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**Dietrich Bonhoeffer**

**February 4, 1906 - April 9, 1945**

Born in Breslau, Germany during the German empire.

He had 7 siblings including a twin sister.

Bonhoeffer became a German pastor, theologian, anti-Nazi dissident, and key founding member of the Confessing Church.

His writings on Christianity's role in the secular world have become widely influential.

Apart from his theological writings, Bonhoeffer was known for his staunch resistance to Nazi dictatorship, including vocal opposition to Hitler's euthanasia program and genocidal persecution of the Jews. He was arrested in April 1943 by the Gestapo and imprisoned at Tegel prison for one and a half years. Later, he was transferred to a Nazi concentration camp. After being accused of being associated with the July 20 plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler, he was quickly tried, along with other accused plotters, including former members of the *Abwehr* (the German Military Intelligence Office), and then executed by hanging on 9 April 1945 as the Nazi regime was collapsing.

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**William Booth**

**April 10, 1829- August 20, 1912**

William Booth was born in Nottingham, England in 1829.

At 13 years of age, Booth was apprenticed to a pawnbroker to earn a living. When he was 15 he heard about the message of salvation. He became a devoted convert and embraced his walk with Christ and His teachings wholeheartedly. He read avidly and was inspired to become a speaker and missionary seeking to save souls. Booth believed that those who rejected Jesus Christ as their Savior were doomed to eternal hell. He saw his life mission to save as many people as possible.

In 1865 Booth and his wife Catherine founded the Christian Revival Society. This was an organization committed to helping the poorest and most neglected of the East End of London. It involved giving food, shelter and clothes, but also seeking to save people spiritually. In 1878, they changed the name of the Christian Revival Society to the Salvation Army. Booth's motivation was that he didn't see himself as a volunteer, but a regular soldier serving God.

Booth was a tireless worker, traveling to over 58 countries and becoming one of the best-known evangelists and charity workers of the age.