

Reverend Dr. Privitera – St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church

15 Minutes

- Thank you for the invitation to be here this morning and for the opportunity to worship with you and tell you a little about the work The Salvation Army is doing.
- I was here this morning at 8 am as well, but they only got the dress rehearsal version, you're getting the real thing.
- This actually works out very well – because I will be at 3 services today, I don't have to go to church next week.
- I appreciate the invitation to speak with you this morning, especially during the very important season of lent.
- This past week I was attempting to explain lent to my kids who are 5 and 8 years old. This conversation was, of course, sparked by a deep conversation about pancakes on Shrove Tuesday.
- One thing led to another and our conversation led to Jesus and his 40 days in the wilderness.
- I am certain Reverend Privitera could be far more eloquent, but I think the learning we can find in the Temptation of Christ is about challenging ourselves to do more, to do better to think and act differently.
- In that same theme, today is also Freedom Sunday. An organization named "NOT FOR SALE" began this global campaign joining thousands of churches in nearly 50 countries across the world in an act of solidarity and action to end human trafficking.
- Human Trafficking, however, is not just a global issue that occurs in Eastern Europe or Thailand.

- Human Trafficking is happening right here in Canada, it's even occurring here in Ottawa.
- Story about Ottawa Sun reporter and story on prostitution.
- Story about mother selling her daughter for sex to raise money for her drug habit.
- The Salvation Army operates a Sex Trade Worker Education Program (STEP) aimed at providing choices to sex workers.
- The Salvation Army opened the first shelter dedicated to assisting victims of Human Trafficking.
- Training of first line staff across the country.
- Creation of Human Trafficking Network internally and externally.
- The common themes here are sufficient resources to treat addictions, mental illness and more affordable housing.
- I want to come back to the change in thinking or a so-called paradigm shift
- Stephen Covey Story
 - Subway
 - Kids running around, fighting, yelling
 - Dad not doing anything, head buried in his hands
 - People starting to get annoyed
 - Finally, someone can't bite his tongue any longer and shouts at the father to do something about it
 - Father apologizes, explains that they just returned from the hospital where their mother had died and they didn't know how to behave.
- Prostitutes on our streets may not be hookers, looking to get rich quick by selling sex.

- They may be someone's daughter, sister or mother suffering from an addiction.
- They may be an aboriginal girl, kidnapped from her home on her reserve and forced into the sex trade.
- But how are we called to action – what can we do about these issues?
- We can live out our faith.
- The parish core values are:
 - The gifts of hospitality and friendship
 - The extension of care to those in need
 - The desire for and practice of inclusivity
- You can treat someone living in poverty differently
 - Youth mother in the grocery store who doesn't have control of her kids
 - Person asking for change on the street corner
- Continue to serve people in your community through your Parish or Anglican Social Services.
- Donate to organizations like The Salvation Army.

Salvation Army in Japan

- 1885, 81 Ministry Units, churches, social service units and 2 hospitals
- Sending assessment teams to Sendai
- Feeding people stranded in Tokyo when transportation system shutdown