

The birth of Jesus was an event that changed the course of history—at least as far as humanity was expecting up until then. But it was no big surprise to God. It was His plan all along to send His Son to us.

Read John 1:1-14, Galatians 4:4-7, and 2 Timothy 1:9-11.

The presence of Jesus turns the world upside-down! From a young peasant girl to her promised husband. From shepherds to kings. From fisherman to tax collectors. From death to life. From persecutor to apostle. From bondage to freedom. Through history to present.

Jesus' presence in the lives of his followers brings a new reality and rhythm to life. Soldiers, both junior and senior, have made commitments to live that reality in an intentional way. But not just at the corps... Turning the world upside-down starts at home!

Soldiers commit to upholding "the sanctity of marriage and of family life" and being "a faithful steward of my time and gifts, my money and possessions, my body, my mind, and my spirit, knowing that I am accountable to God." What better way to demonstrate and put this into practice this season than by allowing the Christmas story to transform how we live intentionally for the sake of others?

This Advent season, soldiers—indeed *all* Salvationists—are challenged to turn their world upside-down, starting with their own routine at home and in their neighbourhood during December.

reThink Group's Parent Cue has shared the linked Family Advent Calendar with us to encourage families to look beyond themselves, reflect on the Christmas story and discover how they can reflect the living reality of that story in their world!

Download your Family Advent Calendar here: https://salvationist.ca/corpsministries/corps-administration/membership/calling-the-courageous-soldiershipcampaign/

