

Week 43

Day 1



Jehovah Rocks:

*Everyone should praise You because You are worthy!
We should get lots of people together and praise You!
And we should get all of the holiest people together to super
praise You! (Psalm 107:32)*

See It:

'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.' (Luke 15 :5-7)

On It:

I am known for losing things. I am not a neat person but losing things is not my fault because I think my things grow legs and wander off! So, I can really relate to these stories. Why does Jesus tell them? Well, Jesus is being picked on by the Pharisees for hanging out with sinners. I guess I should point out again that the Jews were very strict about who you could and couldn't hang out with. It wasn't because they were mean, or because they wanted to keep the popular kids separate from the geeks. It's because it was how they had been taught to be holy. But Jesus came to fulfill that teaching which means He was adding some rules. We are still to be obedient to the law, yet we are to apply grace and love to ALL of God's children... sinners, gentiles, sick etc. So, Jesus tells this story to show us that anyone who is lost from God must be found! We must search high and low, and wide for people who don't know God. We must search our schools, and our community, and our Corps and our sports clubs for people who don't know Jesus!

Live It:

Eva Burrows -
The People's General.
She was the youngest
elected General in history.



Do It:

Recite five memory verses to anyone that will listen.

In It:

You give strength when I'm tired and You increase my power when I'm weak. (From Isaiah 40)

Eat It:

'As you go, preach this message: "The kingdom of heaven is near." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.' (Matthew 10:7-8)
Memorize this verse this week.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 11-12, & Acts 15-16

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Day 2



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to praise You and tell the world how good You are! (Psalm 108:3)

See It:

"... How many of my father's employees have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your employees." So, he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him... the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found." So they began to celebrate.' (Luke 15: 17-24)

On It:

This is a great parable. It tells us of a young person who asks for his dad's inheritance, and then leaves home for a time of 'wild living'. Well, he ends up poor and homeless and friendless and realizes he wants to go home. But, how can he? He has been a terrible son. How could his father ever forgive him? I mean, he basically told his dad he considered him dead! But the son is desperate, so he heads home and hopes that he will be able to work for his dad as a slave. But when the father sees his son heading home, he races to him, hugs him and forgives him. Then he throws him a party! This is a story of God's love for us. The son comes to the father deserving nothing and yet he gets love and forgiveness. God goes through the pain of watching all His children living a life of 'wild times', but the minute we realize our sin, and head home, He is there to meet us, and throw a party in Heaven!

Live It:

Bramwell Tillsley -
He was known as a
Bible teacher and holiness
writer.



Do It:

Can you recite all the books of the Old Testament? Try to add five more.

In It:

Even with all the energy of a child, I still grow tired and weary, and sometimes stumble and fall. But I put my hope in You, Yahweh!

Eat It:

Matthew 10:7-8
'As you go, preach this message.' First up, we go. We don't stay. There are people who will end up in hell unless we go to help them. Some people say being an example and showing Jesus to people is enough, BUT we actually have to PREACH the message, as well. So, preach it. And memorize the verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 13-14 & Acts 17-18

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Day 3



Jehovah Rocks:

You are awesome; please speak to me so I can do the things You want me to do. (Psalm 109:1)

See It:

'Jesus was telling a story: "The workers who were hired at five o'clock came. Each got the normal day's pay. So, when those who were hired first came, they thought they would get more. But each of them also received the usual day's pay. When they received it, they began to complain about the owner. 'These people who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said. 'You have paid them the same as us. We have done most of the work and have been in the hot sun all day.' The owner answered one of them. 'Friend,' he said, 'I'm being fair to you. Didn't you agree to work for the usual day's pay? Take the money and stop complaining. I want to give the ones I hired last the same pay I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Do you feel cheated because I gave so freely to the others?' So, those who are last will be first. And those who are first will be last.' (Matthew 9-16, read verses 1-16)

On It:

Why did Jesus tell this story? Well the Jews were grumbling saying that it was unfair for the gentiles to suddenly be allowed to get into heaven when God promised it to them first. They had been God's special people for so long and he had made the deal with them, and now the others were getting the same reward. Unfair? I guess so, but it's not fair that God chose them in the first place, either. So, what's in it for us? Well, the next time you think God is being unfair because He decides to bless your neighbour instead of you, just think about all the amazing blessings you have already, and be thankful others have been included, too.

Live It:

Paul Rader -
The Missions General.
He encouraged The
Salvation Army on in
world evangelization.



Do It:

Tell somebody one of the parables you have learned and tell them what Jesus was trying to teach us by telling this story.

In It:

With my hope in You I can continue to regain my strength and keep going.

Eat It:

Matthew 10:7-8
'The kingdom of God is near.' The kingdom of God is near. It is near to everyone you preach to when you preach it to them. The kingdom of God is in you. So where you are there is the kingdom of God is. Memorize this verse.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 15, & Acts 19-20

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Day 4



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to praise You! You are the King! (Psalm 109:30)

See It:

'Here is what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. A king prepared a wedding dinner for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the dinner... But they said they didn't want to go. Then he sent some more servants. He said, "Tell those who were invited that that dinner is ready, and they should come to the wedding dinner." But the people ignored him... The king became very angry. He sent his army to destroy them... Then the king said to his servants, "The wedding dinner is ready. But those I invited were not fit to come... Invite to the dinner anyone you can find." So, the servants... got all the people they could find, both good and bad. Soon the wedding hall was filled with guests. The king... noticed a guest there who was not wearing wedding clothes. "Friend," he asked, "how did you get in here without wedding clothes?" The guest couldn't think of anything to say. Then the king told his servants, "Tie up his hands and feet. Throw him outside into the darkness..." (Matthew 22:1-14)

On It:

This is a story about the Kingdom of God. The invitation to be God's people had been sent to the Israelites long ago and yet, when Jesus came, they refused to come and join Him. Did that stop Jesus? NO! He invited non-Jews to join him, instead. The party was now open to everybody including you and me! Hooray! Except what about the poor guy at the end who got thrown out for not wearing the right clothes! It sounds harsh, but really if you are invited to have dinner with the King, you are not going to disrespect Him by turning up in shorts and a t-shirt! Jesus is trying to tell us that you won't get into Heaven if you are holding onto the yucky sin of your old life. We have to repent (get cleaned up) and then believe (accept the invite to the party). Then, we will be in for the feast of our life!

Live It:

John Gowans -
The Great
Communicator.
Gowans teamed up with
Larsson to write 10 popular
musicals. Can you find out what
one of them was called?



Do It:

Write out one of the parables as a story and then give it to your teacher at school.

In It:

With my hope in You, I will soar on wings like eagles.

Eat It:

 Matthew 10:7-8

'Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons.' These are commands. As we go and preach, we are meant to heal sick people and raise dead people back to life!

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 16, & Acts 21-23

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Day 5



Jehovah Rocks:

From the bottom of my heart I want to say I love You, Yahweh! (Psalm 111:1)

See It:

'Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, "Try very hard to go through the narrow door. Many people will try to get in and will not be able to. The owner of the house will get up and close the door. Then you will stand outside knocking and begging. You will say, 'Sir, open the door for us.' But he will answer, 'I don't know you. And I don't know where you come from.' Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you. You taught in our streets.' But he will reply, 'I don't know you. And I don't know where you come from. Get away from me, all you who do evil!' You will cry and get angry when you see those who are in God's kingdom. You will see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets there. But you yourselves will be thrown out. People will come from east and west and north and south. They will take their places at the feast in God's kingdom. Then the last will be first. And the first will be last.'" (Luke 13:22-30)

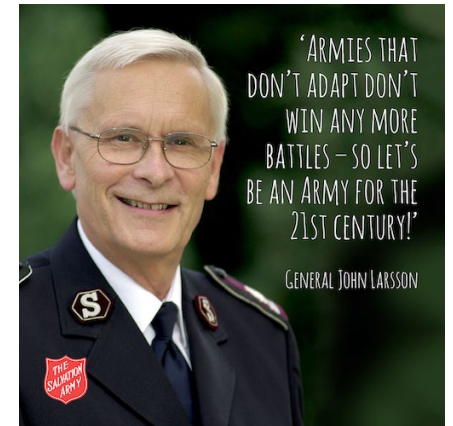
On It:

There were a whole bunch of people in Jesus' day that assumed, because they were Jewish and because they didn't sin, that they would be resting in Heaven next to all the other famous Bible characters. They also assumed that those who were not Jewish and those that were sinners were going to go to hell. Jesus on the other hand had some different news. He tried to explain that entry into Heaven is not as easy as being born into the right family and keeping a few laws. Instead, entry into Heaven was going to be based on whether people do, or do not know Jesus! So, why is He talking about the door being small and hard to get through? One way to think about it is to imagine a small door. To get through a small door you must first take off your backpack that you lug

around. That's the bit about us taking off the sin that we don't want and giving that over to Jesus to get rid of.

Live It:

John Larsson - He spoke to the important issues of each generation.



Do It:

Can you recite the first ten books of the New Testament? If not, try to learn them, today.

In It:

With my hope in You I can continue to run and not be tired.

Eat It:

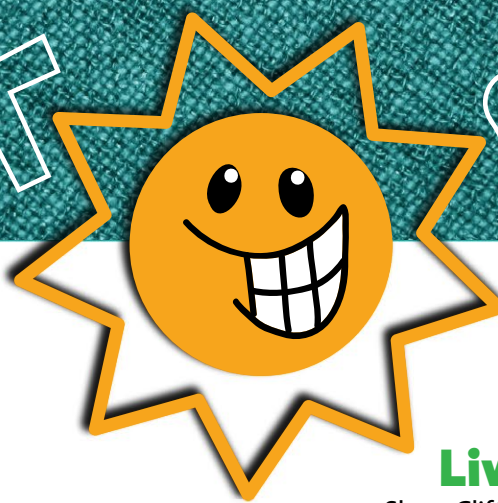
'Freely you have received, freely give.' We are on the receiving end of so much grace and blessing and we need to share it all with other people. That goes for the message of Salvation too, so don't keep it all to yourself.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 17 & Acts 24-26

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Day 6



Jehovah Rocks:

*I am in awe of You because You are the greatest!
I want to show You so much respect and love. I praise
You! (Psalm 111:10)*

See It:

'Jesus told a story to some people who were sure they were right with God. They looked down on everybody else. He said to them, "Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee. The other was a tax collector. "The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself. 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people,' he said. 'I am not like robbers or those who do other evil things. I am not like those who commit adultery. I am not even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. And I give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood not very far away. He would not even look up to heaven. He beat his chest and said, 'God, have mercy on me. I am a sinner.' "I tell you, the tax collector went home accepted by God. But not the Pharisee. Everyone who lifts himself up will be brought down. And anyone who is brought down will be lifted up.'" (Luke 18:9-14)

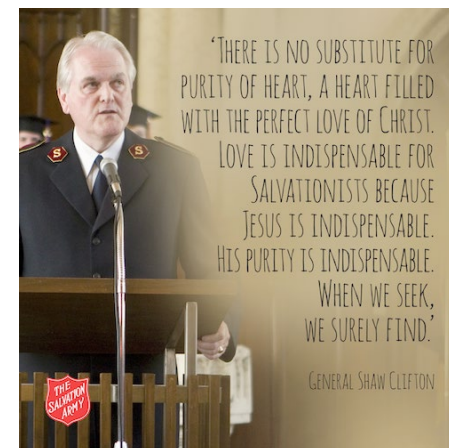
On It:

Whenever I run games with the kids, I always look for the person who tries the hardest. When it comes time to give out the points, I always give it to the most unexpected person. There are always complaints... 'they're not the best! They can't even catch! They're no good!' And I just smile and say nothing. Jesus does one better than that, He actually tells the Pharisees exactly how it's going to be when they try to get to Heaven. God loves it when we show Him respect, and honour. How do we do that? We show respect and love to others, and we don't try to make ourselves sound good to God. Don't tell God how good you are and how much He should bless you because of it. Come to God humbly and know that it is so awesome just to be with God. Don't boss Him

around! Come to God honestly and respectfully and you will show Him how much you love Him.

Live It:

Shaw Clifton – He accelerated the global advance of the salvation war.



Do It:

Make a sign for your room, washroom, etc. GOD IS HERE.

In It:

With my hope in You I can continue to walk and not fall down and faint.

Eat It:

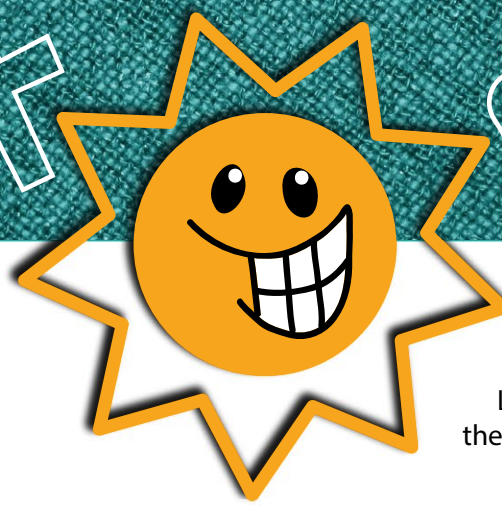
Jesus sent out His disciples with this message. As His disciples today, we need to respond by going and preaching that message and performing the miracles for which He gives us the power to do.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 18, Psalm 114, & Acts 27-28

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Day 7



Jehovah Rocks:

I want to follow Your ways because Your ways are perfect! (Psalm 112:1)

See It:

'A landowner planted a vineyard... He rented the vineyard out to some farmers. Then he went away on a journey. When harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the renters. He told the servants to collect his share of the fruit. But the renters jumped on his servants. They beat one of them. They killed another. They threw stones at the third to kill him. Then the landowner sent other servants to the renters... The renters treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But the renters saw the son coming. They said to each other, "This is the one who will receive all the owner's property someday. Come, let's kill him. Then everything will be ours." So... they killed him...' (Matthew 21:33-44)

On It:

So, what was Jesus on about in this story? Well, Jesus was describing exactly what was going to happen to Him. The owner was God, the Pharisees were the wicked trustees and He, of course, was the son who lost His life. And what does it mean for us? Well, we must remember, that this world that we live in is not ours. It belongs to God. We are just minding it for Him. So, when God wants something that belongs to Him, we must give it back! We can't claim it just because we have had it for a long time. So be prepared to give up toys, books, clothes, houses, schools and friends. It is important to remember that nothing in this world belongs to you, so instead praise God that you have been blessed with good things rather than getting angry that those good things must now go away.

Live It:

Linda Bond preached the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Do It:

Imagine you are General of The Salvation Army. What is one thing that you would do? Write it down somewhere and talk about it with someone at your corps.

In It:

Thank You, Yahweh, that You give me strength to do Your work.

Eat It:

'As you go, preach this message: "The Kingdom of Heaven is near." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.' (Matthew 10:7-8) Memorize the verse. Tell it to five friends.

Read It:

One-year Bible Plan: Read Job 19 & Mark 1-2