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Introduction



Today, we'll hear about an incredible charity that is rescuing people from debt and poverty as well as giving them the chance to discover God's love. This charity is Christians Against Poverty, but we're going to start by opening our Bibles to Isaiah chapter 6.



In chapter 6 of Isaiah, we read of his response to God's call:

'Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"' – Isaiah 6:8

But God didn't send Isaiah on an international mission – he called him to serve in the place he already lived. Isaiah was called to engage with his community and today, God is calling us to do the same.



Across the UK right now, there are parents who are missing meals so their children can eat the little they have. There are elderly people living alone who have not turned the heating on for days because of the cost. There are people battling multiple mental and physical health problems whilst also being hounded by debt collectors – letters, phone calls, banging on the door. There are estimated to be 1.5 million people living in destitution here in the UK.

For most of them, nobody outside their household knows the truth – sometimes not even their families know. They put on a brave face, make excuses to cover things up – they're afraid of judgment, ashamed, guilty. Or they just don't believe anyone can help them.

**(1 minute)**

Share a little about what CAP means to you. What makes you so passionate about the charity? What stories have you heard from CAP that have really captured your heart?

I'm going to share an incredible story with you now that shows God's power at work in the life of just one person helped by CAP.

(WATCH TINA'S STORY)



Wow. What a story of transformation we've just seen. Our God is truly an incredible God.

The most striking fact about Tina's story is that, despite the huge number of difficulties she was facing, nobody knew.

Nobody saw that she was sat in the dark and cold every evening. Nobody saw her empty fridge or the pile of laundry she couldn't afford to wash.

Tina was desperate for someone to notice, but terrified of anyone finding out.



Around 30,000 people like you and I have looked and truly seen the need in their community. They've responded by making a monthly gift to CAP, and today you have the opportunity to do the same.

People like Tina need us to make the effort to see their situation and, instead of waiting for them to ask for help, reach out a hand to them instead. That's exactly what a monthly gift to CAP will do. We can't provide the professional debt service these people need, but we can donate a few pounds every month to CAP, who will do just that and so much more.



On your seat, you'll find a flyer with Tina's beautiful face on the front. Just take a minute now to look at her again. Remember her story and how she is now debt free, full of God's love and giving back to her community.

Through CAP, this incredible transformation is happening for tens of thousands of people every year. If you'd like to be part of this, simply fill in the form on the back of the flyer to give a few pounds every month.

(Pause and allow people a few minutes to complete their forms. You may want to play some reflective worship music during this time)



After praying, thank people for their generosity and let them know you'll be by your CAP information table to collect in any forms after the service.

Lord God,

Thank you that your heart overflows with love for the poorest and most vulnerable in society.

Thank you that you see the hidden needs in this community. We praise you for the lives you have already changed, like Tina's, whose story we've seen today.

We pray for all those who are trapped in poverty in the UK to be set free from the darkness of their situations. We pray that those who are afraid to speak up and ask for help would find the courage they need to reach out.

Thank you that you use ordinary people and organisations like CAP to bring hope and practical help to others. We pray for more to be inspired to join the fight against poverty.

We pray that through CAP's work, more people's lives will be changed as they find freedom from debt and respond to Jesus, just like the hundreds of others who make a commitment to follow you every single year.

In Jesus' name, Amen