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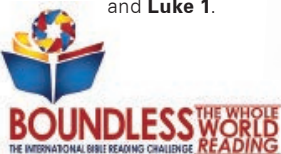
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For the fortnight starting
23 February, the required
reading is **Mark 8–16**
and **Luke 1**.



WELCOME

Righting wrongs

In this issue we celebrate Social Justice Day (20 February)—building social well-being and achieving justice for everyone without prejudice. As a core value of The Salvation Army, this is very close to our hearts.

But justice was never meant to stand alone. As we dig into word studies within the Bible we discover word and concept couplets such as, ‘truth and grace’ and learn that justice is intrinsically joined to righteousness.

The Hebrews also understood that justice can only be fully understood in relationship with God. Intrinsic to it is the idea that within relationship there is responsibility, obligation and expectation of certain behaviour towards those we live in community with, and most importantly, between God and his people. We are expected to adhere to customs, laws and moral codes within society which uphold the rights and meet the needs of others.

The occurrence then of injustice in community becomes not just a problem of the absence of righteousness, but in fact is seen as breaking covenant with God and turning away from relationship with him.

Isaiah was huge on justice and one of his hobby-horses was economic oppression of the vulnerable and the unethical appropriation of land by leaders (Isaiah chapters 3, 5 and 10). Religious leaders were not adhering to God’s law of jubilee (Leviticus chapter 25), set down to prevent generational poverty and depriving men of their means of a livelihood. Land was being sold but not returned as the principle set out. Another way to put it, is that God’s people were ‘sinning legally’. Men’s laws allowed it, but God’s law did not.

As Christians we cannot rest simply in what is just and legal. We need to question situations and particularly laws—those already in existence and those proposed—in the light of God’s point of view.

June Knop

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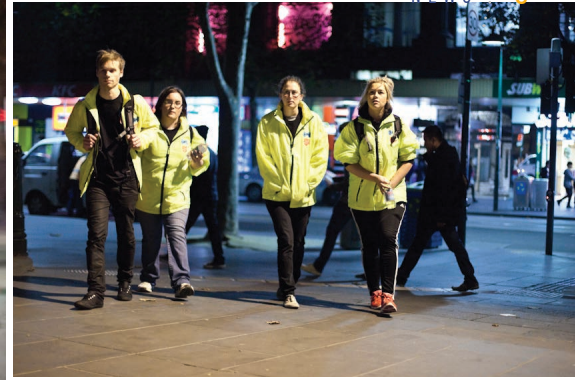
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Salvo Street Teams

If you've been out at night on a weekend, you may have come across some friendly people in fluoro-yellow jackets, handing out water, lollipops and thongs (if your feet just can't take those heels any more!). You may have had a chat with them, they may have helped you find your mates, hailed you a cab or given you a lift home.

These volunteers are guardian angels across three cities—Melbourne, Perth and, most recently, Hobart.

On Friday and Saturday nights, teams of Salvo volunteers spend from 10 pm to 3 am looking out for revellers to make sure they have a fun and safe night in the city. The teams watch out for people's personal safety by providing a 'chill out safe space', and assistance to reach a secure taxi rank or a safe ride home.

In Hobart, a 'sobering up' unit is available at the Salvation Army's Bridge Centre for patrons too intoxicated to look after themselves. The Salvos also operate a coffee cart as part of the

program providing free tea and coffee to taxi drivers, an initiative aiming to encourage drivers and patrons to use a specified rank, as opposed to hailing taxis in undesignated areas.

Street Outreach Services

Given that on any one night in Australia, one in 200 people are homeless, Street Outreach Services teams in Perth have focused on assisting the more than 9,000 people who sleep rough. Friday to Sunday evenings, from 8pm til 11pm, Salvos teams visit parks, laneways and squats to provide sleeping bags, a hot meal and conversation to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Lieutenant Kris Halliday, from Street Outreach Services says, 'By sitting alongside, sharing a coffee with and listening to the stories of those sleeping rough, we are able to build the trust required to help them navigate their way back into being a part of functioning society.'

General's Consultative Council

Beginning 19 January 2015, the 46th meeting of the General's Consultative Council (GCC) convened in London.

Delegates to the GCC represented the five Salvation Army Zones (Africa, Americas and Caribbean, Europe, South Asia, and South Pacific and East Asia) as well as International Headquarters (IHQ)—a total of 29 international leaders and senior IHQ commissioners, and 14 IHQ team members.

The theme for the week was accountability and impact measurement. The General's keynote address, read by the Chief of the Staff, addressed the importance of The Salvation Army's 'accountability movement which includes four pillars: governance, safeguarding (including child protection),

impact measurement, and finance'.

The General went on to say, 'Our leadership certainly only discovers its true sense and purpose as we are able to empower others and mobilise our people fully.'

With all zones being represented, there was considerable cultural diversity brought to the working groups that considered these four pillars. Meaningful and important discussions ensued, which led to significant opportunities and challenges being identified and initiatives proposed to be implemented across the Army world.

Delegates recognised that any true reforms within the organisation must start with them.

Chaplaincy

A territorial non-residential chaplaincy conference will take place on 11–12 May, at the Catherine Booth College in Ringwood (Vic.). The conference is open to all officers, soldiers, employees and volunteers who are chaplains or 'who have a heart for chaplaincy', both within or external to The Salvation Army.

The conference aims to inspire, equip, encourage and challenge its delegates, and its theme is 'Chaplaincy—the vital connection'.

Registration is \$150, and there are approximately 60–80 places available.

Contact Major Beth Roberts for more info or to register; email: beth.roberts@aus.salvationarmy.org

Criminal for Christ



From left: Erika Brunner, Reverend Simon Moyle, Jan Morgan, Reverend Brent Lyons-Lee, Reverend Isabell Greenall, Tara Watts, Captain Craig Farrell.

In our 10 January issue, *On Fire* reported on the arrest and charging of **Captain Craig Farrell** for his involvement in the sit-in at the office of Richard Marles (Shadow Minister for Immigration) held to protest the treatment of children in detention, and to seek a commitment to a change in policy. David Goodwin speaks to Captain Farrell about the motivation behind this protest, and the movement that it sprang from.

Can you tell us a little more about 'Love Makes A Way', and its mission and purpose?

LMAW is a national movement that is particularly concerned about children in immigration detention. It started last year, and is made up of Christians of many denominations, who basically felt a call to stand up for children in detention and protect their rights. It began by sitting in the offices of Scott Morrison (former Minister for Immigration) and Bill Shorten (Leader of the Opposition), and its focus is to target both the Labor and Liberal parties who have

supported offshore detention—particularly detaining children. Its central purpose is to gain a policy commitment to get children out of detention. However, it also seeks to bring all Christian denominations together and present a united Christian voice.

LMAW is made up of key Christian leaders who have had a history of Christian-based civil disobedience. There have been many attempts by Christian denominations, and individuals, to bring about change by writing petitions and communicating to political leaders that we see this as an inhumane way of treating people. We don't believe that this is how Jesus would respond, or how those who follow him should respond either. This inspired these Christian leaders to initiate LMAW. Through their leadership and example, other Christians have become involved in this movement.

How did you become involved in LMAW?

I knew people in the movement, many of whom were friends, and was approached about being involved, particularly as a Salvationist. Many other denominations were already involved in the sit-ins, and they were wondering if there was a Salvation Army representative who was interested in coming on board. After that initial approach I simply continued on.

So, were you involved as an official Salvation Army representative, or as an individual Salvationist?

I was essentially involved as a Christian who happened to be a Salvationist who wanted to be involved.

When I joined, there was a lot of training that I went through, and other opportunities for involvement beyond the sit-ins—for example we have people who look after social media. We were taken through the theological underpinnings of the movement, and the history of Christian civil disobedience—including the example of leaders like Martin Luther King Jr. So, there was a lot that went on before I made the decision to actually commit to the movement.

As an officer, I wanted to make sure that the Army was aware of my desire to be involved and that there was organisational approval, so I flagged that through the proper channels. I was very encouraged by the response, which was one of full support, from a territorial level down, for me to go ahead with this. After being given that green light and becoming involved, I was certainly supported afterwards. This support was not only from the Army hierarchy, but from Salvationists in general. I was deeply encouraged by the feedback I received, and the way they supported me.

Can you give us a brief run-down of the events leading up to your arrest?

At that point there were over 700 children in detention. We went with the intention to ask Richard Marles (Shadow Minister for Immigration) to commit to a policy ending the detention of children and this was our chief goal. Our plan was to spend time in prayer for these detainees and for all our political parties as they approached this issue. We also spent time sharing stories among ourselves of our experiences with asylum seekers. We did this as a way of focusing on the issue, but also as a way of helping pass the time as we waited in the reception area and reminding ourselves why we there.

We also had the opportunity to speak to the Shadow Minister for around 20 minutes. While he made comment along the lines that LMAW is making a difference, and bringing a human side to the debate, he also delivered the same rhetoric as other politicians and wouldn't make a commitment to a change in policy. So, we resolved that we would continue our sit-in, despite being informed that we would need to leave at closing time or the police would be called to remove us. However, I have to say that the reception staff were very polite and considerate while we were there.

We didn't go there with the intention of being arrested, however we knew it was a possibility and we were willing to run that risk. When the office closed the police arrived, and their demeanour could be described as very annoyed. We had committed to stay where we were, and we reiterated to the police our intention to see children in detention freed. A lot of pressure was then put on us, both threats of arrest and insinuations that police had better things to do and that we were hindering their work—and that as Christian ministers we should know better than to act in a way that could be detrimental to others. In response, we highlighted the real emotional and

physical distress that detained children experience and that it was not something that, in good conscience, we could simply ignore. After highlighting this, we prayed for the police and for the issue. Together, as a team, we stayed strong and presented a united front. We were subsequently arrested and taken to be formally charged. After a trip in the divisional van, we were held in the lock-up for a few hours before being released with a summons to appear in court.

In previous cases, people arrested for these sit-ins had been released without charge. While we knew there was a possibility of being charged, we weren't sure it would happen. We are not sure whether that reflected a policy change by the police, because in Australia charges may be pressed by an external party or by the police themselves. We think the police were surprised to see ordained ministers going through the full process of being charged, especially a Salvation Army officer in uniform, but they were determined to treat it as any other crime and deter others from doing the same thing.

We appeared in court in December and were charged with wilful trespass. We represented ourselves and were given opportunity to explain why we had taken this course of action, and our reasons for the protest. I thought that the magistrate was quite sympathetic to our motivations and purpose. The police prosecution was adamant in making it known that the law had been broken and of their desire that charges not be dismissed. The magistrate was clear in her sentencing that the law had been broken, and that no-one can do that without consequences—however she acknowledged the peaceful nature of our protest. She handed down a \$200 fine, but no charges were recorded—which I think was the bare minimum she

was able to do while still upholding the law.

How can other Salvationists make a difference in areas of social justice?

I think the first step is considering on an individual level what issues you are concerned with and where you see injustice that makes you angry. This involves careful prayer and consideration, and educating yourself about the issues. There are also a number of volunteer organisations that you can get in touch with who are in desperate need of activists. As Salvationists, a good place to start is by talking to your corps officer, or with initiatives like Just Salvos. We have a really good network of people to help you get involved.

It's really about being 'noisy' in a purposeful and discerning way, and not remaining silent in the face of injustice because we think making a difference is beyond us.

If you would like to know more about Love Makes A Way you can find them by searching on Facebook. For more information about avenues for Salvationists to make a difference, please speak to your corps officer.

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DOING JUSTICE TO THE UDHR

Universal Declaration of Human Rights

Captain Troy Pittaway—author of Salvo Publishing’s latest book, *Freedom Unleashed*—talks to Dawn Volz about the [Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) and his passion for social justice.

Having a postgraduate degree in international law, what first sparked your interest in social justice and, specifically, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)?

My calling as a Salvation Army officer came with a call to social justice. I grew up as an officers’ kid and saw the work the Army does and the impact it has on people’s lives. When I met Peta, my wife, her story, life and example further ignited my passion for people who were in darkness and living without the freedom Christ brings. Peta showed me that radical transformation and freedom through Jesus was possible, and inspired me to fight for the principles of social justice and equity.

As an officer I had the opportunity to work with addicts and study the impact of drug and alcohol abuse, which led me to want to learn more about the marginalisation of different people around the world. I began studying international health, which sparked my interest in human rights law. At this point I first came across the UDHR and the profound principles of justice that lie at its foundation, and I felt it would be valuable to begin a conversation about human rights and Christianity.

*Tell us how *Freedom Unleashed* came about.*

I was collecting at a local shopping centre and, as tends to happen, my mind was wandering. I began to think about a children’s book my daughter had been given for her birthday—a children’s version of the UDHR. Then it dawned on me: why not have a Christian version of the UDHR, that relates to Christian faith and practice? So I began to write and *Freedom Unleashed* was the result.



‘The wisdom and beauty that underscored the UDHR really ignited my passion...’

When did you first realise that Christians in general, and Salvationists in particular, could be challenged by better understanding the UDHR?

While studying law, the wisdom and beauty that underscored the UDHR really ignited my passion, and sat closely to my sense of social justice as a Christian. I felt that if I could live my whole life in The Salvation Army without really having a firm grasp on what

human rights actually are—and specifically what the UDHR outlines as being codified as international law—then there must be others in the same boat. That’s not to say this is an original thought; I’m sure there have been many Salvationists who have waved the flag for human rights over the years. But I think that at times the Church in general, and Christians individually, have been wary of human rights principles because they are human in origin and not divine, and they promote freedoms that may not align to Christian faith and practice. Some believe that promoting freedom generates disorder and anarchy, resulting in a sort of ‘anything goes’ mentality. Freedom was given to us by God and each person has the right to make choices about how they use that freedom. We understand that with freedom comes responsibility.

The UDHR is essentially an emotional response to an horrific event, World War II. Human life and dignity is valued as the greatest

gift humanity has, and therefore must be protected. This is very much in line with Salvation Army thinking and I thought it was important for Salvationists who aren’t already engaging with human rights to have an opportunity to read about the UDHR in a way that is written plainly and aimed at Christian readers.

Doesn’t The Salvation Army already incorporate the goals of the UDHR into its humanitarian work around the world?

I love The Salvation Army and the work it does locally and internationally. It literally saves people’s lives, both physically and spiritually. Instinctively, the Army is a human rights organisation. I believe that the International Social Justice Commission in New York certainly is very intentional about human rights, and that

the Army's humanitarian work has grown out of its fundamental Christian mission. The biblical mandate to make disciples, to treat others as Jesus would, and to love all people regardless of social status, has been what The Salvation Army has desired to achieve.

Organically we have become a human rights-based humanitarian organisation. However, if we look at the work the Army does, we need to draw a distinction between the work we do at a humanitarian level and the work we do as a church. I think that the church has at times not kept in step with the organisation. In Australia my experience is that conservative Christian values have led to conservative political values and these at times are at odds with human rights values and 'Jesus' values.

The UDHR was adopted by the UN General Assembly 65 years ago. Do you think its goals of freedom, justice and peace are being achieved?

We live in a world of devastating war and unrest, so I don't think the goals have been achieved. I wrote earlier that the UDHR was an emotional response to a horrific event, but unfortunately as time goes by emotion fades and pragmatism takes its place. What was essentially a tool to create a world of justice, freedom and peace has sometimes become a bargaining chip for politics. We live in a world with certain leaders who crave power, control and domination. Peace, freedom and justice are the antidotes to that, so it stands to reason that there are powerful forces—both physical and spiritual—that don't want human rights to be achieved.

However, the UDHR and the UN have achieved some pretty incredible things. The fact that human dignity is protected under international law is admirable, even though it is frustrating that various countries don't enforce those laws. More than any country or human rights organisation, the Church can be the guardian of human rights. Jesus told us to love God and each other. If we do this—if we reflect the image of God—the Church can stand united against the darkness and bring dignity and human rights to those who do not have them.

How does your understanding of the UDHR inspire your work as corps officer of the multicultural corps at Berwick?

Recognising human value and dignity is essential to my work as a corps officer, as I'm sure it is for all officers in The Salvation Army. We should treat people with respect despite our differences, and to try to understand different perspectives without judgment. Berwick is a corps that has welcomed many people who have suffered the ravages of war and experienced human rights abuses and atrocities. Their stories are a constant reminder of the importance of all people experiencing freedom and dignity. I have also seen the impact of Western culture and the increased freedom that offers to people from cultures that have been more restrictive—and the culture shock that results. It is a reminder to me that, while human rights are invaluable and essential, there is no real freedom apart from faith in Jesus.

What do you hope the publishing of Freedom Unleashed will achieve?

My hope is that the book will start a dialogue—or contribute to the dialogue that is already taking place—about the importance of human rights. *Freedom Unleashed* is by no means either the final word on human rights and faith or a definitive guide with all the answers. However, I hope this book can help corps officers and discussion groups to communicate human rights principles plainly, and for individuals to relate to what human rights and the UDHR are about. The Salvation Army has the capacity to not only represent human rights through our humanitarian work, but also to be known as advocates and ambassadors for justice and dignity through our commitment to human rights.

Freedom Unleashed is available from
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www.salvationarmy.org.au/supplies
for \$12 plus postage.



Brightly fades the Don

The excitement of the ICC Cricket World Cup is upon us! We have the opportunity to watch the best players from 16 cricketing nations competing here in Australia and New Zealand for the prized trophy.

The history of the game of cricket is replete with brilliant players, none greater than Sir Donald Bradman, widely acknowledged as the greatest Test batsman of all time. Yet, in his first Test match, the First Test of the 1928–1929 Ashes series, Bradman made scores of only 18 and 1. When he was dismissed in the second innings, the English bowler Maurice Tate reprimanded his bowling partner White with these words, ‘What do you mean, getting one of my rabbits?’

‘Don has a long memory,’ umpire George Hele later wrote. ‘I don’t think he ever forgot that remark and Tate was not the only Englishman to suffer in consequence of it.’ Don failed to appreciate the humour in the situation—particularly after being relegated to twelfth man for the Second Test.

On 10 December, 1928, five days after this inauspicious Test debut, Bradman penned the following words: ‘If it’s difficult I’ll do it now, if it’s impossible I’ll do it presently.’ Those words, in his original handwriting, sit today above the home team dressing room door at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

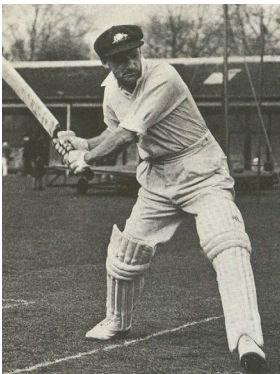
Bradman’s confidence and determination were legendary. Recalled for the Third Test at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, he scored 79 and 112 to become the youngest player to make a Test century. In the 1930 tour of England, Bradman scored 974 runs at an average of 139.14 during the Test series, with four centuries, including two double centuries and a triple century. Bradman finished his Test career in 1948, with a Test batting average of 99.94, often cited as the greatest achievement by any sportsman in any major sport.

‘If it’s difficult I’ll do it now, if it’s impossible I’ll do it presently.’ What lessons for our spiritual ministry and leadership! Paul declared in his letter to the Philippians: ‘Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus... I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.’

While the cricketing prowess of Sir Donald Bradman may be unique, his confidence and determination should not be. Like Paul, every Christian can have that same confidence in their spiritual ministry through Christ, who gives us strength.

Graeme Rigley

**Lieut-Colonel
Graeme Rigley**
Secretary for programme



The perceptive Jesus

Geoff Webb shares a series on Mark’s Gospel focusing on special words or phrases that give insight into Jesus, his mission and his call to be his disciples.

~ READ MARK 2:1–12 ~

Four men digging through a roof and lowering a friend through tends to draw attention. What Jesus perceives—and what we are called to see as readers—is more than what grabs everyone else’s interest. While everyone is focused on the activity of these four men of faith, Jesus also sees the inactivity of the scribes—men of unbelief.

For us as readers, we note Jesus’ first words to the man were not to pronounce healing but forgiveness. That’s when the Gospel writer gives us a ‘bird’s-eye view’ of the scribes. They are sitting there with their inward critical unbelief. Jesus knows *immediately*—a word that occurs often in the early part of the Gospel. Jesus cuts through hypocrisy by seeing their hearts.

The comparison Jesus makes, responding to the thoughts of the scribes, indicates that forgiveness is clearly more difficult than healing someone. Forgiveness is impossible unless you are God. As readers, we’ve known from the beginning of *Mark* who Jesus is, but to people who he encountered his identity was not obvious. To the scribes, he was guilty of blasphemy, and we note the seeds of conflict that would ultimately lead to Jesus’ arrest.

To prove his point, Jesus instructs the paralysed man so that the miracle would be evident, and his authority to forgive sin proclaimed.

Walking out in full view of everyone after arriving immobile on a mat, tends to draw attention. Everyone saw and could verify it. But once again, the crowd is amazed by the *obvious*. The people miss the connection between the healing of the man and the possibility that they too could be forgiven. The freedom Jesus offers is missed. People fail to respond in faith. It is small wonder that Jesus, from this point, will proclaim the Gospel in parables, and perform his miracles in comparative secrecy.

The perceptive Jesus sees our hearts—our faith or unbelief. And Jesus offers the freedom of forgiveness.

Major Dr Geoff Webb is the Western Victoria divisional commander and vice-chair of the Army’s International Theological Council.



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A lesson from the river

Bron Williams reflects on the quiet Christian life

A few years ago I attended an officers' retreat at Gundagai (NSW). One morning, I woke up early and took a walk along the banks of the Murrumbidgee River that flows through the town.

At one river crossing I noticed that it flowed smoothly and almost noiselessly, the early morning mist hovering around the banks.

Further on, the crossing was quite different—over a causeway—where on one side the river was still, serene and silent; on the other, the water tumbled in delight and freedom, singing a noisy and raucous song. I stood in the middle of the causeway and looked up-river, across the peaceful, calm water; and then downstream at madness and tumult.

As I walked away, I reflected that no-one would know the river was there when it flowed peacefully. It was only when the river had been forced through the narrow passages of the causeway and erupted into tumult that you could hear it. It caused me to think about my own walk with Jesus.

The desire for a quiet Christian life is not misplaced—after all, Paul encourages believers to live quiet and peaceful lives in all godliness (1 Timothy 2:2). However, I came away from this walk certain that God wants more than quietness from his people. There is a difference between living quiet, peaceful lives and living a life untroubled by God.

If there hasn't been already, there will be times in all our lives when our neatly packaged worlds get tipped upside-down; when we are forced through spaces that seem dangerous and unpassable; or when our precious held tenets are challenged. I have discovered that allowing God to use these difficult times to mould

and shape me, to change some less-than-healthy attitudes and outlooks, or to reshape my faith so that it is more in line with the kingdom values of Jesus is the most exciting and scary thing I can do.

Jesus' outlook was always unexpected and unpredictable. He disconcerted his disciples, confounded his critics and angered authorities. He did not necessarily live a 'quiet Christian life', but his life was always in tune with God. He did only what he saw his father doing (John 8:28–29).

The challenge for believers in the 21st century is similar to those to whom Jesus spoke in the first. Will we allow Jesus to disconcert us, shake up some long-held beliefs so he can bring us to a new way, a kingdom way, of looking at life? Will we allow Jesus to confound us, to turn our lives upside-down, and then right them again, according to his kingdom values? Perhaps, in the process, Jesus may even make us angry.

But like those who heard him firsthand, when we allow Jesus to take our peaceful lives and tumble them over and about, we might, like Nicodemus, discover that there are things beyond human understanding (John 3:1–15). We might, like Peter, have our viewpoints on what God's plans are overturned (Mark 8:31–33). We might even, like Paul, be knocked off our spiritual horses (Acts 9:1–4).

But we might just discover, as these three men did, as I have discovered, that life lived with Jesus is unpredictable, perhaps a little scary, but never ever boring.

There is a difference
between living
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and living a life
untroubled by God.

[BOOK] A BEAUTIFUL MESS

DANIELLE STRICKLAND ★★★★★

Bored with platitudes and correct phraseology? Wanna live your beliefs and help change the world? Get on board with Major Danielle Strickland's work, some 123 pages of inspiration and small group questions.

Strickland reminds us that chaos is the catalyst that God, who is 'so much bigger and larger than we can ever comprehend', uses for change, and that 'God built constant change into the cosmos'.

We humans, despite being 'afraid of things we can't control', can see our way to outcomes and avenues by following Jesus, who often reveals himself 'in the poor' and those who are enslaved. We can, she preaches, find rest and healing and liberation and love in Christ. Through self-disclosure and selected stories, all the while citing various luminaries such as Dickens, Shaw and Canadian folkie singer-songwriter Bruce Cockburn ('You've got to kick at darkness until it bleeds daylight'), Strickland makes it clear that she lives for Jesus.

I've had the pleasure of working with the major and seeing her faith lived out. While I may not always agree with or 'get' her, I readily testify to her gifts, skills, sincerity and passion. They would all be moot except for the happy truth that Jesus Christ is the beginning and ending of her campaigns and her existence. Dare to be a Danielle.

Barry Gittins

Available at Koorong, \$12.99

[BOOK] BEFORE AMEN MAX LUCADO ★★★★★

Best-selling author Max Lucado has written several books on prayer, and his comfortable, laid-back writing style makes this an easy book to work through for someone seeking user-friendly advice on prayer rather than an academic or theoretical treatise on the nature of prayer.

The gist of this book is that prayer need not be complicated; if you're struggling to maintain an active, consistent prayer life: start simple.

Lucado introduces a six-line prayer that he feels captures most of the common themes explored in prayer, and he teaches how to use this as the platform for your own devotional time. He's quick to say that this shouldn't be

considered the last word in how to pray or a template in all cases, but for someone who doesn't know how to get started, this simple prayer might help.

After the 100 pages of content comes about 50 pages of study guide and additional notes, making the book suitable for small group use. At some stage, every small group should explore prayer—if yours hasn't yet, this could be just the resource you need.

While some might have hesitations about such a seemingly prescriptive solution to a faltering prayer life, Lucado clearly offers his prayer as a beginning template, not a magic formula or replacement to the Lord's prayer. As ever, he's just trying to help.

Mal Davies
Available from Koorong for \$12.99

[DVD] BEYOND SIGHT THE DEREK RABELO STORY ★★★★★

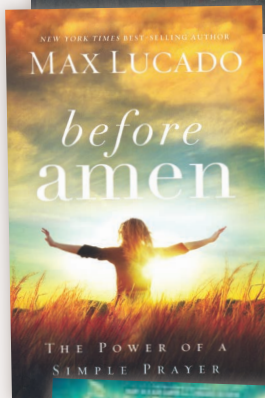
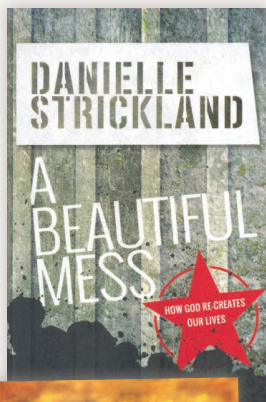
Derek Rabelo was born in Brazil in 1982 to a surf shop owner who prayed to Jesus that his son would be a famous surfer. He even named his son Derek after the famous Pipeline surfer Derek Ho. When Derek was born blind his parents thought their dream was impossible, but they trained Derek to believe in himself, be all that he could be and, trust in God.

This is a documentary to inspire everyone; through his own determination and faith, Derek became a professional surfer at 17 with sponsors wherever he went. He managed to surf with the best in the world, including Kelly Slater, Laird Hamilton and Bethany Hamilton, also a disabled surfer. Some of his sponsors included Billabong, Cobian and Diamondhead.

He fulfilled his dream of surfing the infamous Pipeline in Hawaii, and when his parents were going through financial hardship Derek was able to help them.

He has become a young man who lives by faith and not by sight and inspires all around him. If you love surfing you will enjoy the spectacular wave footage from around the world.

Robyn Lus
Available from Koorong 24.99

**Precious beyond rubies**

We have had many generous sponsors electing to support a child from Africa—however there are children in many other parts of the world who also require our support. For example, some children from South America West have been waiting for a sponsor to support them for over six months.

These children do not live in the type of poverty portrayed in TV ads that feature children with the swollen bellies that indicate malnutrition or famine. These children from Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador and Chile are exposed to a different type of suffering: abuse and neglect. Parents work long hours to support their families, leaving children unattended and vulnerable.

Unprotected, they wander the streets, where alcohol and drugs are easily accessed.

Centres are being set up by The Salvation Army where children can attend after school, and receive help with their homework in a safe environment. They are also provided with a well-balanced meal and cared for until their parents can come and collect them.

Ruby is from Bolivia. Her father works in the mines and her mother sells refreshments nearby. They struggle financially as the bulk of their income is spent on rent, leaving little else for basic needs. She is a quiet but happy girl who wants to be a hairdresser when she grows up. Would you like to help Ruby continue with her education and fulfil her dream?

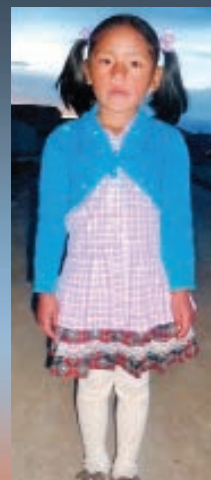
There are many more children like Ruby who need support. For \$35 a month you can support a child living in South America West. Contact the child sponsorship team:

(03) 8878 4543

PO Box 479, Blackburn, Vic. 3130

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BAIRNSDALE, VIC.

CAPTAINS KIM AND STEVEN HAWORTH Bairnsdale Corps enrolled Eliza-Jane Anderson as an adherent (above, left) on 30 November 2014. Eliza has attended youth activities and camps for the past three years, as well as Tagged Youth Church for the past year.

In a powerful testimony to over 40 youth at church, Eliza spoke of the

trauma and struggles she is overcoming through her faith in Jesus and the wonderful support she receives through her friends at the corps.

The meeting was partly led by the youth group who danced (above, right), sang, prayed and read scripture.

Read Eliza-Jane's testimony in the latest issue of Red.



BARRINGTON LODGE, TAS.

CLARE JURASOVIC Sharon Butterworth, an enrolled nurse working as documentation coordinator at Barrington Lodge Aged Care (above), was the winner of the 2014 Aged and Community Services Education and Training Award. This is a state-wide award open to aged care professionals across all areas of aged and community care.

Through her work, Sharon reflects The Salvation Army's values of human dignity, justice, hope, compassion and community. It is a credit to Sharon that she achieved personal recognition as well as recognition for Barrington Lodge by winning this award.



SWAN VIEW, WA

CAPTAIN ROSEMARY MASSEY

On 7 December 2014 Jim Clarke, aged 92, was enrolled as a soldier of Swan View Corps. Jim's testimony was 'Thank you God—I am finally home'.

Above: (L-R): **Captain Rosemary Massey, Jim Clarke** and **Eric Smith** (flag bearer)

SPRINGVALE, VIC.

CAPTAINS JOSEPH AND MARY LIU

On 30 November 2014, Peter Yau and Wanda Kuo (far right, top) were sworn in as senior soldiers, and Cherry Su (far right, base) accepted as an adherent.

Peter is from Hong Kong, and Wanda and Cherry are from China.

Wanda was a Buddhist for many years and continues to pray for her mother who is still a Buddhist, in China. Cherry Su, who has been a Christian for many years, has led her mother to Christ. Cherry's mother, who is still in China, invited Wanda's mother, a neighbour in same city,

NOARLUNGA, SA

MAJORS GLENDA AND GRATTAN SAVAGE

Marilyn Jones has been corps librarian at Noarlunga since 1995. The library began with one cupboard, which was later replaced by two larger glass sliding-door shelving cupboards. Over the years the library has added two book carousels and smaller shelves.

The main library, situated in the foyer of the hall (above), is well-used and has a wide range of items, from books and magazines to DVDs and CDs.

The library, which currently has more than 1800 items, has been mostly self-funded, with books donated and new books, DVDs and CDs purchased through fundraising. Items are catalogued on the computer, with borrowing recorded as well.

For Marilyn, the corps library is a ministry that supports the corps, particularly in the mission of 'growing saints'.



ROSEBUD, VIC.

CAPTAIN CHERYL AND LIEUTENANT RUSSELL BUTCHER

On 14 December 2014, Bob and Jean Richardson were enrolled as senior soldiers. Bob and Jean have been attending the corps for

12 months after linking back in via the recycle shed. Above right: (L-R): **Major Jeff Philp, CSM Neil Elliott, Bob, Jean,** recruiting sergeant **Don Scarlett, Major Janette Philp.**



to church, and they have attended together.

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On 7 December 2014, Wanning Zhang (above, left) was enrolled as an adherent. She said in her testimony that she was touched by the love of the people at the corps. As part of the meeting, David Lee, senior pastor of Darwin Chinese Christian Church, brought a message on 'vision and life'.



KINGS MEADOWS, TAS.

LIEUTENANTS GLENN AND KERRY SMITH

On 30 November 2014, Kings Meadows Corps held its annual children's celebration (above). It was a fantastic morning attended by 138 people, including 38 children and approximately 60 people who had never attended the corps before. The theme of 'the seven days of creation' was presented as a musical play, complete with painted backdrop, sound effects and props for each day of creation (such as waves, stars, sun, moon, plants and animals). The play was

narrated by Corps Cadet Harrison Johnson, with various children adding items to the backdrop to illustrate the narration.

Playgroup children joined in on day five—when God created insects and bugs—dressing up and marching around the hall singing 'The Ants Go Marching One By One'. At the end of the performance the children and leaders joined together in singing 'He's Got the Whole World in His Hands'.

Each child received a book prize which contained the creation story.



SALVOS STORES, TAS.

ALISON CLEMMENTS

On 15 November 2014, Salvos Stores opened its 13th Tasmanian store (above), in Wynyard. Fun was had by both team members and customers alike.

Captains Belinda and Mark Smith gave prayer and welcoming speech, while Major Lynda van Gaalen-Prentice dedicated the store.

The Wynyard opening comes only six months after the opening of the Port Sorell store at Shearwater. Again, the community support for the brand new purpose-built store was amazing.

Now the search is on for store number 14.



DANDENONG, VIC.

CAPTAINS NARI AND STUART MCGIFFORD

Shisha Raj Dahal (Raj) was enrolled as a senior soldier of Dandenong Corps on 14 December 2014.

Raj arrived in Australia after a long and traumatic journey which led him through several countries until he was finally able to lodge a claim for asylum. Although brought up as a Hindu Brahman, Raj has accepted Jesus and testifies to the life-changing power of the gospel.

He and his wife Susanne made contact with Major Karen Elkington at the asylum seeker service in Melbourne Central Division and were referred to Dandenong Corps where they found a spiritual home. While Raj is Nepalese by birth, he has a passion for witnessing to people of all backgrounds.

Above: **Raj** (holding certificate)

ABOUT PEOPLE

Bereaved Lieut-Colonel Elsie Hayes of her sister, and Captain Alison MacDonald (WAD) of her grandmother, Vera Pitman on 30 January.

Promoted to glory Major Violet Young from Inala Village, Vic. on 30 January, aged 90. Major Merna Huxley from Wantirna Palliative Care, Vic. on 3 February, aged 82.

Retirement Major Wendy Oliver, effective 13 January. Captain Brian Crowden, effective 11 February.

ENGAGEMENT CALENDAR

Commissioners Floyd and Tracey Tidd

22 February—Morning Meeting, Plenty Valley, Melbourne Central

23 February—Social Centre Visit, Westcare, Melbourne Central

3 March—Territorial Seniors Rally, Melbourne
12–18 March—Northern Territory Visit, Darwin/Alice Springs

Colonels Peter and Jennifer Walker

1 March—Morning Meeting and Retirement Service for Majors Medling, Perth Fortress

The Successful Soul-winner

Finney's Revival Lectures ~ Edited by Commissioner Frederick Booth-Tucker

'During the earlier half of the nineteenth century, Charles Finney, the well-known American Evangelist—described by the General as a Presbyterian Salvationist—delivered a series of lectures on 'Revival of Religion' to his own congregation in New York.

'Upon publication the lectures attained wide circulation, and, although wellnigh a century has since elapsed, they still exert a far-reaching influence, the principles they set forth being little affected by changing conditions.

'Finney was strongly of the opinion that spiritual harvests can be gathered with as much certainty as harvests of wheat or rice or potatoes, and that it is wrong in soul-saving work to cast upon God the responsibility of our failure. 'He that winneth souls is wise,' not, he that tries to win them and fails. The causes of failure, also the conditions of success, are herein fully explained.'

~ Frederick Booth-Tucker August 1926

WHAT IS REVIVAL?

A revival presupposes the Church to have lapsed into a backslidden state and consists in the return of the Church from her backsliding, and in the conversion of sinners.

- A revival always includes conviction of sin on the part of professing Christians. The fountains of their hearts are broken up, there are deep heart searchings, and often the conviction of sin is so deep that it produces agony of soul, bordering on despair.

- There is repentance and forsaking of sin, and deep humiliation before God on the part of Christians.

- Christians have their faith, love and zeal renewed. While in a backslidden state they are blind to the state of sinners around them. Their hearts are like marble; but in a revival their faith is renewed. They realise the truths of the Bible and their hearts are filled with a tender burning love for souls. The spirit of agonising prayer comes upon them, and they plead and pray for souls.

- The power of the world and of sin over

Christians is broken, and they enjoy a new sense of union and communion with God.

- When the church is thus revived, the conviction and conversion of sinners follow. When Christians have deep feelings on the subject of religion they invariably produce the same among sinners.

IMPORTANCE OF REVIVAL

When is revival needed?

- When there is an absence of love, confidence, and unity among Christians. When they are in a cold and backslidden state, they cannot and ought not to love one another with the love of complacency and approbation. It is in vain to call upon them to love one another while they are sunk in stupidity and coldness. They can only properly love one another when they see in each other the true reflection of the Spirit of Christ.

- When there are jealousies, bitterness and evil-speakings among Christians.
- When the Church becomes worldly in dress and amusement.
- When professing Christians fall into gross and scandalous sins.
- When a spirit of controversy prevails among Christians.



- When the wicked triumph over and mock at the Church.
- When sinners are careless and going down to hell unconcerned. The duty of the Christian is to awake them.
- A revival is the only way of restoring the Church and removing its reproach.
- Nothing but a revival can and ought to restore confidence amongst church members. By being revived, confidence and love are restored.

Why is revival important?

- A revival is the only way of arresting God's judgment from falling upon the church. Christians are more to blame for not being revived than sinners are for not being converted. Churches and whole denominations are often cursed because they refuse to be revived.

- There is no other way but for a revival for a church to grow in grace and be sanctified and fit for heaven.

When may revival be expected?

- When the providence of God indicates that a revival is at hand. Those who have spiritual discernment can see the signs.

- When the wickedness of sinners distresses and humbles Christians and drives them to prayer and breaks them down.

Then you may be certain that you are going to have revival. But the prevalence of wickedness is no bar to a revival. The devil may rage but he cannot stop it.

- When Christians have the spirit of prayer for a revival. When they have real travail of soul. Unless they resist and grieve the Holy Spirit away, a revival will follow if they hold on until they prevail.

- When preaching and special efforts are specially directed to secure a revival, it is certain. There are fewer exceptions than for a farmer not to obtain a harvest when he has made the necessary preparations.

- When Christians begin wholeheartedly to confess their sins. When Christians are willing to make necessary sacrifice of time and strength.

- When the pastor is willing to risk offending the impenitent sinners and cold church members.

For full versions of Finney's lectures 1 and 2, visit www.charlesfinney.com/finney/finney.php?op=13 and http://www.charlesfinney.com/1868Lect_on_Rev_of_Rel/68revlec02.htm

Helen Wessel (ed), *The Autobiography of Charles G. Finney: The life story of America's greatest Evangelist- in his own words*, Minnesota: Bethany House, 1977

Do You Know What I Have Done To You?



'Blessed' artwork by Chantal E.Y. Bethel for the World Day of Prayer 2015

Major Marney Turner invites us all to embrace and fully participate in the 2015 World Day of Prayer.

Held every year on the first Friday in March, the World Day of Prayer presents an opportunity to be a participant in one of the 1,195 services planned for Australia, and join in prayer with Christians in more than 170 countries. There will be advertising in local papers, shop windows, corps newsletters and, of course, googling will give you the address of the nearest gathering in your area.

The WDP commenced in the US and Canada in the 19th century but now continues as a worldwide movement in which Christians from many denominations come together to observe a united, common day of prayer on the first Friday in March each year.

The symbol for the WDP represents unity through diversity; the design is made up of arrows converging from the four points of the compass, persons kneeling in prayer, the Celtic cross and a circle representing the world.

This year's program has been developed by the women of the Bahamas with the theme: Jesus said to them 'Do You Know What I Have Done To You?' This theme is relevant to us all and asks us to reflect on our Christian role of service, and offering care and kindness to everyone.

The Bahamas is an Atlantic country consisting of more than 700 islands and thousands of smaller islets. The Bahamas gets over 315 days of sunshine a year, and more than 90% of the population profess a religion.

The painting, 'Blessed' by Chantal E.Y. Bethel, appears on the front cover of the WDP Main Service Booklet and celebrates the Bahamas through the national bird, the flamingo. It also celebrates the blessings that the Bahamas share with the world across the ocean. The flamingos bow at the feet of Christ for there is forgiveness, peace and love in this act of submission.

As you set aside 6 March, you will be praying a united prayer of agreement, thanksgiving, praise and worship, petition, intercession and consecration.

Make no mistake, prayer is an absolutely essential component and key to revival in Australia, indeed a key to revival throughout the world.

Let us believe in great outcomes as we pray.

Find out more about the World Day of Prayer, or locate your nearest service,
• www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org

Major Marney Turner is the territorial spiritual life development secretary—evangelism and prayer



World Day of Prayer

First Friday in March



A global ecumenical
movement of
informed prayer and
prayerful action

MCAAC

MUSIC AND CREATIVE ARTS CONFERENCE

Guest: Andrew Blyth (United Kingdom)

FRIDAY 27 & SATURDAY 28 MARCH 2015

Friday: Gala Dinner 7pm–9.30pm
Entertainment—The Salvo Big Band

Saturday: 10.15am–5.30pm brass,
vocal, contemporary electives/rehearsals

The Salvation Army
17-23 Nelson Road
Box Hill, Victoria

(Interstate travel subsidies available)*
*contact creativearts@aus.salvationarmy.org

MCAAC CONCERT Saturday 28 March 7pm

FEATURING: Justin Michael Gall, Box Hill Citadel Band, Ringwood Vocal Praise,
MCAC Choir, Just Brass Ringwood, Guest Soloists

Registrations and more conference costs go to: www.salvationarmy.org.au/cad

Creative Arts
DEPARTMENT



Melbourne Staff Band 2015 125th Anniversary

Sunday 15 March – 7.00pm

MSB with MSB Alumni Band, James Toulis Auditorium, Methodist Ladies College
Guest conductor and compere, Bramwell Tovey

Saturday 25 April – 3.00pm

ANZAC Salute, Melbourne Town Hall

Saturday 13 June – 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Pre Tour Concerts, James Toulis Auditorium, Methodist Ladies College

Saturday 31 October – 7.00pm

MSB125 Celebration Concert – MSB with The International Staff Band
Robert Blackwood Hall, Monash University