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# Message from the Editor



**Captain  
Juanita Wright**

## NEW MERCIES

God's mercies are new every morning and His unconditional love never fails! I am filled with joy at how this wonderful promise from God's Word rings true for each one of us.

In the song What a Wonderful World by Louis Armstrong the song speaks about the beauty of the world as observed by him. If only this is the case for the day and time we live in.

"I see trees of green, red roses too  
I see them bloom for me and you  
And I think to myself what a wonderful world".

If only this is the case for the day and time we live in. Amid all the chaos of the world around us, it is almost too difficult to see the wonder or understand how God is at work in our world today. As children of God we can know and claim the Resurrection power of God which gives us confidence to know that God has things under control and continues to work all things for His glory and for the good of those who love Him (Romans 8:28). The power of the resurrection offers us the assurance and conviction that God is always faithful and keeps His promises with those who belong to Him.

My children are very excited at the possibility that they again will be visited by the "Easter bunny soon. Listening to their conversations about where exactly they'll be looking to find their Easter treasures...

"I'm sure the Easter bunny will hide the eggs at the exact spot he did last year" and I'm sure he won't as I don't think Easter bunny can remember his exact hiding spots. Maybe he'll go back into his GPS history records! 😊



More than the Easter bunny or the symbolic meal of pickle fish and hot cross buns, Easter is a symbol of hope, renewal, and new life.

Preparing our hearts and minds for Easter this year, may we seek out opportunities to gladly share the redemptive message of the Cross.

Because He died to set us free,  
Free from sin and misery,  
That we may walk in liberty I'll live for Him!  
(Samuel H. Cox)

Have a blessed Easter everyone!



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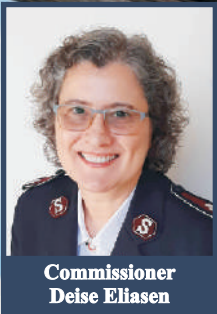
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# What did Jesus do on the Cross for us?



Commissioner  
Deise Eliassen

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MINISTRIES

**"He delivered us from the empire of darkness and carried us into the kingdom of the son of his love, in whom we have redemption, the remission of sins."**

**Colossians 1:13-14**

We are special to God that He loved us so much he gave everything. Gave himself, gave His only son to die on the cross in our place.

It was on the cross that...

## 1. He FREED us from the empire of darkness

The verb "to set free" means "To save, to free from bondage or slavery." The verb "to set free" also means "to deliver from danger". The word empire, on the other hand, means authority or power. The verse is stating that God has delivered us from the power, authority, and dominion that Satan had over our lives.

As a result of what Christ did on the cross we are no longer in danger of spending life and eternity separated from God. The work of the cross is a work of deliverance. He has delivered us from the empire of darkness to live in newness of life.

## 2. He TRANSPORTED us into the kingdom of His love

God not only took us out of the region of death, but also transported us into the kingdom of light, the kingdom of his love. There has been a transfer, a transference. God has changed our position.

In spiritual terms this transfer has four characteristics:

- It is a transfer from the power of Satan to the Lordship of Christ.

- It is a transfer from the empire of darkness to the kingdom of light.
- It is a transfer from slavery to freedom.
- It is a transfer from condemnation to the remission of sins.

In the Old Empire we were under slavery. In the kingdom of light, we are free. In the kingdom of darkness, Satan wanted our death. In the kingdom of light, Christ died our death so that we could live his life. The work of the cross is a work of transference.

## 3. He REDEEMED us

Here the verb "redeem" means "to set a prisoner free by paying a ransom." What is a ransom? It is the release from the place in which one was imprisoned, upon payment of an agreed amount (value).

For us to be rescued from sin, someone had to pay for it. For loving us, God did that! Through Christ, God paid a very high price for our redemption. God bought us not with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of His beloved Son.

## 4. He FORGAVE us through the remission of sins

The work of the cross removed the barrier between the holy God and sinful man. Our debt was paid, our guilt cancelled, and our justification declared. The word "forgiveness" means "to send away" or "to cancel a debt". In this way, the forgiveness of sin is the cancellation of a debt.

Jesus shed His blood on the Cross so that you and I could be set free today if we only accept His sacrifice and redemption. Can you believe that His death in your place can now set you free? Try it out and you will experience His awesome freedom!



## Territorial welcome of the Reflectors of Holiness Cadets Session

The Reflectors of Holiness Cadet sessions welcome meeting held on the 20th March was led by Commissioners Torben and Deise Eliassen, along with Cabinet members and the respective Divisional Commanders.

The united band on duty consisted of bandsman from Johannesburg City and Germiston Corps. Commissioner Deise creatively shared the children's story from Nehemiah as she reminded the children that in order to achieve something great we too need to work together (like Nehemiah and his followers did to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem).

The Cadets session proudly sang their sessional song and worship dance ...with all of my life, I give you the praise", followed by the representative speaker Cadet Philani Khumalo reminding everyone present that being Reflectors of Holiness we need to be sure that we are reflecting Christ in all aspects of our lives.

The Territorial Commander Commissioner Torben in the closing moments of the service shared from Exodus 34 on how Moses encounter with God on mount Sinai changed everything about him. In the same way we are called to reflect God's holiness. The meeting ended with the vibrant singing of the founders song O'boundless Salvation, passionately led by the field training Officer, Captain Sanele Ndlovu.



# Reflectors of Holiness Cadets Session

## TESTIMONIES FROM THE CADETS



I am Philani Khumalo from Khambi Corps, Northern KwaZulu Natal. Being one of the youngest in this session to be called to Officership, is such a good blessing to me, as it reminds me that God has called me by my name. It shows that no matter how old or young you are, God will call you and you will need to answer the call of God on your life. It proves to me that God calls the unqualified and qualifies them. I am encouraged by the scripture in Joshua 1:5 "No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you" (NIV). This was God talking to Joshua prior to him

leading the Israelites, and this is my belief, that as he has called me, he will never leave me nor forsake me. My prayer is found in one of The Salvation Army songs that say "O man of Galilee, stay with and strengthen me; walk thou through life with me; O man of Galilee". One of my favourite scriptures in the Bible that keeps me going on this beautiful journey is 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old is gone, the new is here!" (NIV). I fully trust that God has made me new and that He will continue to strengthen me as he uses me to introduce people to Him so that they may become new creations in Christ. AMEN.



I am Cadet Mdmumiseni Buthelezi from Ombimbini Corps one of the deep rural areas of Northern KZN Division. I was born and raised by my parents who were Salvationists and being raised by them was a blessing to me. My father passed away in 2001 when I was only 11 years old and I was raised by my Mother. I learnt a lot from her especially how to be strong and to have love. My mom is a very caring mom so she is my role-model and I am eager to be like her. I acknowledge that on my spiritual journey there will be challenges, however I know to be strong and to always have faith in God will help me a lot. I received my calling in 2016 when we were at Ulundi Corps. At

that time Lt-Colonel Jwili was my Divisional Commander. It was Y-Connexion and as she was closing the service, she asked if there was anyone who felt that God was talking to them about Officership. It was then when I felt that my God talking to me! To be at the College for Officer Training at this particular time, is the right place for me. I am here all because of God's grace and I thank him a lot. There were times where people criticised me but my God saw something in me and I do believe that by God's strength I am going to shine and overcome every situation that will come my way. I see myself as David in the Bible. David became a King from nowhere and he managed to defeat Goliath not by his own strength but because of God's strength and grace upon him. This is a journey that I cannot take alone. I need God's presence in my life to keep my calling. The book that encourages me a lot is found in Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, never rely on what you think you know. Remember the Lord in everything you do and he will show you the right way."

My prayer is to be a leader that will lead God's people by example. I am looking forward to a new life and new challenges. I am ready for it because He who called me is going to lead me. If I truly depend on God, I know I will be a great Officer that will raise the flag of The Salvation Army and represent our God well. I am here to work for my God in The Salvation Army and I am so proud of my calling. My God is good. Look at me today, I was just a boy herding cows back home but today I am a Cadet. I give all the praise to my God who is so amazing. Amen



My name is Mzwakhe Promise Ngobeni, I was born in Pretoria in an area called Mabopane. I am the first born son of Obed Tholo and my late mom Khensani Ngobeni. I grew up in a small village called Olvertown next to Bela Bela. I am married to my beautiful wife Sibongile and we are blessed with a son. Being raised by my unemployed grandparents was a bit tough, as we were living from hand to mouth and couldn't afford some of the basic needs. There were days where one had to go to school barefoot without a lunchbox. It was difficult and so heart-breaking some nights, hearing my grandmother praying and begging for at least food on the table from God. After

completing my matric in 2010, I moved back to Mabopane and life happened. I started partying and hanging around with bad guys trying to fit in and be cool. I seemed happy but deep down I was crying for help as I wanted out of that life. I remember praying every night to God and eventually my prayers were answered in 2015 when I moved to Meadowlands to live with my Father. Things became better as I was enrolled with The Central Johannesburg College to study Information Technology and became more regular at church, attending Bible studies, songsters, band practice and other fellowship services at Meadowlands Corps. Every time when I was at church I felt different and had a deep sense of belonging.

One Sunday when attending a Congress during an appeal, our then General spoke about a young couple who God is calling and I felt him speaking to my heart. In that moment, something said to me, "That is you Mzwakhe. He is talking about you". I tried so many times to deny, run away and avoid this calling, but it kept on hitting home. After tons of confirmations I then approached our then Corps Officers and gave them a history of my life and events that kept on coming. They journeyed with me and advised me about Officership. I am now a cadet in the College For Officer Training and wish to share with anyone who feels empty and lonely, a verse that speaks to my heart Psalms 81 verse 10 "I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt. Open your mouth and I will feed you."



I'm Sibongile Ngobeni born and raised in Soweto Meadowlands Zone 10 then later moved to zone 2, started Schooling at Thobeka Primary School where I did my Grade 1 till Grade 6, proceeded to Indoni Junior Secondary school to do my Grade 7 until 9 and Matriculated at Meadowlands High School. I furthered my studies at Rosebank College to study Public Relations but couldn't finish due to financial constraints. I'm a wife to Mzwakhe and a mother to a 5 year old boy Nkosinathi. I'm the 5th born of Nhlanihla David Buthelezi and the late Doreen Doris Buthelezi. I grew up as a "grandmother's child" and was closer to my grandmother than

my mother, she was there but my grandmother was everything. I've always been a church girl, at first attending the Presbyterian Church, then joined The Salvation Army, went back to Presbyterian and then returned to The Salvation Army Meadowlands Corps, and never left until this day. It all began when I saw Cadet Khanyisile (now Captain Khanyisile Mcineka) coming to our Corps as part of her brigade ministry and I fell so in love with everything about her! As young as I was, I told myself that one day I'd be an Officer of The Salvation Army! At that age I didn't know the covenant I was making with God, and had a plan to go when I was in my 40's but God had other plans for my life. After various confirmations, I kept on being in denial because I was so afraid. I had a very low self-esteem, I couldn't stand in front of people and I was very shy, but the Bible reminds us that God qualifies and equip those He calls (Hebrews 13:21). And now I'm a Cadet at The Salvation Army College for Officer Training where God is equipping me to be and do all He wants me to, both now and as an Officer one day.

The verse that keeps me going is taken from the book of Philippians 1 verse 6 "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus"



My name is Anesu Mbofana, from the Western Cape Division Bonteheuwel Corps. I am a child of God with a passion of soul winning, loving the unloved, caring for the poor and feeding the hungry. As Christians I know that we are all called to work for God, preach his Word and serve him faithfully and it has been my duty to be obedient to his Word. But, as I began spending more time with God, he directed me on which path I should follow and I have always felt God's call strongly upon my life so that I became convinced that he wants me to serve him full-time in The Salvation Army.

Telling others about God and his purpose and plans for us is the most important work that anyone can do because it helps people draw close to God and receive everlasting life. I am motivated by God's love for me and it has been my desire to worship him in spirit and in truth all my days.

A song that has motivated me so much is one of the Army's choruses that says "To be like Jesus this hope possesses me, in every thought and deed, This is my aim my creed". Jesus is the best example to follow when going to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

Just like fire, my love for God needs fuel in order to keep burning and I have been filling up on fuel at the College for Officer Training, by spending my time with God in prayer and learning more about His Word. This keeps my love for him strong. My purpose in life is to worship him with all my heart, serve him, fellowship with his family, grow like him in character and fulfill his mission in the world so that he receives glory! Amen



My name is Nosipho Ntuli from KwaMashu Corps in Mid-KwaZulu Natal division. I received Jesus when I was young but I found love from him before I was saved. He always loved me even when I was doing wrong things as a young person but I thank my grandmother who introduced me to Christ. It was not easy to be a Christian because there are things that you like to do as a young person and there are a lot of temptations. When I received Jesus in my life, I was attending another church. I was there for 3 years, but things did not seem to be going well. I asked God to show me the right way. Eventually I decided to leave the church I was attending because there were

many things that were happening that I couldn't understand. However, I learnt a lot of things from them before I decided to join The Salvation Army. This is where I was exposed to many wonderful things, like Bible study, youth functions and worship team. The Salvation Army was so welcoming and they showed me unconditional love. Although so many changes were happening in my life at that time, this is where I grew spiritually.

John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life". God loves us even if we have sinned before him, but if we confess our sins to him, he will forgive us and give us another chance. God gave me a second chance when I discovered my calling, and here I am now I am at the College for Officer Training, by His grace.

# She is worthy - Territorial Women's Rally

BY MAJOR YVONNE WOOD, WESTERN CAPE DIVISION



The evening of 17 February 2022 saw the arrival of a number of ladies from various corners of Southern Africa to attend the long awaited Territorial Women's Rally at Beulah Park. The first evening kicked off with a time of prayer and spiritual preparation for the rally. Our new TPWM Commissioner Deise Eliassen shared a devotional message reminding us that many of us as women have scars on the inside, not visible to anyone, whilst others

have scars on our body visible to many.

Friday the 18th February allowed for a splash of color as hundreds of ladies of all ages gathered in their beautiful and rich cultural attire. I have never before experienced such a stunning array of godly women in their beautiful outfits. The theme of the rally was "She is Worthy" which was so powerful. It took me a while to wrap my head around this theme, as I have always focused on the fact that it is the Lord who is worthy. I came to understand that in Christ we are strong, blessed, loved, accepted, fearless and worthy. It was an inspiring day with many excellent speakers as well as much beautiful dancing and singing, and even a Word-based fashion show which was something special. My favorite model was the lady dressed as a warrior-woman, ready to conquer the world for Jesus!



On Saturday there was an excellent focus on educational aspects including health and wellness, gender based violence issues, and entrepreneurship. There was also the joyous praise celebration which included vibrant display of cultural dancing and singing.

One of the highlights for me was the Bible study on the Bible book of Esther presented by Major Sengiziwe Nhandara. We learned that as women we need to arise, be courageous, be wise, and recognize God's favor upon us. God had a mission for Esther and He used her to deliver His people. My take away challenge was that as a women of worth, I need to be bold enough to step up and carry out the mission God has called me to.

Another highlight I experienced was that the Lord really spoke to me through a message by Lt Colonel Fikile Khoza, based on Eve (Genesis 3:8-12). Eve listened to the voice of the enemy, resulting in her being robbed of what God had planned for her. God stepped in and asked her: Who told you that you were naked? This message was strong and we could certainly apply the challenge to our own lives.

"Are we sometimes spiritually naked and hiding"? Think about it... Who told you that you are not good enough? Who casts doubt into your mind about your worth, your competency, your calling, your faith? We need to close the door to the voice of the enemy and stop believing his lies! This was a powerful Word for me.

We need to be like certain Japanese vases which we learned about from our TPWM. They are repaired with gold when they break. Let your cracks shine like gold as God repairs and restores you. We are loved, accepted, forgiven and worthy. That's the bottom line.

## UPCOMING TERRITORIAL DATES

| APRIL |  |       |   |
|-------|--|-------|---|
| 15    | Good Friday  | 6-7   | ECD Administrators' Training                          |
| 16    | Holy Saturday                                      | 8     | Mother's Day  |
| 17    | Easter Sunday                                      | 10-13 | 5th Year Review (Joyful Intercessors)                 |
| 18    | Family Day   | 12    | Prayer Day  |
| 22-24 | Youth & Children's Weekend                         | 12-15 | DYCLC - Mpumalanga/ eSwatini Division                 |
| 24    | International Day of Prayer for Children and Youth | 15    | OWSOMS LAUNCH   |
| 27    | Freedom Day (Public Holiday)                       | 21-23 | MASIC   |
|       |  | 22    | 2nd Sunday School Outreach Children's Ministry Sunday |
|       |  | 26-29 | DYCLC - Western Cape Division                         |
| MAY   |  |       |   |
| 29/4  |  |       | CCM/AHT Training (Limpopo)                            |
| 1     | DYCLC - Eastern Cape Division                      | 29    | National Child Protection Week                        |
| 1     | Workers' Day (Public Holiday)                      | 4 Jun |   |
| 4-8   | 1st Candidates Assessments                         |       |   |

## Biography of Commissioners Torben & Deise Eliassen

Commissioners Eliassen are officers from the Brazil Territory, the country of which they are also citizens. Commissioner Torben is a fourth generation salvationist and third generation officer and Commissioner Deise is a second generation salvationist and officer. Both met the Lord as personal Savior as children while growing up and learning about the Lord in their families.

He was commissioned in 1983 from the "Servants of God" session and she was commissioned in 1985 from the "Proclaimers of the Gospel" session. They got married in January 1986 and have two daughters, Thais married to Alexandre and Themis married to David. They also have 6 grandchildren: Julia, Melissa, Isabella, Lucas, Zoe and Kaya.



They prefer to be known as "followers of Jesus Christ" rather than "territorial leaders", because everything that they do it is done in response to the Lord's call to live all their days and hours as servants of Him, wherever they are sent.

They served in Brazil till 2008 when they were sent to Mozambique as Command Leaders and afterwards Territorial Leaders, from there they were sent in 2012 to the International Headquarters in England as International Secretaries for the Americas and Caribbean, and from there they were sent in 2014 to South America West as Territorial Leaders.

Having now been appointed as Territorial Leaders for Southern Africa, they come with the same passion and desire to continue to do the Lord's work, leading people to reconcile with God the Father through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ

# KIDS PAGE

By Lieutenant Promise Phello



## The Easter Story



I hope that you are excited to read the Easter Story taken from Luke chapter 22: 7-52, Luke 23: 26-56 and Luke 24: 1-9. We are going to learn about another supper we remember.

It was a very important supper. We are going to talk about the Last Supper that Jesus had with His Disciples...

Jesus and His disciples were sitting together and having supper and He shared bread and wine with them as a way that they could remember Him.

(<https://ministry-to-children.com/last-supper-lesson-john-6/>)

And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper. He took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." – Luke 22:19-20

After the supper with His disciples, Jesus went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane on the night before His death, asking His Father, "...if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me." However, Jesus finished His prayer with these words, "...yet not as I will, but as you will." Jesus went through untold agony in the Garden, even to the point of sweating blood. But despite this He stayed true to the Father's will. It was important that the Savior (Jesus) be a willing sacrifice. It would not have been alright for God the Father to have somehow forced His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross.

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived.

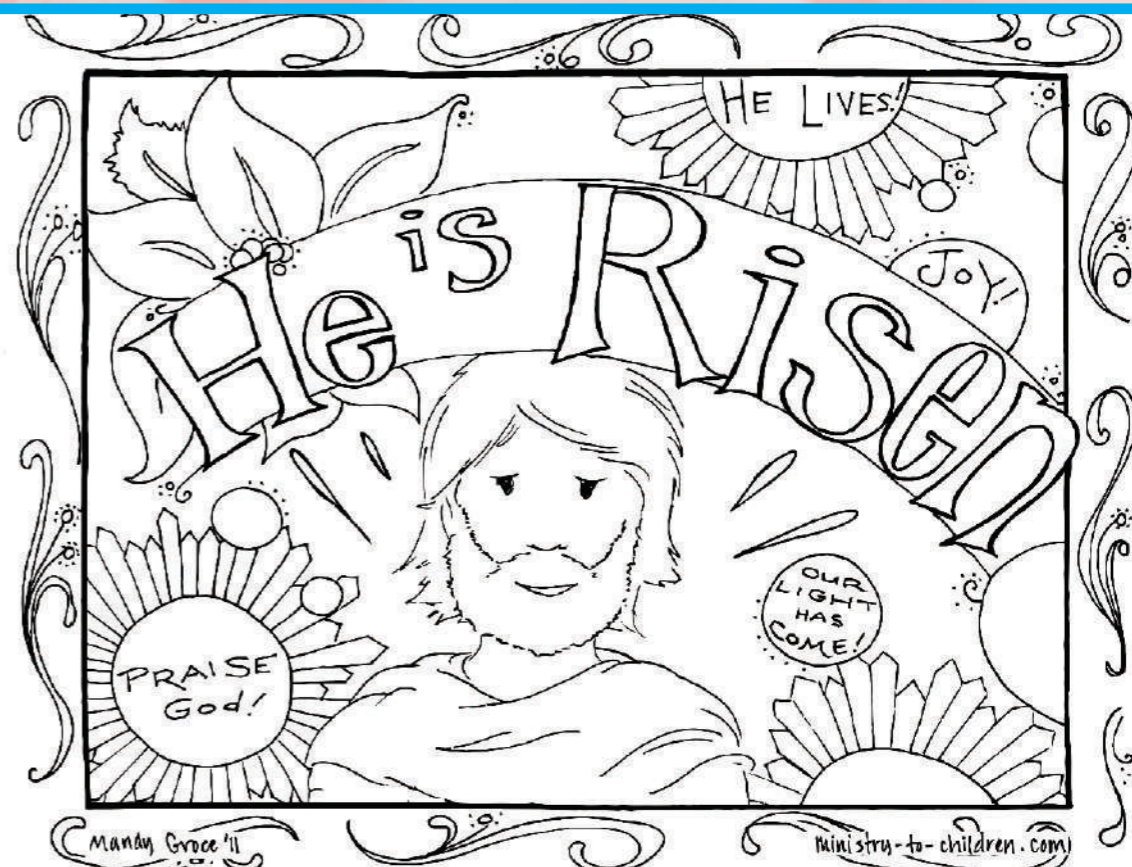
With him was a large crowd armed with swords and clubs, sent from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: 'The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.' Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, 'Greetings, Rabbi!' and kissed Him. "Jesus replied, 'Do what you came for, friend.'

"Then the men stepped forward, seized Jesus and arrested Him. With that, one of Jesus' companions reached for his sword, drew it out and struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his ear.

"Put your sword back in its place,' Jesus said to him, 'for all who draw the sword will die by the sword. Do you think I cannot call on My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the Scriptures be fulfilled that say it must happen in this way?'"

Continue reading the Easter story Luke 23: 26-56 & the Resurrection Luke 24: 1-9

COLOUR ME IN!



Jesus was crucified on a cross like a common criminal. While He was on the cross the earth became dark. The huge curtain in the temple in Jerusalem suddenly ripped in half at the exact moment Jesus died outside the city.

PRAYER

Jesus, we thank You for being willing to die on the cross to take our punishment.

And we thank You that You always forgive us.

HELP us to trust in You to come back and make it so that we can live forever with You. Amen

Jesus had a Last Supper with His Disciples

I have a question to ask...

- \* What do we call the meal we have in the morning when we get up?
  - \* What do we call the meal we have in the middle of the day?
  - \* And what do we call the meal that we have at the end of the day?
  - \* How many of you had supper (or dinner) last night?
- Do you remember what you had to eat?

### TOILET PAPER ROLL EASTER BASKETS

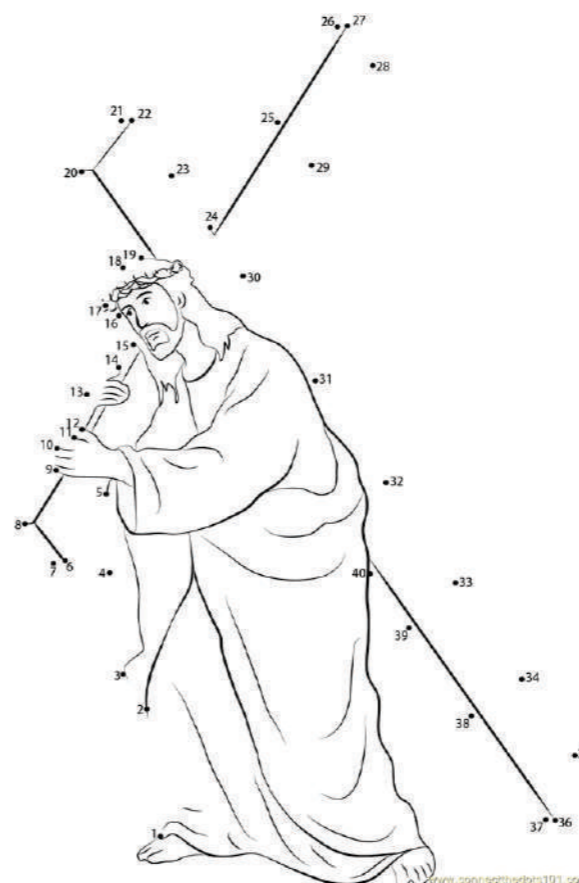
First we'll color the paper rolls (or glue some colorful paper on them). Once they dry cut them in half or in a zig zag pattern if you'll make a grass basket like we did.

Cut a long strip of paper and glue it on the inside of the roll so that it makes an arch - this will be a handle.

To decorate your little creations you can also cut the wings and a beak for the chicks, long ears for the bunnies and flowers for the grass (we used the hole puncher to get little circles).



### CONNECT THE DOTS!



ADVENTURERS BOOK 3: LESSONS 11-20

## Junior Soldier's Bible Challenge 2022

### BOOK OF DANIEL

THE SALVATION ARMY JUNIOR SOLDIER

DANIEL 9:9 "THE LORD OUR GOD IS MERCIFUL AND FORGIVING, EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE REBELLED AGAINST HIM"

- YOU WILL NEED:
- Toilet paper rolls
  - Paint or colorful paper
  - Scissors
  - Glue
  - Easter eggs

# Redemption through His blood

BY MAJOR GRAHAM BROOKE-SMITH



In Ephesians 1:7 Pauls tells us the wonderful news that: **‘In Christ we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of God’s grace.’**

To have redemption means that a ransom, or price, has been paid which is sufficient to ‘spring’ us from our captivity to sin. Previously we were dead in our sin, unable to save ourselves. Now we are alive in

Christ, free to live a victorious life. That price is the blood of Jesus Christ. The term ‘the blood of Jesus’ is a reference to His death on the Cross. Notice that our redemption is not through His love, nor is it through His power. It is through His blood. The death of Jesus paid our debt. It has cancelled, or done away with, what Paul calls **‘the charge of our legal indebtedness which stood against us and condemned us. God has taken it away, nailing it to the Cross’** (Colossians 2:14).

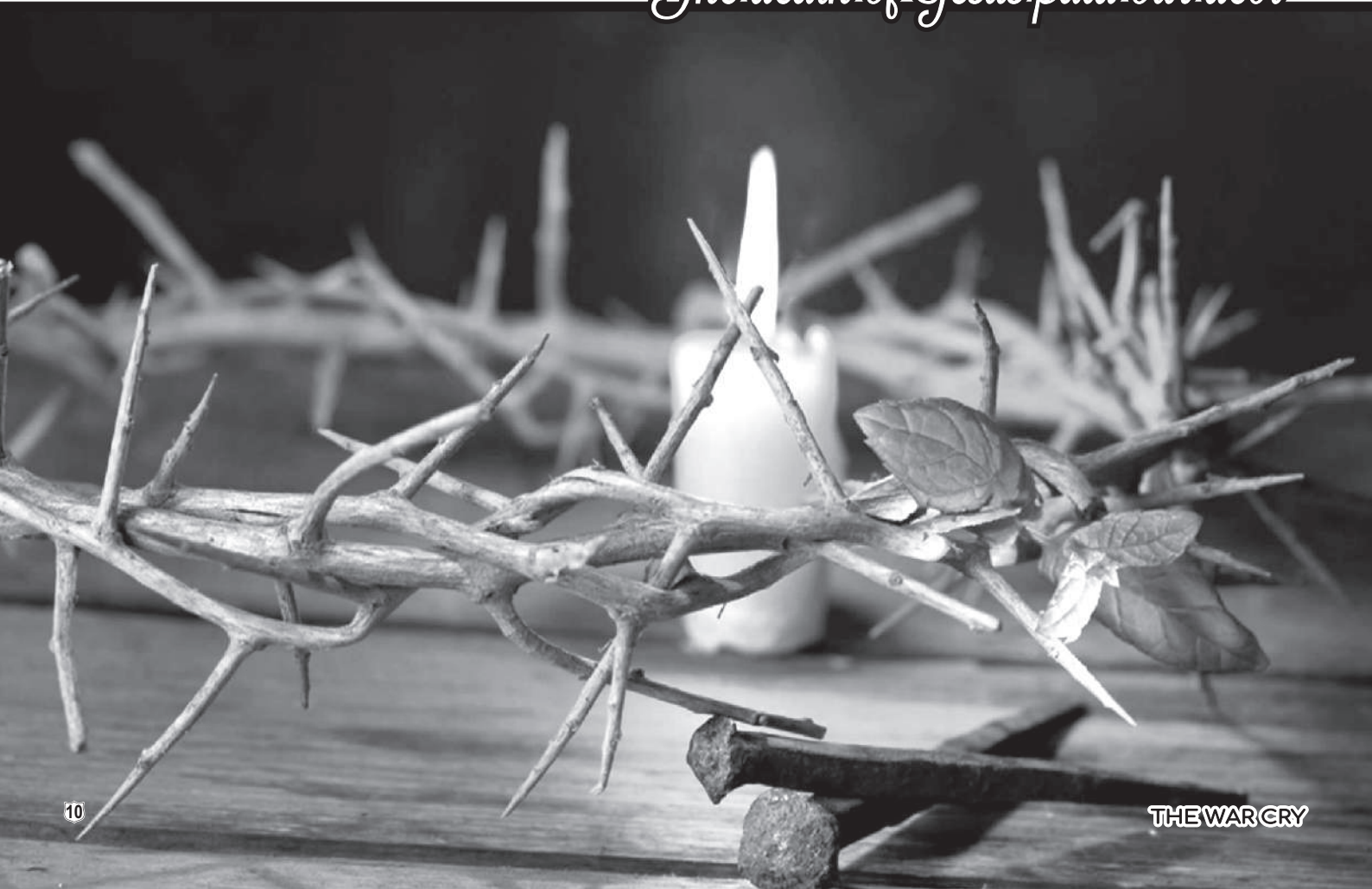
Picture in your mind a large file of all your sins, a lifetime of offences against a holy God. It is as if God has taken a big runner stamp and cancelled all the charges that stood against you. All your sins - past, present, and future - have been totally blotted out. Sadly, it seems as if the devil made himself a copy of your file. Doesn’t he just love to flip open a page and wave it in front of you, reminding you of your past failures? Do not stand for it! The devil has been disarmed and defeated; he no longer has the authority to accuse you of anything. Christ has taken your sins, **“in His body, on the Cross, so that you might die to sin and live for righteousness”** (1 Peter 2:24). Your debt has been paid in full.

## And that’s not all

Not only does the blood of Jesus cover your sins, it also enables you to live a victorious, God-honouring life. Allow me to me share an illustration I heard from the dynamic, Reformed-Pentecostal, Argentinian preacher, Dr. Juan Carlos Ortiz (1934 – 2021). Think of the brave men and women on the flying trapeze as Christians on display. Each time they swing across and perform death-defying acrobatics the audience catches its collective breath. Have you ever wondered how they dare to try such dangerous stunts? Imagine the first time they attempt a somersault, and then a double somersault. I am sure they fall many times as they try harder and harder tricks. Their saving grace is the net underneath them.

This is not a perfect illustration by any means. But think of the blood of Jesus as your net. If the trapeze artist makes a mistake without a net they will be seriously injured, or worse. The net allows them to ‘go for it’. They can try anything because they know that when they fall (not if, but when they fall) the net will save them from harm. Likewise, we can serve the Lord with confidence. We can witness with boldness. We can commit ourselves to living holy lives in the knowledge that when we slip, when we fail, when we mess up, we have a net. We have the blood of Jesus which cleanses us from all sin. As Christians we may fail our Lord many times, hopefully fewer and fewer as we grow in Christlikeness. But don’t let that stop you trying. As the psalmist says: **‘The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.’** (Psalm 37:23-24).

## *The death of Jesus paid our debt*



A sobering question asked by one of our Salvation Army songs written by Albert Mingay (SASB No.426) aimed at explaining and reminding us of the finished work of the Cross that Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour endured for us. As Easter weekend approaches and while the world prepares to go on “famcations” and “friendcations” we, as the church prepare for Easter celebration in our divisions or corps. Young people get ready to meet up with friends from their divisions and corps. They prepare their senior and junior soldier’s uniform and are excited that there’s a short break from work, college or school, within all this hustle and bustle take a moment to pause and think...



## Is it nothing to you?

BY LIEUTENANT GREGORY PHELLO

### *Is it nothing to you that one day Jesus came?*

We can easily be distracted by preparations and getting things in order that the true meaning of the Easter weekend is the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we celebrate. *He came as the light of new hope for a world in the day of its despair* (SONG 426 VERSE 1 line 3). As youth He still is our light at a time where things seems dark and bleak.

### *Is it nothing to you that one day Jesus gave?*

The question as we continue to look forward to the different ministries that would be on offer during this sacred time, as we ponder, what did Jesus give exactly? *So richly he poured out His limitless life* (VERSE 2 LINE 3). The greatest gift one could ever offer to those He loves is His life, Jesus gave His life for us to live, His death on the cross signifies this great gift of His life so that we get to live ours, living our lives for Him

### *Is it nothing to you that one day Jesus died?*

We often see and hear in the movies where one tells another these words; “I would die for you”, but when the time comes for them to do so...well it's the movies after all. Jesus did it in real life, and did so with love. *No sorrow was ever like the sorrow He bore?* (Verse 3 line 3)

### *Is it nothing to you that Today Jesus saves?*

Jesus will not one-day save, but saves today! This knowledge is amazing to us, He still saves even though for others it may seem like *NOTHING*, to us it is a lot. *He saves by His pardoning blood* (verse 4 line 4). It is only fair to answer the ask (as young people would say) to answer the question IS IT NOTHING TO YOU? The answer is no, its not NOTHING, it is EVERYTHING to me, his life, death, saving grace and work on the cross mean a lot, they mean everything. During this Easter weekend may we remember the finished work of the cross.

## The dream came true - a series on the life of Brigadier S. Ramhlala

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**Brigadier S. Ramhlala was an officer of rare quality and gifts. His musical knowledge and expertise extended from being an outstanding cornet player, an innovative teacher of brass instruments and vocal music who mastered both tonic solfa and staff notation systems. He also composed choruses songs.**

### 1. HISTORICAL DETAILS

Brigadier S. Ramhlala was born on 12 May 1892 about 140 kilometres from Pietersburg, (Usher, T.J. 1962:10). He was promoted to Glory in 1979.

He was influenced to join the Salvation Army by a dream he had as a boy wherein he saw six Europeans wearing red branded caps on their heads and dressed like soldiers in dark uniform. They wore a bright red garment showing the colour of blood (Usher, T.J. 1962: 21-23).

He left his home in Pietersburg to look for employment in Pretoria. There he met a corps of six white Salvationists holding an open-air meeting. This was the fulfilment of his dream (Usher, T.J. 1962:29).

After discovering that there was an African Corps in Johannesburg, he was enrolled as a soldier in December 1912 (Usher, T.J. 1962: 34).

He started training as an officer on probation in 1916 with the rank of sub-Lieutenant because training operations were suspended owing to the first World War that broke out (1914-1918). (Olckers, R 1994:57).

He was appointed to Simmer and Jack Mine, near Germiston working under the supervision of Ensign T. Maqili of Johannesburg 2 Corps. (Usher, T.J.1962:46).

He proposed love to Martha Msimango and they were married in 1921. He was the first Black officer to attain the rank of Brigadier.

### 2. FORMAL EDUCATION

He received his education whilst still working in Johannesburg by attending both day and night classes in the Albert Street Methodist Church. He was first accepted as an evening student and later as his employers allowed him time-off he attended day classes as well (Usher, T.J. 1962: 37).

### 3. MUSIC DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

In one of the telephonic conversations between the researcher and retired Bandmaster R. Zabale of Soweto Central Corps, he informs that Brigadier S. Ramhlala's career started as part of the first players of Johannesburg 2 Band who together with Envoy Mampone (Father of Brigadier Mampone) and others were trained by Mr Mbuyisa and Major Simmonds in 1912.

In his second appointment in Nigel he met the former Bandmaster Jackson from England who invited Stephen to play in the mine band. He also attended special tuition classes at Jackson's home. These lessons carried Stephen on a long road of being the music teacher himself (Usher, T.J. 1962: 52).

## TERRITORIAL NEWS

### - Disaster Relief work in the respective Eastern, Mid and Northern KwaZulu Natal Divisions

It is almost a year since the unprecedented civil unrest and looting shook place in South Africa in July 2021. As you drive through the small towns of Kwa Zulu Natal, burnt out buildings are witness to the death, pain and destruction experienced at the time. Beyond the ashes and rubble, there are the unseen lives of many who are still traumatized and continue to experience the effects of those devastating days. The reality of the stats are that literally thousands have lost their jobs leaving many families to wonder where their next meal will come from.

It is in these dire circumstances where with tears rolling down their cheeks, person after person from the Kwa Dukuza community in the Eastern KZN Division came to share with the Divisional Emergency Team, about how grateful they were for the food vouchers we had just given them. One elderly lady who had come for the pensioners' meal that day

at the Corps, broke down whilst sharing how she didn't really want to come eat today, although she was hungry. Her reality was that whilst she would have a good meal at the Salvation Army, her grandchildren would come home from school very hungry, as they would have had no food that day. Ma Thembi's gratitude for having received the voucher meant that her children would enjoy a meal, the first in a very long time and have enough food to last them over the next while.

Major T. Hadebe and soldiers from Durban Central Corps in Mid KZN Division also distributed emergency parcels to those in need and. At one of their distribution points they came across a child headed household, where a fourteen year old girl was taking care of her 4 younger siblings and her own baby girl. The soldiers were able to pray with the young girl and her siblings as well as provide much needed food and establish a relationship for continued support in the future. This is just one of the many vulnerable families supported by The Salvation Army on a weekly basis.

Officers and Soldiers of The Salvation Army have continued to support the most vulnerable in their communities where they live and serve. With the little resources at hand and sometimes fearing their own safety, they have shared food, feeding neighbours and coming alongside the vulnerable with prayer and counselling.

With the generous support of donors from The Salvation Army in the USA, these same Officers and Soldiers have been able to support over 3,500 families with food parcels and vouchers to those most in need throughout KwaZulu Natal and areas around Johannesburg that were affected by the looting and violence. From the streets of KwaMashu and Vosloorus to the hills of Magidigidi and Shayamoya, over 20000 people have been prayed with, given counsel and have received food parcels.

There might be no easy solutions, with resources limited and the trail of ashes touching so many lives, but every day throughout Southern Africa, Salvationists continue to share the hope of Christ to all, in word and in deed.

Robbie Wright, Major  
Territorial Development Officer



Basamilo NKZN



Beneficiaries showing their vouchers Wangu Outpost EKZN



Delivering Food Supplies Wembesi MidKZN



Distribution of Food Parcel Supplies Hammersdale MidKZN



Eshowe, beneficiary with Divisional Leaders Majors Ziqubu



School feeding Programme Estill EKZN

## Hope in the Ashes - Serving those affected by the July 2021 unrest



# My journey and experiences

THE POWER OF THE CROSS - REDEMPTION THROUGH CHRIST - BY MAJOR MAGDELINE MUGAMA

This is a great opportunity to share my journey with the community of "Believers" I was born on the 25 of April. My grandmother named me "Magdeline as Mary Magdeline was the disciple of Jesus" because it was Easter Month. Little did she know that I would be an officer one day, but she endeavoured to teach me Christian values, the power of the Cross and to live a holy life because I have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb and the Power of the cross.

I fully understand what redemption by the blood of Jesus means and it calls me to live wholly to redemption daily, free from stress, and sins. I live everyday with hope.

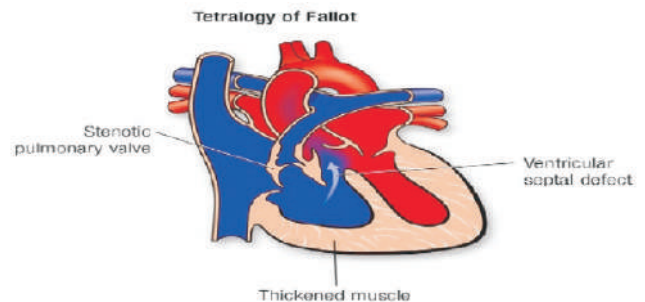
I am not perfect as a human-being I fall but I constantly remind myself what Paul wrote, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me." Philippians 3 v 12 I wonder what redemption means to believers. If we fully understand what Calvary means in our lives, then we will be proud to say and show the world that, "REDEMPTION by the blood of the Lamb is real.

Jesus willingly went to Calvary traded His flawless life for us. Our lives were full of guilt and shame, and the filth of our sins was instantly traded for a robe of white. We gained the opportunity to have our names written in the Book of Life by accepting Christ as our Saviour and we earned eternal redemption.

We strive to earn here on earth; and do our best to be able to earn an eternal reward, because of the shed blood on Calvary's Cross.

My life's journey is not easy, as a child I was constantly very sick , I attended school during the cold season and during the hot season I could not attend, Through prayer my life was constantly claimed on the power of the cross and I have seen that power working in my life.

Ephesians 1:7, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness Of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Regardless of our past and faults. That we ALL might have life, have it more abundantly (John 10:10). Job 19:25, "I know that my Redeemer lives..." Redemption is forever! This act is not only in the history, but the future for each BELIEVER till eternity.



During birth the heart does not form correctly as the baby develops. The majority of the patients live normal life 20-37 years after surgery. But if the condition is never fixed, a person dies by the age of 20. Late deaths are cardiac, including sudden death.

## Trade are excited to announce the launch of a new range.

The Salvation Army was Established in South Africa in 1883, and in honour of that we are launching the following range.

These logos will be available on a variety of items including clothing, bags, bottles, glasses, etc.

This exciting new range is available to anyone and will be a good way to witness anywhere!



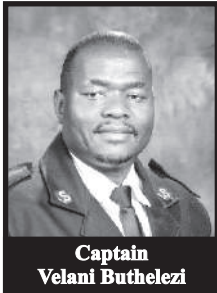
We also have new stock of Baseball caps in four colours as well as branded face masks and buffs, lanyards and conference bags.

**Extra Opening Hours!!** Trade is also excited to announce that we will be opening on the last Saturday of each month from 09h00 - 13h00, starting Saturday 30th April 2022

For further information please phone **011 718 6744** or email [trade@saf.salvationarmy.org](mailto:trade@saf.salvationarmy.org) You can also download our catalogue and price list from [www.salvationarmy.org/trade-store](http://www.salvationarmy.org/trade-store).



# From the Territorial Public Relations Secretary



## SELF DENIAL APPEAL - OWSOMS 2022

The Self Denial Appeal started in 1886 when General William Booth called Salvationists to give sacrificially and to deny themselves so that they could offer God's love to a hurting

world. The Self-Denial Appeal raises funds to support to The Salvation Army Mission and ministry in countries around the world.

In this regard, behalf of The Salvation Army leadership in Southern Africa Territory, allow me to say Thank you for your sacrificial giving towards 2021 Self-Denial Appeal. I am aware that it has been difficult due to Covid-19 related challenges. To be honest as a territory we did extremely well under such circumstances. We give glory to God and I pray blessings to each and every one contributed.

As we approach 2022 Self Denial Appeal, I invite you to participate in this valuable appeal again this year. The theme for the Self Denial Appeal 2022 is 'The Ripple Effect'. It reminds us that small actions taken in Christ's name can become big, life-transforming outcomes for the Kingdom of God. By this form of giving we make sure that people's lives are being transformed through the love of Jesus and the work of The Salvation Army in developing countries.

May God bless you!

## 2021 ACTUAL AND 2022 GOALS

| SOUTHERN DIVISIONS    | 2020              | 2021              | 2022 GOALS          |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                       | R                 | R                 | R                   |
| CENTRAL               | 127 589.20        | 166 341.70        | 182 975.87          |
| MID KZN               | 39 720.00         | 166 263.00        | 182 889.30          |
| WESTERN CAPE          | 104 076.97        | 150 650.00        | 165 715.00          |
| EASTERN KZN           | 63 382.50         | 96 757.00         | 106 432.70          |
| EASTERN CAPE          | 58 777.00         | 90 000.22         | 99 000.24           |
| MPUMALANGA / ESWATINI | 54 523.30         | 100 025.00        | 110 027.50          |
| LIMPOPO               | 57 278.00         | 61 527.15         | 67 679.86           |
| NORTHERN KZN          | 69 400.00         | 96 537.02         | 106 190.72          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>574 746.97</b> | <b>928 101.09</b> | <b>1 020 911.19</b> |

## "THE RIPPLE EFFECT" - 2022

## Spiritual Freedom!

BY CAPTAIN LYNN ZOLA, WINDHOEK CORPS



**I don't like the darkness.** It makes me feel unsettled and not confident. Daily challenges I experience with my sight has made me appreciate light so much more as I navigate through the rhythms of my life. From a practical perspective, the brighter the light the more confidently I can navigate about my everyday tasks. The shades of natural light have an impact on my ability to move more confidently.

Light brings me comfort and confidence. Big time. Not just in the tasks at hand, but also in myself as a person.

As followers of Jesus Christ, we rob ourselves of the confidence and comfort we should be experiencing, when we fail to embrace our spiritual freedom. Spiritual Freedom is being in the Light. It is of Jesus' death and Resurrection that afford us the privilege of walking in that Spiritual Freedom only Christ offers. On April 27 Freedom Day is celebrated in South Africa as reflection of political freedom ushered by the democratic era and yet not through the lens of eternal view and perspective that spiritual freedom holds for us as Christians.

Walking and being are really 2 different expressions in my perspective. Walking in the light implies a continued movement with Jesus.

This walk could come to a halt at anytime based on the hurdles in life you may experience or even simply by choice. Being in the light offers an opportunity for you and I to have something deeper. The light lends moments when the dark things are exposed and we stand on the rock of freedom from pain, guilt, shame and unforgiveness.

## I don't like the darkness

Though the enemy may remind us that we are not worthy to enjoy the blessings that come from being children of the light, we deter not, for HIS grace covers us. Being in the light makes us vulnerable when and as the Holy Spirit convicts us, thus bringing freedom from sin.

I recently heard an analogy of the Israelites freed from bondage under the rule of Pharaoh, only to live in the promised land under a special bonding with God. Spiritual Freedom gives and brings that: fleeing a bond with the world, to embrace a bond with God, affirming our eternal destination with God.

I pray that as we reflect on National Freedom Day, each of us would walk boldly and confidently in that free relationship that comes from BEING with Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

# Isihloko: Amandla esiphambano nokuhlengwa ngegazi lakhe

BY CAPTAIN SANELE NDOLOVU, FIELD TRAINING OFFICER, COLLEGE FOR OFFICER TRAINING



Kubafundi bonke balengcwajana yokudlulisa izindaba ezinhle zevangeli eMkhosini woSindiso ngiyanibingelela egameni elihle lomfeliwethu onguJesu Kristu.

Ngiyakhumbula ngikhula njengomfanyana endaweni yaseMlazi ngibona abantu beya ezinkonzweni ezahlukahlukeneyo futhi bembathe izembatho zenkonzo abakhonzakuzo

ezinhle, ingqondo yami yayithi abantu abasontayo abalungileyo bondwa futhi abangenawo amaphutha njengathi bafanyana esisakhulayo. Impela kwakunzima ukuyongena endlini kaNkulunkulu ngoba sasizazi ukuthi asilunganga kahle ukuthi siya endlini yabantu abangwele. Kwasithatha isikhathi eside mina nabangani bami ukuqonda ukuthi inkonzo akusiyo yabantu abangcwele kuphela kodwa nabantu abanamaphutha njengami bamukelekile esontweni.

Ngelinye ilanga ngavuka ngazithintitha ngathi Nkosi ngiyisoni noma angisona ngiyawadinga lamandla esiphambani empilweni yami. Ngangizilungiselele impela ukuthi uma nje ngawathola lawo mandla impilo yami angeke isaphinde ifane nasekuqaleni ngempela uJehova sebawoti wangenzela umusa ngawathola lamandla "AMANDLA ESIPHAMBANO" futhi akuphelelanga lapho wase "WANGIHLINGA NGEGAZI LAKHE" zonke izono zami zahlanzwa KwaBasefesu 1:7. Uyabona impela uma uhlangane noJehova empilweni yakho konke okudala kuyashabalala bheka okusha kuyaqala 2 KwaBasekhorinte 5:17. Akekho umuntu ohlangana noJesu aphinde azuze Amandla esiphambano mase eyafana nento ayeyiyo ekuqaleni, ilokho okwenzeka empilweni yami uma umusa kaNkulunkulu usungizunge ngemuva nangaphambili.

Amandla esiphambani nokuhlengwa ngegazi likaKristu kwenza ukuthi izinto ungasazibuki ngehlo lakudala kodwa ngizibuke ngendlela entsha. Ngiyakhumbula empilweni yami usathatne

engikohlisa ethi izono zami azisoze zaxoleleka futhi uNkulunkulu akasoze amthanda umuntu omanikiniki njengami, kodwa ke konke lokho kwakungamanga kasathane ezama ukungizuzela esihogweni kodwa uNkulunkulu wami emuhle wanqaba ngami. Usathane unamanga futhi ungumbulali isho kanjalo incwadi NgokukaJohane 10:10. Usathane akamfuneli umuntu kaNkulunkulu okuhle kodwa okubu. Ngiyambonga uNkulunkulu ngokungimbulela amaqiniso nobumnandi beVangeli ingakho ngisamile nje nanamhlanje ingenxa yomusa nothando lwakhe.

Angazi ukuthi ngikhuluma nobani noma ubani ofunda lomyalezo kodwa kuyavuka enhlizweni yami ukuthi ngikukhuthaze ngalamazwi ISIPHAMBANO SIKAJESU KRISTU SINAMANDLA AMANGALISAYO futhi UMUSA WAKHE USANELE SONKE. Angikhathali noma usumone kangaki uNkulunkulu, noma ucabanga ukuthi ezakho izono azisoze zaxolelwa, noma abantu sebekubize ngamagami obumnyama, noma uzibona ungafanelekile ukubizwa ngomtwana kaNkulunkulu kodwa IQINISO ELIMSULWA UKUTHI MINA NAWE SATHENGWA FUTHI SAHLENGWA NGEGAZI ELIPHAKEME.

Yazi noma uzibukela phansi hlale wazi ukuthi uNkulunkulu wethu uyasithanda sonke ngokulinganayo "akukho ongakwenza nongeke ukwenze ukuthi uNkulunkulu akuthande kakhulu noma kancane".

Amandla esiphambano nokuhlengwa ngegazi likaJesu Kristu kumnandi futhi kuyalondolozana. Noma zivuka izilingo endleleni kodwa ngiyamazi uMhlengi wami uyaphila futhi akasoze angidele.

Okwangathi mfwethu nawe dadewethu noma ikuphi lapho ukhona ungahlale wazi ukuthi uyathandwa emaZulwini, uSomandla ukukhathalele njalo, noma zingavuka izilingo endleleni UNGASUKI ENDAWENI YAKHO YOKULINDA. Athi umhlabeleli wamaSalveshe "NGIYAKUTHANDAZELA THANDAZANA NAWE"

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**A** Admit your need.  
For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.  
Romans 3:23

**B** Believe in Christ.  
Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved.  
Acts 16:31

**C** Commit yourself to Christ.  
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**Launch 15 May**  
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**Please give generously.**