

Week 16

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

Only You can save me, Yahweh! You are the only one who has the power to give salvation, and You give it out to Your people. (Psalm 3:8)

See It:

'Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.' (2 Corinthians 7:1)

On It:

Paul is teaching his converts and recruits and soldiers in Corinth by letter on how to fight the Christian fight. In chapter 6 he uses a phrase that became a key text for my session in Training College – "In the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness." He goes on to instruct and encourage them, finishing with a promise by God Almighty that He shall be a father to them and that they will be sons and daughters to Him. It is in this context that our verse for today arrives. Since we have these promises, let's get rid of every stain, let's purify ourselves from everything that makes us yucky, let's perfect holiness in the fear, or reverence, of God. He is the almighty Creator of the universe! And He wants a close friendship with us. Let's wash behind our spiritual ears and between our spiritual toes (AND toenails) so that we are 'home and hosed'.

Live It:

We said that between May 1882 and June 1883 The Salvation Army invaded seven countries, the fastest rate of growth in our history to date. We'll try to beat that in the days to come! (Imagine invading Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, UAE, Iran, and Iraq in the next 13 months!)

Do It:

Write a letter to Jesus thanking Him for what He has done for you.



In It:

Thank Jesus for all the things you can think of that He did on earth.

Eat It:

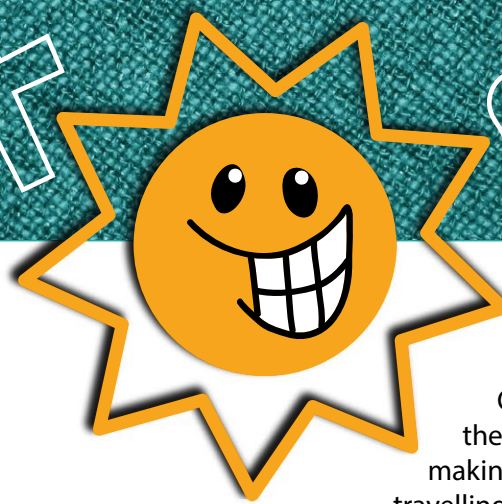
'There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end, it leads to death.' (Proverbs 14:12)

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 14-16, 1 Chronicles 5, & Matthew 1

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Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

*You bless those who love You and do the right thing.
You cover Your children with a giant shield and protect them. (Psalm 5:12)*

See It:

'So, it is simple to understand, that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life." This way of faith is very different from the way of law, which says, "It is through obeying the law that a person has life." But Christ has rescued us from the curse given to us by the law. When He was hung on the cross, He took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing.' (Galatians 3: 11-13b)

On It:

I used to think it would be cool if my best friend was a robot. She would do everything I asked, including my homework and getting me snacks from the fridge. Of course, I would never really know if the robot was my friend, or just my slave. In the letter to the Galatians, Paul was trying to convince them to stop being robots. They had accepted Christ through faith and were living by the Spirit. But after Paul left, some of the leaders convinced the people that they needed to follow many of the old laws from the Old Testament. Now why would you go backwards when you know you have been freed from sin through Jesus? Basically, the people felt that they had to earn their way into Heaven and God's love by being perfect, like a robot. I guess they thought being loved and forgiven by God and only having to repent, believe and obey was just too easy. The thing is, it is that easy! It is impossible to earn God's love and forgiveness. Don't get caught up in trying to please God, as though He would love you more that way. It is through Jesus, and by nothing we do, that we are made right with God.

Live It:

One great way of growing The Salvation Army is by using the apostle Paul's method – tent-making. Paul had a job making and fixing tents. That's how he paid for his food and his travelling. Then he preached when he wasn't mending tents. Today we call it 'bi-vocational' warfare (two jobs - your job or school, and the salvation war).

Do It:

Ask one of your family members to help you read three chapters of the Bible.

In It:

Thank You, God, that You created me to be special.

Eat It: Proverbs 14:12
Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 19, 1 Chronicles 7, Psalm 59, & Matthew 4



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Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You bless me and You will forever. We are happy because we know that You are close. (Psalm 21:6)

See It:

'Therefore, I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to live your life in a way that is worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God.' (Ephesians 4:1)

On It:

Growing up in my house, birthdays were a big deal. I had six brothers and sisters which means there were six days of the year you had to watch others opening special presents that were all for them! It was tough. I guess this was how the gentiles might have felt about the Jews. For their whole life, gentiles had been told that they were not the chosen ones. They were not God's special children. They watched the Jews opening presents from God all the time, and their turn never came around. Until, of course, Jesus. Suddenly, it was everyone's birthday! And the present was God's forgiveness. So, what are you going to do with this unexpected and undeserved gift? Throw it away? Trample it in the dirt? Give it to your baby sister to drool on? NO! You treasure it, and use it, and thank God for it everyday. Paul was telling the new Christians in Ephesus that they had been given the gift of life from God, and that they were to live that life worthy of the value of the gift. We have been given the same gift. We have been given power to overcome satan, freedom to lead others to Jesus, spiritual gifts to perform miracles in Jesus' name. So, are we going to sit around and let these gifts just collect dust? No! Let's get out there and live life using all the gifts God gives us. What are you waiting for?

Live It:

Some salvationists made up a rule of life called Infinitum – Latin for 'Boundless' – to help us live the Salvation Life. You can look into it at infinitumlifecom.com or get a parent to download the Infinitum app.

Do It:

Play with one child in your school that is younger than you at lunch time today.



In It:

Help me to use my gifts for You!

Eat It:

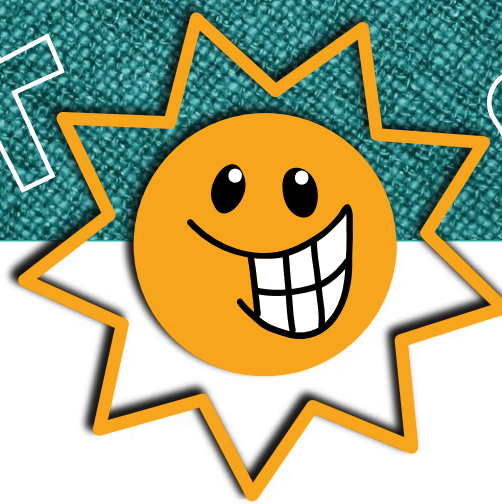
Proverbs 14:12 (memorize this verse)
Some plans we get from schools, games, movies, music, or celebrities. This verse is drumming into us that all paths that don't come from God end in death.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 20-21, Psalm 34, & Matthew 5

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Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

Please give Your children strength and give us peace throughout the world. (Psalm 29:11)

See It:

'Remember, you must live life in a way that is worthy of the Good News about Jesus. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.' (Philippians 1:27)

On It:

This is a great letter that Paul wrote to his converts and recruits and soldiers in Philippi, the first Christian outpost in Europe. Paul wrote it from a prison in Rome. He writes to encourage and instruct his comrades of the faith. This verse tells us two things: 1. He instructs them to live life in a way that is worthy of the Gospel. That tells us that it is possible to live a life worthy of the Gospel. We know that seems reasonable, but some people try to weasel their way out of that. 2. He tells them to strive together for the faith of the Gospel. This is no hobby or past-time or recreational activity. It tells us that it is not only worth striving for but that it's something we have to strive for. If you just coast through your Christian life, you end up slowing down to a stop (that's what happens when you coast on a skateboard or bicycle, too). You have to strive. They are to strive together. Find some friends who are sold out to Jesus as well (or train them up to become like that!) and strive together.

Live It:

A great Salvation Army way of advancing the Salvation War is evangelizing. General William Booth said, "Go for souls and go for the worst." For you that might mean getting the biggest bully in your school saved...



Do It:

Compliment the younger child from yesterday on something they are trying to learn.

In It:

You are holy!

Eat It:

Proverbs 14:12

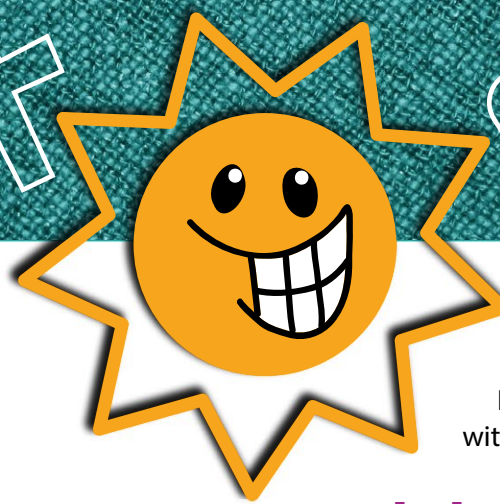
Now, we are memorizing this set of verses for a reason. When you finish learning them all we will piece them together and show you how they form a clear presentation of the Gospel with stick figures and all that you can share with all kinds of people. So, memorize this verse!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 22, Psalm 17, 35, & Matthew 6

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Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

You send gifts from Heaven for me. You give me salvation and love and faith. (Psalm 57:3)

See It:

'And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must keep on following Him. Let your roots grow down into Him, and let your lives be built on Him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.' (Colossians 2:6-7)

On It:

It must be some kind of rule that children ask, 'Are we there yet?' a minimum of fifteen times before you arrive at a holiday destination. Life as a Christian can sometimes feel a little like this. We hear about Jesus, accept Jesus as Lord, maybe enroll as a Junior Soldier, and then the long journey begins. Being a Christian is a constant battle with the enemy for the lives of everyone who does not yet know Jesus. It is a continuous journey of serving others and a never-ending fight to rid the world of injustice. It is a permanent state of knowing you are forgiven and loved by God, and a call to pass that love on to everyone we meet. It is an exciting and challenging life! But if we are going to do well and win, we have to make sure that we are doing everything with Jesus and not on our own. We must be praying, reading our Bible, learning more about God, going to The Army, listening to the teaching of older Christians. If we do this, God will increase our strength and our faith, and then He will release us for even harder battles!

Live It:

Another great Salvation Army way of advancing the Salvation War is discipling. Based on 2 Timothy 2:2 we train up newer Christians in how to get closer to Jesus, to please Him, to get others to get closer and to please Him...

Do It:

Invite one friend from your school to come to The Army with you.

In It:

Pray for the friend you are going to invite to the meeting. List all the things you want God to do in his/her life.

Eat It:

Proverbs 14:12

God does have a path for you. It starts with 'repent and believe'. But it continues with "Follow Me." Who knows where God is going to lead you on the way to Heaven? But we can guarantee you that it will be an amazing, wonderful, powerful, supernatural experience. Take His path.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 23, Psalm 31, 54, & Matthew 7



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Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

I am so blessed by You, Yahweh, because all of my sins have been forgiven. (Psalm 32:1)

See It:

'Brothers and sisters, you are not in darkness. So that day should not surprise you as a thief would. All of you are children of the light. You are children of the day. We don't belong to the night. We don't belong to the darkness. So, let us not be like the others. They are asleep. Instead, let us be wide awake and in full control of ourselves.' (1 Thessalonians 5:4-6)

On It:

Paul preached hard in Thessalonica and it was working very well when he suddenly had to leave. So, he wrote this letter to his converts and recruits and soldiers there to help establish a firm foundation on which they could build their faith. Have you ever had a parent or teacher, or older brother or sister encourage you? Maybe they pumped you up for something you did or spoke into your life something that could be as if it already was (maybe a potential that no one else had noticed yet)? Well, Paul is doing that to these new soldiers of Jesus. He says to them – hey, you are children of light. You don't belong to the night or the darkness anymore. And do you know how children of the light live? As if it is daytime! That is, they don't sleep or daydream when they are supposed to be fighting, or goof off by sinning. Instead, children of light are alert and under control. And, if you have repented and believe, if you have accepted Jesus' invitation into His life, then you are a child of light! You have nothing to do with the darkness or night anymore. No more sleeping on the job! No more sinning! Be in full control and awake!

Live It:

1878-1888: The Salvation Army was the fastest growing movement to that date in history; the closest thing to a national revival in Canadian history was The Army's, going from 0 to over 200 corps in 1 ½ years.

Do It:

Ask someone in your family to pray with you about the friend you are inviting.



In It:

Help me to be awake and to know when You want me to help others today.

Eat It:

Proverbs 14:12 (memorize this verse)
God's path ends in Heaven. Any other path you take ends in death. So, keep that in mind. If you follow Jesus, you end up in Heaven.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 24, Psalm 57-58, 1 Chronicles 8, & Matthew 8

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Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I think You should be praised higher than the heavens and all over the earth. (Psalm 56:10)

See It:

'With all these things in mind, dear brothers and sisters, stand firm and keep a strong grip on the teaching we passed on to you both in person and by letter.' (2 Thessalonians 2:15)

On It:

My prep/kindergarten teacher's name was Mrs. Longstaff and I thought she was the most beautiful teacher in the world! One day I tried to impress her using my super skills on the monkey bars. The problem was I didn't know how to go across the monkey bars without someone holding onto me! So... I fell... a long way... and broke my arm... badly. I lost my grip on the bars and fell to the ground... painfully! Falling is what happens when we lose our grip. Paul warns the Thessalonians to hold on tight to their teachings about Jesus. How do we hold firm to something we can't feel? It means we have to firstly understand what the Bible says. Hopefully, this book helps with that, so make sure you don't miss a day! And secondly, we have to stand firm when people attack us and tell us that what we believe is wrong. The enemy uses people to try to pry your fingers away from the grip you have on the truth. So, stand firm and know what you believe and why you believe it and you won't have any fear of falling.

Live It:

In 1887 The Salvation Army exploded by 50%, from 1,552 to 2,328 Corps. That is 15 new corps each week!

Do It:

Ask someone at your corps to pray for the friend you have invited to follow Jesus.

In It:

Imagine Jesus was sitting right in front of you. What would you like to say to Him?



Eat It:

Proverbs 14:12

Write the verse. Recite it. Memorize it. Tell it to five friends and try to get them to follow God's plans.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read 1 Samuel 25-26, Psalm 63, & Matthew 9