You have chosen me to be Your child! Thank You so much, Yahweh! (Psalm 147:20)

See It:

'Love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on judgment day, because in this world we are like him. There is no fear in love, but perfect love gets rid of fear, because fear has to do with punishment. Anyone who fears is not made perfect in love. Remember, we love because He first loved us.' (1 John 4:17-19)

On it:

Wow! This holiness stuff is wild. First, we did the negative bit, removing the sin that keeps us from holiness. Then we added Holy Spirit. And now we look at transformation (over the next few days). Here, love is perfected in us. We're transformed in love. Check this out – once this happens to us, we can have confidence because, 'as He is, so also are we in this world.' (NASB) Jesus has perfect love. And John says he has it through Jesus, too! We are like Jesus in perfect love! Do you want it? Well, it says that we love because He first loved us. The key for us is to hold onto His love. He loves you so much that He died on the Cross for your sins. He loves your socks off! Embrace that love. When you get a great handle on that, you are more than halfway to perfect love.

Live It:

Albert Orsborn - The Poet General. In his earlier days he wrote a new song every week for Bramwell Booth's holiness meetings.

Do It:

Write or type out three of your memory verses and stick them in a place you will see them for a few minutes every day (I keep mine next to the toilet!).

in it:

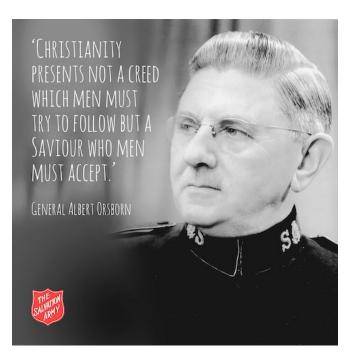
Find a street map of the area around your Corps. You can usually get one from the street directory online. Write down the names of the streets directly around your corps.

Eat It:

'Make every effort to live in peace with all people and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.' (Hebrews 12:14) Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Nehemiah 13, Malachi 1-2, & Acts 4



Whenever I need help, I know that You are there even before I have called out to You. (Psalm 94:18)

See It:

'His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of the one who called us by his own glory and goodness, God! Through these things He has given us His great and precious promises, so that through them you can join in the divine nature and escape the terrible things in the world caused by evil desires.' (2 Peter 1:3,4)

On It:

We're still on the transformative part of holiness. His divine power has given us everything we need to have life and godliness. So, He gives us all we need to be godly and to face everything in life that comes. But we can escape the corruption of the world – not be running away, but by being transformed – and join in the divine nature! Give your head a shake! That is mind-boggling stuff! And yet it is God's honest truth – for you and for us! Hallelujah! We just need to access it. Paul teaches us in other places that we can get this grace by faith. That means, believe it. We here to testify that God's word is true, and you can rely on it, depend on it, obey it, piggyback on it, go whole hog in following the Lord! He is worthy.

Live It:

Wilfred Kitching - He was a great Salvationist. He would always try to get people saved and tried to be the best soldier he could be.

Do It:

Write or type out three more of your memory verses and stick them in

the same place as yesterday. You should now have six you can practice every day.

in it:

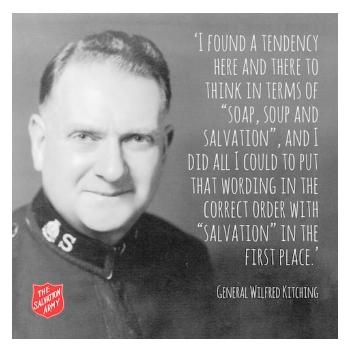
Find a street map of the area around your neighbourhood. Write down the names of the streets directly around your house.

Eat It: Hebrews 12:14

'Make every effort.' Do whatever it takes. Don't hold back. Let nothing stop you.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Malachi 3-4, Psalm 148, & Acts 5



You are love and You are faithful to the promises You make to Your children. You allow us to see salvation. (Psalm 98:3)

See It:

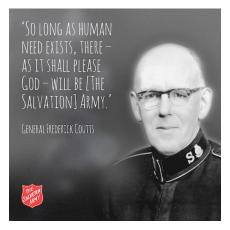
'Knowing that God is merciful, I beg you to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. This is your spiritual act of worship. Do not go along with what the world wants you to do anymore but be totally changed by the way God is changing your mind. Then you will be able to test, know and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.' (Romans 12:1-2)

On it:

We're still in the transformative week here and we are looking at what the 'way God is changing your mind' means. But this one is really important because it shows us how to do it. Offer your whole life to God. In the old days they used to offer animal sacrifice to God to try to make up for their sinning. It's kind of messy and not so good for the poor animal, but it was almost as if they were saying, 'we think that our sin is so bad that it deserves massive punishment. So big in fact, we think someone needs to die so that God can see just how sorry we really are.' Now, it was sad for the lamb, but something needed to die for the sin! But here we are instructed to offer ourselves in the same way – as a sacrificed lamb put on the altar before God. (But, of course, we don't have to die now because Jesus already did.) The thing is, though, the lamb didn't sneak away and crawl off the altar before it got chopped. And that's important for us, too! This is our holiness teaching coming to full circle. You see we need a spiritual death that leads to our transformation. Get it? Now just don't crawl off the altar!

Live It:

Frederick Coutts -He wrote International Company Orders (SA Sunday school curriculum) for a dozen years, as well as several other books. His biography is titled ' A Very Private General'.



Do It:

Write or type out three more of your memory verses and stick them in the same place as yesterday.

in it:

Go for a walk around the streets you have marked on your neighbourhood map. Pray that God would put people in each one of their lives that will start to tell them about God.

Eat It: Hebrews 12:14

'To live in peace with all people and to be holy.' The goal is to live at peace and be holy. Do whatever it takes to be holy. And memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 1-2, & Acts 6-7

You are mighty and strong and You love justice and equality for all of Your children. (Psalm 99:4)

See It:

Be perfect, therefore, just like your Heavenly Father is perfect! (Matthew 5:48)

On it:

Have you ever climbed a mountain? Me neither. How about a really big hill? When you get to the top you can look back at where you came, and you can look ahead at what's to come. This verse is like that peak of a really big hill! Jesus is preaching this amazing lesson on how the love of Jesus flows out of the life of His soldiers into the world (they've named it 'the sermon on the mount'; we like to call it 'the mountain message'!). He's been teaching about how people are blessed and how they get blessed. And He explains how His love turns things upside down. For example, Jesus talks about the instruction to love your neighbour. But He figures that's not that big a deal – most of us love the people who love us and bless us in various ways. He goes way beyond that to suggest that His love in you enables you to love your enemies! Think about that for a second. It's at this point that He summarizes and says to be perfect just like your Father in Heaven is perfect. Be perfect in your loving. How are you supposed to do that? Well, repent of your sins and ask Jesus to fill you with His Holy Spirit and let THAT love overflow to both your neighbour and your enemy.

Live It:

Erik Wickberg - He fought to advance the philosophy and thinking of The Salvation Army to bring it on par with the spiritual aggressiveness of The Army.

Do It:

Write or type out three more of your memory verses and stick them in the same place as yesterday.

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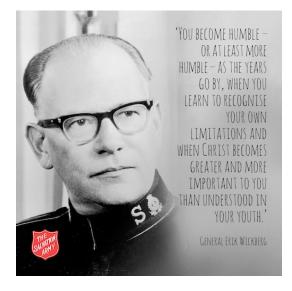
Write a list of things your corps runs through the week. Pray for each one of the programmes and ask that God would bless the leaders and people who come to the programmes.

Eat It: Hebrews 12:14

'No one will see the Lord.' One take on this is that if we're not holy we won't see the Lord in Heaven. Another take is that if we are not holy, no one will see the Lord in us. They are both pretty bad... so, GET HOLY!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 3-4, & Acts 8-9



You are so good! And Your love will last forever! (Psalm 100:5)

See It:

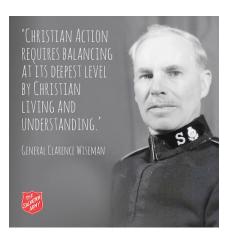
I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. (Romans 7:19)

On it:

You may be wondering why we slid this verse into the bunch on holiness. We want to straighten you out on Romans 7 before someone else messes you up on it. Normally, we think of people as being Christian or non-Christian. That's a fair perspective on things. But Paul didn't break things down that way. He saw people as Jews, Christians, or pagans (people who worship other gods). This chapter makes it sound like you can never do what you want to do. Most Christians figure that must be how they should live the Christian life - failing all the time. They explain away their sinning by pointing to this chapter and figure that even Paul couldn't get it right. So, these Christians settle for a bad version of Christianity – sin and confess, sin and confess. They can never really enjoy things of Jesus because they have this sin always harassing and beating them up. And they can't really enjoy the sinning because they feel so guilty about not pleasing God. They are a great example of the defeated Christian life. However, these Christians make a huge mistake. They think it is either non-Christian or Christian. And Paul didn't think that way. For Paul it was pagan, Christian, or Jew. And in Romans 7 he is talking like the Jew he once was before he repented and believed in Jesus. Good Jews try to please God, but they don't have the power of Jesus to do it. So, they live a really frustrated life. How does Paul provide the solution for the Jews and everyone else who tries to please God without divine power? Read Romans 8 to find the answer!

Live It:

Clarence Wiseman -The Evangelist General. He was all about getting everyone saved.



Do It:

Write or type out three more of your memory verses and stick them in the same place as yesterday.

in it:

Go for another walk around the streets you have marked on your neighbourhood map. This time sing praises to God and recite your memory verses as you walk. Invite God into your neighbourhood and ask Him to do a mighty work there.

Eat It: Hebrews 12:14

'No one will see the Lord.' If we are not holy, maybe no one else will see the Lord. What would attract people to Jesus if we are no different than they are?

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 5, Psalm 108, & Acts 10-11

I love to sing about the love that You give to us! I love to tell others about Your justice. (Psalm 101:1)

See It:

'Try your very hardest to live peacefully with everyone and to be holy. Without holiness, no one will see the Lord.' (Hebrew 12:14)

On It:

Here's another verse that throws people off. They figure it must mean that either God sees us as holy when we're not (this is 'make believe' since He pretends, we're holy) or that very few people are going to go to Heaven. I used to guess that the writer of Hebrews was not trying to explain things for people 2000 years later and instead was just looking back over a long life of following Jesus and fighting for Him and noticed that if people we're not holy or advancing toward holiness they were slipping backwards away from God. But here's another idea – an important one for Salvationists who like to win the world for Jesus. 'Holiness without which no one shall see the Lord' could mean, 'unless you and I don't get sanctified, THEY won't see the Lord'. If we're not living, breathing examples of loving people, how will other people be attracted to Jesus? So, let's go for holiness!

Live It:

Arnold Brown - The Statesman General. He was one of the first Salvationists to use radio and television. He was a composer and writer, and a developer and administrator.

Do It:

Write or type out three more of your memory verses and stick them in the same place as yesterday. You should now have eighteen memory verses for you to practise! Can you do it?

In It:

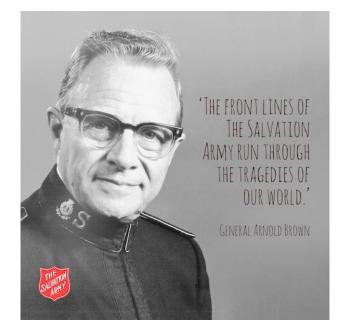
Find a place to stick your maps in a place you will regularly see them and pray for the people who live in these areas whenever you see the map.

Eat it: Hebrews 12:14

'Without holiness.' What a letdown at the end of your life – to have lived 'without holiness.' That's like saying you spent your whole life trying to be good in your own power. It's like living your whole life supporting a football team that never wins the Grey Cup! Terrible! Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 6-8, & Acts 12



You have saved me from the grave and given me life forever! You fill me with love and compassion. (Psalm 103:4)

See It:

'Jesus replied, "The truth is, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. A slave doesn't have a permanent place in the family, but a son or daughter belongs to it forever. So if the Son frees you, of course you will be free!' (John 8:34-36)

On It:

John Wesley is one of the great Christians of history. He made a big dint in the western world with his holiness preaching that started a massive revival on two continents. His secret was preaching holiness. He preached several times a day. And he used to use the same 30 Scriptures, now known as Wesley's Thirty Texts. This is one of them, and it looks at the issue of slavery versus freedom. Jesus is basically teaching here that if you sin, you are a slave to sin. That's not good. I don't want to be a slave to sin! Who wants to be chained up and enslaved to some scummy, stinking evil like lying or cheating or...? No one. And slaves don't get to live in the home. But children do! And Jesus says that if He sets you free, you are free indeed! You are no longer a slave. You get to live in His home. You live freely everyday by overcoming temptation and sin, by avoiding temptation and the devil, and sharing Jesus' love to everyone you meet.

Live It:

Jarl Wahlström - He was from a rock-solid Salvationist family, each of his brothers being commissioners - a brilliant Salvationist.

Do It:

How many of the 18 verses can you do by heart? Get someone to test you!

in it:

Before or after Sunday School, ask one of your leaders to walk around the streets you have marked on your corps map, and ask them to pray for each one of the people that live in the houses on these streets.

Eat It:

'Make every effort to live in peace with all people and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.' (Hebrews 12:14) Memorize this verse and tell it to five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 9-10, & Acts 13-14

