

儘管你的生活十分忙碌，但你認為理想的休息日是怎樣的？

理想的休息日？整天看書或看電影吧。我喜歡的作家是簡·奧斯汀 (Jane Austen) 和阿嘉莎·克莉絲蒂 (Agatha Christie)。我當然會在家中穿着睡衣享受這些事情！

如果可以回到18歲，你會告訴自己甚麼才是生活？

我會聽我媽媽的話，不會結婚。那時候我太年輕了，18歲訂婚，19歲便結婚了。

你的生活如此繁忙，如何取得平衡？

我平衡生活的方法，就是以神要我先做的事為優先。我還未有自己的事業便已當人母，而我會毫無條件地愛我的孩子。我會讓他們犯錯，但總會在他們身邊「收拾爛攤子」。我教導他們要有獨立的思想。我的學業和進修全都是我當全職母親的時候完成的。

有信心婦女如何能改變世界？

有信心婦女無論要做甚麼，都會好好去做，且展示出愛和接納。「論斷」並不是我們要做的事情。神有能力去使人改變，就讓我們協助推動這改變吧。看見別人成長和發展給我很大的喜樂——嘗試找個方法讓別人也茁壯成長吧。

請給我們分享一節你喜歡的經文吧。

約翰福音3章16節：「神愛世人，甚至將祂的獨生子賜給他們，叫一切信祂的，不致滅亡，反得永生。」神是創造天地的奇妙藝術家。即使身為人母，我也覺得很難（若非不可能）了解神為我們所作的犧牲。我提醒自己，經文中所指「叫一切信祂的」就是叫我不要論斷。我自己的生命已大受祝福，我也很想跟別人分享這份福氣。

你對將來有甚麼重大期望？

希望人們能尊重各人的差異，彼此相愛。「別再自以為是」，為社會作出貢獻！🔥

狄愛詩姊妹與我們愉快地共事了七年零七天。此刻她仍與我們在一起，因大家都是身處在神所創造的同一天空下。



Interviewee : Ms Deirdre Ashe
Interviewer : Lieut-Colonel Wendy Swan

The lady who is going to share with you was an important lady to the Command few months ago for she was the one to look after all the finance and business areas of The Salvation Army in Hong Kong for years. Who is she? You are right – Deirdre Ashe. A lady who is very capable, dedicated but the most important is she loves God and God loves her.

How's the relationship with God?

My life has been an amazing journey and I continue to see God's hand in everything. I came to Hong Kong for a 2-year-contract and stayed 7 years. In every aspect of my life, God has prepared and planned for me and I have felt His support.

Why The Salvation Army?

I was raised in the Anglican church and taught Sunday School but was invited by a friend to The Salvation Army for a small group party weekend where I heard for the first time that Christ died for me personally. My parents and the Anglican minister supported my choice to attend the Army but told me that 'God cannot use a rolling stone - plant your feet and stay there'.

What do you like most about being a woman?

My mom raised me to believe I could do anything. This gave me confidence in myself. When one has confidence, others will like you.

In spite of your busy life, what's the perfect day off for you?

Perfect day off? A day reading or watching movies. I like Jane Austen and Agatha Christie. Of course, I would do this in my pajamas!

If you were 18 again – what would you tell yourself about life?

I would listen more to my mother and would not have gotten married. I was far too young - engaged at 18 and married at 19.

Again, you are so busy! How do you deal with balance in life?

I balance life by giving priority to those things which God has given me. I was a parent before I had a career and I love my grown children unconditionally. I will let them make their own mistakes but will be there to 'pick up the pieces'. I raised them to be independent thinkers. All my studies have been completed as a full time mother.

How do women of faith change their world?

Women of faith - whatever you do - do it well! Demonstrate love and acceptance. It is not our 'job' to judge. God has the power to change people - be part of that change. I take great joy in watching people grow and develop - find ways to allow people to thrive.

Please share your favourite Scripture verse with us.

John 3:16 – *'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'* God is an amazing artist who created the world. As a mother, I find it difficult, if not impossible to comprehend the sacrifice that God made. I am reminded that the 'whosoever' in this verse tells me I am not to judge. I am so blessed in my own life, I cannot help but share the blessing with others.

What's your greatest hope for the future?

That people would respect one another's differences - and love each other. "Get over yourself" and make a contribution to community!

We are so glad to have Deirdre with us in the past seven years and seven days. We are still together for we are the same world that God has made for us.