

26th April 2020



LIVING THE 167

There are 168 hours in a week and typically people spend one hour a week in church. What happens in the other 167 hours? As disciples of Jesus we have heard the words, “Come follow me” and we have accepted Jesus as our Saviour and said He is Lord of our life. This means that every hour of our life is lived in the knowledge that we are a disciple of Jesus and as disciples our mission is to live our lives with Jesus as Lord. We are to reveal who Jesus is to the world through the way we live our everyday life. It is not just one hour on Sunday where we come to church, but how we live the 167 as disciples that is vitally important.

What would people believe about following Jesus if they were to follow your example in everyday life?

Jesus told his disciples after the resurrection that “just as the Father has sent me, I’m now sending you” (John 20:21). He also told them to “go in his authority and make disciples of all nations, and teach them to faithfully follow all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28: 19-20)

How are you – a disciple of Jesus – living your everyday life?

How are you – a disciple of Jesus – daily being transformed into the image of Jesus?

How are you – a disciple of Jesus – connecting more intimately with Jesus?

Our National Vision



Wherever there is hardship or injustice
Salvos will live, love and fight
Alongside others
To transform Australia one life at time
With the love of Jesus

SUNDAY SERVICES

Our weekly sermons and worship service is pre-recorded and available for viewing either from our Corps Facebook page or from our Corps website.

Links for Viewing

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BrisbaneCityTemple>

Or you can follow the link on the

Homepage of the Corps Website: <https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/brisbanecity/>

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Have you thought about how you can continue to give your tithes and offerings during this time where you are not able to physically place them in the offering bag? This is what somebody from our Corps shared during the week

I think churches will be closed for services for some time so I think making my offering each fortnight online using my bank account will be best even though I love the feel of the envelope. Times are a-changing - methods are a-changing. I have never been in want since I began to tithe. Giving is a discipline and I think perhaps, that discipline flows through your everyday decision making.

You can make a direct deposit into the Corps Account.

Bank Account details are:

NAME: The Salvation Army BCT **BSB Number:** 034 004

Account Number: 810612

PINDARI RELOCATION

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and our obligation to protect our most vulnerable citizens, the Department of Housing and Homelessness Services has informed The Salvation Army that all residents of Pindari Services will be moved to a new location in Toowong (the former Toowong Student Residence). The move will minimise the risk of exposure to the possibility of COVID-19 for Pindari residents by reducing the need for physical contact with others. The move is a collaborative venture led by the Queensland Government involving a number of service providers including Mission Australia, St Vincent de Paul and Bric Housing.

The accommodation will have round-the-clock security, provide each resident with an individual unit that contains an ensuite bathroom and kitchenette, meals and laundry services.

A stepped transition of employees and residents from Pindari Services commences on 4 May. As the national response to COVID-19 is constantly moving, we do not have an end date for this arrangement. COVID-19 has caused an unprecedented emergency health situation across the world. The Queensland Government, The Salvation Army and other inner city homelessness service providers want to be proactive to reduce any potential harm to a very vulnerable group of people.

Time to Share

***'Trust the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.'* Proverbs 3 v 5-6**

It never ceases to amaze me how God gives new life to His Word in the many and varied circumstances we face on our journey. These Bible verses have been some of my favourite since I was a child. From a memory verse learned at Sunday School, it became a promise of assurance for me as I sought God's direction on what career I should pursue. However, it's only been in more recent times that God has been deepening my understanding of what trusting in Him truly means.

According to the Cambridge dictionary, the verb 'trust' means to believe that something or someone is safe and reliable. This year, my son has been learning about parts of speech which as a parent, has served as a helpful reminder of the basics of English! A verb is an action word, something that is not stagnant or still but active and alive. How often though is our trust in God a noun rather than a verb – something that we talk about but not necessarily practice?

My thoughts are drawn to our recent Easter celebrations. The days in between the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus must have been some of the most uncertain ever faced by the disciples. I feel there are considerable parallels between those days and the times we currently find ourselves in. We have had to make many changes to our lives not knowing how long it will last for or what the way forward will look like. It is hard to practice trust when it is difficult to see or understand how God is working in our circumstances. But just as God's instruction to us is to trust, His promise is that He will make our paths straight. On the third day, the disciples gloried in the certainty of the resurrection. God is always working, often in ways we can't see, to bring His plans to pass in the best possible way. He sees and understands what we do not in our human frailty. Though the road ahead may be dim, we know the One who holds the future and we need to trust that He is working for our good. I pray that in these days of uncertainty God deepens our trust in Him as we continue to follow and acknowledge God and remain certain of the fact that He directs our path.

Bow the knee; trust the heart of your Father, When the answer goes beyond what you can see.

Bow the knee; lift your eyes toward heaven and believe the One who holds eternity. And when you don't understand the purpose of His plan, In the presence of the King, bow the knee.

Elizabeth

Spiritual Growth

This time is a great opportunity for us to focus on our spiritual growth and to develop some good habits and disciplines that are important for us as disciples of Jesus. There are some spiritual growth resources that have been provided for you on The Salvation Army Brisbane City Temple website.

New this week is the spiritual discipline **Rule of Life** – It's about living out our faith in the everyday.

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.au/brisbanecity/spiritual-growth/>

What to do at home?

- **Spend time in prayer**
- **Phone people to check how they are and encourage them**
- **Begin a bible study with some people via email, phone or online**
- **Send cards or letters to people**
- **Knit beanies and/or scarves that can be given to people in winter**

We have an opportunity to pray for each other during the week. Marzly is having surgery in the coming week, People who have lost jobs due to closing business, people working on the frontline dealing with Corona Virus, People who have lost family members, People who are experiencing anxiety and mental health issues, Teachers and Children who returned to school.

Praying for each other: Aleisha, Cleone, Jenny, Dorothy, Andrew & Megan, Shirley, Marshall & Joy.



Seeing the number 167

We are looking for visual images of the number 167 and would love you to send us your images. Here is a thought from Ruth H.

The creation – days **1** to **6** – God created the heavens and the earth and all in it and on day **7** he rested.

- 1** God's day – set apart for worship and rest
- 6** Days for work
- 7** God's number – a reminder that every day is HIS day

