

**I** will not sit quietly while the world aches for redemption.  
I belong to a Christ who sets hearts on fire and sends them out to burn.

**I AM A TRUE WESLEYAN.**

**I** believe there is more than forgiveness.  
The Holy Spirit does not merely pardon me. He makes me new.  
He calls me to be holy, not as a burden to bear but as the very freedom  
for which I was made. Grace is not permission to remain as I am, but the  
power to become who God created me to be.

**I AM A TRUE WESLEYAN.**

**I** come from a people who took that freedom  
and rode on horseback into the wilderness frontier, who packed their  
belongings in coffins knowing they were never turning back. They preached  
in barns, schoolhouses, and open fields. They were beaten, imprisoned, and  
exiled to the margins. They chose to shelter the hunted as they were fleeing  
and opened pulpits to women when no one else would. They crossed to the  
other side of the tracks to minister to prostitutes, alcoholics and everyone  
the “respectable” church had written off. This is the Christ-haunted,  
kingdom-building lineage I carry.

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**I** am not my own. Whatever God asks of me,  
whether it costs me comfort, reputation or safety, I give it freely. No parish  
is too far, no people beyond reach. I will exhaust every means and every  
moment doing all the good I can for everyone I can. I will carry this  
message of hope across borders and barriers, into classrooms and clinics,  
offices and shop floors, city streets, and forgotten corners. I will be a living  
witness of the good news in the ordinary spaces and places of my world.

**I AM A TRUE WESLEYAN.**

**N**ot because I love the name of John Wesley,  
but because I love the Christ whose fire Wesley carried. I will be a folk  
theologian in the thick of culture, a circuit rider in frontier places, a  
freedom fighter wherever people are enslaved or marginalized in body or  
spirit. I will preach for a decision and live as proof of one.

**I AM A TRUE WESLEYAN.**



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