*I love You Yahweh. You hear me calling to You and You have mercy on me.* (Psalm 116:1)

### See It:

'Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."" (Matthew 28:18)

# On it:

Have you ever wondered what you are going to do when you grow up? Some kids dream of being a ballet dancer, or maybe a doctor. My friend Cath always wanted to work at a milk bar (which is the shop where they sell milk and candies). She thought you got to take all the money home, and I thought you got to eat all the candies! There is one thing we will be doing regardless of what job we have. Jesus gave us our mission at the end of Matthew. We're on a mission from God. One of the early heroes of The Salvation Army, explained, 'We have no hobbies... unless it be a hobby to want to save the largest number of souls with the highest possible salvation in the quickest space of time by the best imaginable methods. That is the sum and substance of our mission.' (Frederick Booth-Tucker) We get them saved, sanctified, discipled, mobilized, and deployed to get more people saved, sanctified, discipled, mobilized, and deployed to get more people. That is your life mission!

# Live It:

'We know that God hates sin, and we believe that He is doing His utmost to get people saved from committing it; and we know that He fails because He has such a wretched, cowardly set of Soldiers to fight for Him.' (William Booth)

## Do It:

This week is the Chalk Challenge week! Your first challenge of today is to find some coloured chalk. Then you need to think of six sentences or statements that tell others about God. It could be 'Jesus saves', or 'Jesus leads to Heaven', or it could even be one of your memory verses. But you need six!



# in it:

'Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now I'm found. Was blind but now I see.' (Amazing Grace by John Newton)

#### Eat It:

'I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.' (John 5:24)

#### **Read It:**

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezra 1, Psalm 84-84, & Luke 7

I want to follow You and do what You want for my life. You are so wise, and You let me be a littler wiser when I am close to You. (Psalm 119:32)

### See It:

'As Jesus was getting into the boat, the fellow who had been possessed by a demon begged to go with Him. Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how He has had mercy on you." So he went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.' (Mark 5:18-20)

# On It:

Do you remember this man? He was possessed by a whole legion of demons. He was a hurting, broken man. The first bunch of Salvationists weren't the most educated people. But we were expert at the important parts of salvationism. Commissioner Dowdle, an early Commissioner, had this to say to cadets: 'I know I'm not as well learned about Aristotle as a good many of you; but one thing I do know, and that is all I want - how to get souls saved.' (George Scott Railton, COMMISSIONER DOWDLE, p57) You don't have to go to school for years to learn how to evangelize really well. You have to know Jesus well. Then your love for Him will overflow in your life and conversation and actions and priorities. Dowdle was an old town drunk lying in a gutter when he heard the Gospel preached by other regular Salvationists in an open-air meeting. He repented and believed. He was saved and he led many more people to our Lord Jesus Christ. So, if an old drunk can help in the mission, you can, too!

#### Live It:

William Booth continues his quote from yesterday: 'With true Soldiers, and plenty of them, He would soon drive sin and the devil out of the world. Let us help Him.'



## Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your house using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.

## in it:

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.' (Amazing Grace by John Newton)

# Eat It: John 5:24

'Whoever hears My word.' Well, you have heard His word. And, if you are reading this, we're guessing you have bought in. But if not, repent and believe. Follow Jesus. The challenge for us is to make sure that all our friends and classmates get to hear His word, too.

#### **Read It:**

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezra 2-3, & Luke 8

I want to praise You for all the love You give me and all of Your children. Thank You for all the amazing things You have done in my life. (Psalm 107:8).

### See It:

'Then the King will say to those on his right, "Come, to me those of you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." (Matthew 25: 34-36)

# On it:

Mercy evangelism, or servant evangelism, is a style that Salvationists do really well. Our social action helps in evangelising people in need. In the 'social work standard' that started the 'social wing' of The Salvation Army in 1890, General William Booth said, 'My only hope for the permanent deliverance of mankind from misery, either in this world or the next, is the regeneration or remaking of the individual by the power of the Holy Ghost through Jesus Christ. But in providing for the relief of temporal misery I reckon that I am only making it easy, where it is now difficult, and possible, where it is all but impossible, for men and women to find their way to the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.' (IN DARKEST ENGLAND AND THE WAY OUT, preface) We operate everything from hostels to unwed mothers' homes, from food banks to addictions treatment centres. If we can show mercy to people in need, serve them and demonstrate Jesus' love for them, we can help them to find their way to the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Live It:

'A good soldier makes war his business. He may do something in other lines of duty; he may be (an accountant, a teacher, a plumber, a student) or what not, but after all, fighting is his trade.' (William Booth)

# Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your school using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.



# in it:

'Through many dangers toils and snares, I have already come. Tis grace has brought me home thus far and grace will lead me home.' (Amazing Grace by John Newton)

## Eat It: John 5:24

'Believes Him who sent Me.' The Father sent the Son. And you have to believe Him. And we spell 'believe''O – B – E – Y'. Obey God. And memorize this verse!

#### **Read It:**

One-year Bible Plan: Read Ezra 4, Psalm 113, 127, Luke 9

*I want to tell people how wonderful You are. I want everyone to be talking about You!* (Psalm 145:6)

### See It:

'Job said, "I rescued the poor who called to me for help, and the fatherless who had no one to help them. I was a father to the needy; I took up the case of the stranger." (Job 29:12, 16)

# On It:

Justice Evangelism is starting to come back into our Army in a big way at the moment and is all done in our mission to win the world for Jesus. The idea is to invite people to join you in your justice work. So, you can invite your friends to join you in demonstrating, in signing petitions, in writing letters to your government representatives, in informing people about huge injustices in our world. They find themselves wrapped up in this larger cause (whether pro-life or stop the traffic or fair-trade or...) and find that it is Jesus and His followers who are really running the important change. They end up wanting some purpose in their lives and the potential to make a huge impact. Jesus is the solution to both of these things. You tell them what is motivating you - Jesus. You share how Jesus is the answer to the answer to these problems. And you give them opportunity to repent and believe and follow Jesus. There are many injustices in this world. Jesus can bring wholeness. 'Now something must be done, and somebody must do it.' (William Booth, The War Cry, July 11, 1885)

# Live It:

'He has chosen it, and made secondary all other business, connections, relationships, and pleasures of his life.' (William Booth)

### Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your local shops using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.



# in it:

'When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.' (Amazing Grace by John Newton)

#### Eat It: John 5:24

'Has eternal life.' If you believe/obey the Father, you have eternal life. How simple is that? What an amazing promise. If you believe the Father, you have eternal life! Hallelujah! Memorize this verse.

### **Read It:**

One-year Bible Plan: Read Haggai 1-2, Psalm 129, & Luke 10

*Everything You do shows how amazing and beautiful You are. Your goodness never fails.* (Psalm 111:3)

### See It:

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' (Acts 1:8)

# On It:

Have you ever seen a movie where there is a legal court scene? They get the witnesses to sit on the stand and say all the things they had seen and heard, and then the jury decides from that what will happened to the person who is accused of doing something bad. Well, we get to be witnesses as well! Jesus explains that when the Holy Spirit swamps us we become His witnesses. Before we can get to 'the rest of the world' we need to start in our home and classroom. You can decide to tell each of the people in those places that Jesus has saved you and then share with them how Jesus can save them, too. Before you can do that effectively Holy Spirit needs to swamp your life. Has He? Why not repent of every sin right now, tell Him that you believe that He wants to fill you and smother you, and then tell Him that you are dedicating every aspect of your life to Him right now? Then claim this experience and use that power to be His witness everywhere.

**Live It:** Let's have the whole quote together... 'We know that God hates sin, and we believe that He is doing His utmost to get people saved from committing it; and we know that He fails because He has such a wretched, cowardly set of Soldiers to fight for Him. With true Soldiers, and plenty of them, He would soon drive sin and the devil out of the world. Let us help Him. A good soldier makes war his business. He may do something in other lines of duty; he may be (an accountant, a teacher, a plumber, a student) or what not, but after all, fighting is his trade. He has chosen it, and made secondary all other business, connections, relationships, and pleasures of his life.' (William Booth) (we added the bracketed section)

# Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your friend's house using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.

#### In It:

Help me to know how amazing it is to be saved by You, Jesus.



#### Eat It: John 5:24

'Will not be condemned.' In a way, this is the flip side of the last promise of eternal life. You get Heaven AND you don't go to hell! You will not be condemned if you believe the Father! Hallelujah. Believe the Father. And memorize this verse.

#### **Read It:**

One-year Bible Plan: Read Zechariah 1-3, & Luke 11

You love all of Your children and You are faithful to us all. (Psalm 119:90)

### See It:

'They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.' (Revelation 12:11)

# On It:

This is a huge war. The devil is the one that we are meant to overcome. He is trying to crush us and steal our salvation from us. How do we defeat him? First, Jesus' blood! Hallelujah. Second, the word of our testimony. We need to testify that Jesus has saved us - a lot. And we need to hold our lives loosely, not being concerned too much if our warfare for Him means that we get martyred! This is strategy from God that we need to take seriously. We can be confident against the enemy because we know that Jesus is WAY STRONGER than all the demons and devils and evil spirits put together. It is no contest if you look at it that way. However, if it is a demon against you by yourself, and you are not hiding in Jesus' blood but are maybe overconfident in your own abilities, then you are toast. How do you hide in Jesus' blood? Don't sneak out from under it. The blood of Jesus covers every sin that you uncover. So, confess everything that is sinful and dedicate every area of your life to Him. And don't peak out from under the blood and do something to get you attention so that you get famous or admired or popular. Hide in Jesus. Let people see Jesus instead of you.

# Live It:

'The people will come – cannot help but come. Nothing will keep them away. They may scoff at your doctrines, be disgusted with the noise,

disapprove the excitement, and be cut to the heart with the truth, but they will come nevertheless.' (William Booth)

### Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your house using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.

### in it:

Give me the passion I need to tell more people about You!



#### Eat It: John 5:24

'Crossed over from death to life.' In believing in God you are crossing over from death to life. As you put your faith in God, as you repent and believe, you are actually crossing over from death to life. You get purpose, fulfillment, peace, satisfaction, contentedness, abundant life. Memorize the verse.

#### **Read It:**

One-year Bible Plan: Read Zechariah 4-6, & Luke 12

Your Kingdom will be here forever, and You will forever be King! (Psalm 145:13)

### See It:

'Then Philip ran up to the chariot and heard the fellow reading Isaiah the prophet. "Do you understand what you are reading?" Philip asked. "How can I," he said, "unless someone tells me what it means?" So, he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch was reading this passage of Scripture: "He was led like a sheep to the slaughter, and as a lamb before the shearer is silent, so he did not open his mouth. In his humiliation he was deprived of justice. Who can speak of his descendants? For his life was taken from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "Tell me, please, who is the prophet talking about, himself or someone else?" Then Philip began with that very passage of Scripture and told him the good news about Jesus.' (Acts 6:30- 35)

# On it:

Have you ever had to leave a party early? Maybe your mom came to pick you up from a birthday party that was still going strong and you were the first to go home? It is hard. Philip was in the middle of a revival when God told him to head out into the middle of nowhere! I mean, people were getting saved and all kinds of miracles were drawing crowds to Jesus. And Philip had to leave and go 'nowhere'! But Philip went anyway. He found this guy who didn't know Jesus, so he went up to him and started chatting to him. He explained the good news about Jesus so that he would repent and believe. What's the lesson? God seems to think that getting one person saved is more important than someone enjoying a wonderful spiritual revival! God cares that much about each person. So be on the look out for the lonely person who still needs Jesus.

#### Live It:

We are a 'salvation army' and getting others to know and follow Jesus is our first goal. We do many other things that Jesus calls us to do, but salvation should be our first priority.

# Do It:

Write one of your statements on the sidewalk outside your Corps using your chalk. Decorate it to make it look bright.

#### in it:

Thank You for saving me!



### Eat It:

'I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.' (John 5:24) Memorize this verse and tell it to five friends.

#### **Read It:**

One-year Bible Plan: Read Zechariah 7-9, & Luke 13