Yahweh, Your name is perfect. You are the most amazing God and You are better than everything in the Heavens and the earth. (Psalm 8:1)

See It:

"I know the plans I have for you," announces the Lord. "I want you to have good times. I do not plan to harm you. I will give you hope for all your years to come. Then you will call out to Me. You will come and pray to Me. And I will listen to you. When you look for Me with all your heart, you will find Me." (Jeremiah 29:11-13)

On It:

How do you get clean clothes to wear each day? How does cooked food mysteriously show up on your kitchen table a couple of times each day? It doesn't just happen! Someone thought it through and prepared it for you. As a kid you usually expect someone to have a plan. Maybe your parents or teachers or Junior Soldier Sergeants are the people you presume have thought out and prepared things for you. And it is great that they do. They know more about life than you do. They know what it needed for tomorrow - clean clothes and nourishing food and opportunities to learn and to worship and to serve and to evangelize... And they work it out for you. Can you imagine if no one planned for you? Can you imagine if the plans were to hurt you? Wow. Well, here, God assures us that HE has made plans for each of us. And these plans are not harmful - they are set in place so that we can enjoy success. He wants to put hope in our hearts. When we call on Him, He listens. When we search with all of our hearts, we will find Him. Let's start living out His successful plan!

Live It:

This week we are looking at seven areas of the world, and seven things that The Army does there. We want you to think of seven ways you can do something similar next year. In Indonesia, The Salvation Army runs over 15 children homes for orphans. They always need more supplies. Can you think of a way to raise some money for these missions?



Do It:

We want you to think about things you are going to do next year. Write them all on the same page, and on that page, make a heading. You will also need to make an envelope for the page to go in at the end of the week.

in it

Please bless Indonesia and all of the mission there.

Eat It:

'The harvest is the end of the age.' (Matthew 13:39b) Memorize this verse, this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read John 19-21

You are the mighty and strong help for anyone who calls on You. No matter what they are going through, You are strong enough. (Psalm 9:9)

See It:

'The Lord loves us very much. So, we haven't been completely destroyed. His loving care for us never fails. His great love is new every morning. Lord, how faithful You are! I say to myself, "The Lord is everything I will ever need. So, I will put my hope in Him."" (Lamentations 3:22-24)

On It:

Have you ever had a bad day or a sad day? Sometimes even a good night's sleep won't take away the problem that causes your sadness. Jeremiah had a very long streak of bad days and sad days. The morning would not bring with it a clean slate. Just because the sun rose in the sky it didn't mean that the problem disappeared. But do you know what Jeremiah found? He found that he could feel God's merciful love faithfully in a fresh way each morning. And that love reminded Jeremiah that God provides everything he needs. He put his hope in God each morning. We are not promising that when you go to war for Jesus that you will have no sadness or problems. In fact, in some ways you will run into more difficulties. But we can follow Jeremiah's example and wake up each morning to a fresh experience of God's merciful and faithful love in our lives to gives us a jolt of hope to overcome our challenges of the day.

Live It:

Every year in Canada and Bermuda (and probably lots of other places too) The Salvation Army have lots of Christmas presents donated that they then give out to children who otherwise would receive nothing. We get so many presents that it takes an entire warehouse to store them!

Do It:

Write down some of your school goals for next calendar year.



in it:

Draw some Christians together to worship with you at school and then pray to God that this would happen. (And God bless Europe!)

Eat It: Matthew 13:39b

Do you remember when we talked about praying for workers for the harvest? The harvest was the crop of people who were ready to get saved. Well, Jesus is promising a harvest, what Revelation describes as a massive, unprecedented crop of people getting saved from every tribe, and language, and people, and nation. That's a huge harvest!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 John 1-5

You don't let anyone who calls on You fall. Thank You! You are our salvation! (Psalm 9:10)

See It:

'I will sprinkle pure water on you. Then you will be 'clean.' I will make you completely pure and clean. I will take all of the statues of your gods away from you. I will give you new hearts. I will give you a new spirit that is faithful to Me. I will remove your stubborn hearts from you. I will give you hearts that obey Me. I will put My Spirit in you. I will move you to follow My rules. I want you to be careful to keep My laws. You will live in the land I gave your people long ago. You will be My people. And I will be your God.' (Ezekiel 36:25-28)

On it:

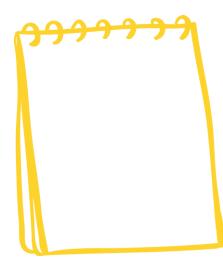
Have you ever been in a big mudslide? After it rains a lot and the dirt turns into a big field of mud, sometimes it is fun to take big runs and then dive into the mud to see how far you slide. At the end of the game you are covered and saturated with mud. Usually you need a sprinkler to wash all the dirt off of you. This is sort of what God is promising to us when He wants to sprinkle pure water on us and make us clean. That spiritual sprinkler is washing off spiritual mud – all kinds of sins like pride, selfishness, disobedience, swearing, lying, cheating, stealing, jealousy, resentfulness, etc. – and making you clean. And God goes even further. He wants to transform your inside as well! He wants to give you a new heart, a new spirit that wants to obey Him. He wants to put His Holy Spirit in you to help you be careful to obey His laws. You will be His people. And He will be your God. Hallelujahweh!

Live It:

In Mexico, we have a trade centre where people can go and learn a trade so that they can then get a job. Find a way to use your talent and gifts to bring hope or joy to others this year.

Do It:

Write down some things you want to do for God next year.



In It: God, please bless Mexico.

Eat It: Matthew 13:39b

And, as Revelation and this verse suggest, this massive group of people getting saved is the end of the age. That means that Jesus is coming back right around when we harvest this crop. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Psalm 117, 119:81-176, 2 John, & 3 John

You help all those who don't have any help. You are my wonderful Father. (Psalm 10:14)

See It:

'In a race all the runners run. But only one gets the prize. You know that, don't you? So, run in a way that will get you the prize. All who take part in the games train hard. They do it to get a crown that will not last. But we do it to get a crown that will last forever.' (1 Corinthians 9:24)

On It:

Now, we are running out of days in this year and in this book. What's next? Well, if this is your first year through the book, then we encourage you to do it again next year but beef up your Bible reading. That is, maybe do the New Testament reading each day. If you did that this year, then bump it up and do the whole Bible reading list next year. That will cover the whole Bible in One-year. And if you have done THAT, then find three friends and meet with them to teach them the material. This will be part of your discipling process to raise up more mighty warriors. Paul's testimony in these verses is a great reminder for us. You may know kids who practise piano for an hour a day (great idea) or study really hard (great, too) or practise their favourite sport (fun, too). Those are good things, and maybe you do all of these things (great!). But can we just challenge you to do as much in your salvation warfare – prayer and Bible, rations, evangelism, worship, discipling - as you do in those other things? It is your salvation warfare that will last forever. And, review the memory verses each week next year.

Live It:

In Kenya, we have a farm where we raise rabbits and sell them and use this money to raise money for their programmes. You can either buy some rabbits online at Gifts of Hope, or you can find a way to make money and give this to a programme at your corps.



Do It:

Set yourself a target of how much of your pocket money you can give away and write that down, too.

in it:

Please bless all the officers in all of Africa.

Eat It: Matthew 13:39b

Can you imagine too many people to count, from every country in the world, from every tribe in the world, speaking every language in the world, from every people group in the world, getting saved? You'd better imagine it, because God wants to use you to help make it happen! Where do you start? Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Revelation 1-4

I love You and know that You are my strength. (Psalm 18:1)

See It:

'My son Solomon, always remember the God of your father. Serve Him with all your heart. Do it with a mind that wants to obey Him. The Lord looks deep down inside every heart. He understands the real reasons for everything you think. If you look to Him, you will find Him. But if you desert Him, He will turn His back on you forever.' (1 Chronicles 28:9)

On it:

These were words that Solomon's father, King David, told him shortly before he died. It was David's advice to his son as he was about to take over the kingdom of Israel. And it is serious advice for us, as well. Let's serve God with wholehearted devotion and a willing mind. God knows the desires and motivations of your heart. Don't try to fool Him. Look to Him, all the time. So, when you are 11, 21, 31, 41, 51 years old (and all the years in between, and afterward!) keep staring at Jesus. Do NOT desert Him. Let us say that again. Do NOT desert Him.

Live It:

In Australia, we have a 'flying Padre' service. It flies around remote parts of Australia to bring help to isolated people. You should find a way to bring hope to people in your area who are lonely.

Do It:

Write down how much of the Bible you are going to read next year.

God bless Australia!

Eat It: Matthew 13:39b

There are all kinds of strategies to reach these people groups, many of whom have never heard the Good News about Jesus. There are people who translate the Bible into languages of these people. There are people who broadcast the Gospel of Jesus over the radio into the lands of people who can't hear the Gospel in person. There are people who slip into new tribes and peoples and make friends and start small groups of the Gospel. And so on. Maybe God will give you some ideas and strategies.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Revelation 5-9

You are my rock, my salvation, my fortress, my deliverer, my shield, my stronghold, and my refuge. I love You! (Psalm 18:2)

See It:

'Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life... It flowed from the throne of God and of the Lamb. It flowed down the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing 12 crops of fruit...The leaves of the tree bring healing to the nations. There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. God's servants will serve him. They will see His face. His name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun. The Lord God will give them light.' (Revelation 22: 1-5)

On It:

This is what we have to look forward to in Heaven. Water and crops of fruit represent life and abundance and healing. We won't need lamps and light bulbs/globes, or even the light of the sun. God glows. It is going to be amazing. I sat on a bus for a couple of hours with a guy one time. I told him all about Jesus' love for him and how Jesus died on the cross for his sins and rose again. Well, this guy was interested but did not receive Jesus as Lord. A few days later I heard that he died. I went to the funeral and was surprised that everyone was celebrating, as if he was going to Heaven. I was frustrated because I knew that just a few days earlier, on a bus, he had rejected Jesus. But his mother came up to me and told me that in between the bus trip and his death her son decided to repent and believe, and he accepted Jesus' invitation. And that is why everyone was celebrating at his funeral. Well, if we follow Jesus, we end up in Heaven, too. Let's get everyone we can to join us in Heaven!

Live It:

In the USA, The Salvation Army runs nursing homes for the elderly who have no one to take care of them.



Do It:

Write down some of the things you are going to stop doing for next year.

in it:

Lord, please bring hope to all the people of the USA and grow Your Army there.

Eat It: Matthew 13:39b

The good news about this verse is that it corrects the mistake in most Christians' heads that the world is going to end with Christianity slipping out with a whimper. They seem to think that we will all be persecuted and there will be very few Christians left. We WILL be persecuted. But tons of people will be saved!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Revelation 10-14

I call out to You and praise You. You are so worthy to be praised, Yahweh. You are the strongest and the greatest. (Psalm 18:3)

Do It:

Write down the names of three people you are going to introduce to God.

See It:

'Give praise to the One who is able to keep you from falling into sin. He will bring you into His heavenly glory without any fault. He will bring you there with great joy. Give praise to the only God. He is our Saviour. Glory, majesty, power and authority belong to him. Give praise to Him through Jesus Christ our Lord. Give praise to the One who was before all time, who now is, and who will be forever. Amen.' (Jude 1: 24-25)

On it:

The proper way to end this book is to give glory to God! Hallelujahweh! He is the One who is able to keep you from falling into sin. He is the One who will bring you into His heavenly glory without any fault! He is the One who will take you there with great joy! So, we praise God! He deserves the focus of all of our passion and energy; He deserves the fruit of all of our purity and creativity. He deserves all of the glory of our service and warfare. He is our Saviour. Let's join in giving glory to God for the rest of our lives.

Live It:

Did you know that the famous Salvation Army Red Shield was invented in the Canada and Bermuda Territory in 1914 (in Calgary) to help raise funds for the Great War? Well, that shield is now displayed in over a hundred countries, on thousands of buildings throughout the world, and is a symbol of hope and salvation when people see it and find us inside!

in it:

Please bless Canada and Bermuda, and send a revival here!

Eat It:

'The harvest is the end of the age.' (Matthew 13:39b) Memorize this verse. Tell five of your friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Revelation 15-18



You made it to the end of the book! Well done! You are a mighty Junior Soldier. And for the last day, you will have something a little different. So here are some words from us to you to spur you on for next year.

Dear reader:

Greetings in Jesus' name. Mercy and peace to you from God our Father. We trust the battle progresses well on your front.

Congratulations on finishing this book. Hallelujah. You'll note that we jammed it so full of stuff there is enough challenge in there, enough readings, enough information to last you all of next year (and maybe even the one following that!). (and do read up Genevieve's letter to you that directly follow this!)

But, if you've been pretty consistent at plunging into this every day, you can look back at yourself a year ago and recognize a lot of pretty big changes. And for that, we join you in praising God. It is all because of Him!

Let this be a launching pad for you to invest your life in love God and loving others, aiming at multiplying multiplying disciples multiplying multiplying bases.

God bless The Salvation Army.

Stay close to Jesus. Much Grace, Stephen Court (Major) Hello to all of you wonderful children!

GOD AND TOAST was written for you, to you to help you keep your promise to God. A promise to pray, to read your Bible, to help others follow Jesus, and to lead a life clean in thought word and deed. Your faithfulness to God has changed your world, the world of those around you, and the Kingdom! Praise God! But, in case you missed it, I want you to know a few things. First, God loves you so much. We don't even fully understand His love, but we know that it is huge! Second, Jesus has forgiven you completely. Thank You, Jesus. Third, the Holy Spirit makes you holy and strong and helps you be all that God wants you to be. Fourth, satan is totally weak, and when you fight in the strength of God, you will win. Hallelujah! And Fifth, we need to share this good news with as many people as we can, so that they can have the awesome promises God has for them fulfilled in their life too!

You have done well this year, but each year brings new challenges and adventures from God. It is so important for you to keep going with your rations, and to continue to ask for more and more of God. Watch how He will grow you into a mighty warrior for Him. As you stay close to Him, He will help you to look more and more like Jesus. So, I encourage you to work through this book again next year, and do even more of the challenges, even more of the Bible reading, even more of the prayers. I hope you have had fun. I pray God has given you a bigger brain to understand it all. But above all, I hope that you have felt His love and grace in your beautiful life that is filled with His holy purposes for you.

As a sister to you in God's Army, I say 'well done!' Keep your heart and mind on Jesus, Genevieve Peterson (Major)

Final Bible Reading: Revelation 19-22