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**Everyone is invited**

Your name is on a place  
card at Jesus' table



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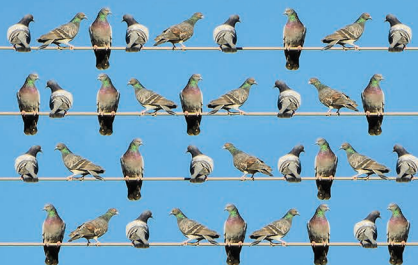
Who really  
is the  
GOAT?

## MY STORY

Journey  
out of  
hardship

**“Then Jesus turned to his host and said,  
‘When you throw a banquet, don’t just  
invite your friends, relatives, or rich  
neighbours – for it is likely they will  
return the favour. It is better to invite  
those who never get an invitation.’”**

**Luke chapter 14, verse 12**  
*The Passion Translation*





## The Salvation Army is about giving hope where it's needed most.

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- Caring for people
- Creating faith pathways
- Building healthy communities
- Working for justice



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## All are welcome

Loneliness or feeling alienated, unaccepted or not belonging anywhere are, sadly, common today – across all age groups and walks of life.

In this edition, Faye Michelson looks at a man in the Bible, Zacchaeus, who, because of his questionable business practices, felt unwanted and ostracised by his community. It wasn't until Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus' house for dinner, that he felt accepted and seen. And not just that – through the love and compassion of Jesus, Zacchaeus was motivated to change his ways and make up for his dishonesty.

Everyone, no matter their past or present, is invited to and is welcome at the table of Jesus, and everyone is given the opportunity and the choice to respond.

By accepting Jesus' invitation we are given so much – including the means to become the greatest version of ourselves possible. James Burns writes about this in Faith Talk on who really is the greatest, and what that means for each of us.

It's something for us all to think about.

For these stories and more, go to [salvosonline.org.au](http://salvosonline.org.au)

Simone Worthing **Editor**

## *Your name's on a place card*

You're invited to take your seat at the table, no matter who you are

By Faye Michelson

Have you tablescaped lately? Actually, I'm not sure if it's a verb. Perhaps the question should be, "Have you created a tablescape?"

This is a term for setting a dinner table, but on steroids. It's fun to do for special occasions and there's no shortage of inspiration available, thanks to the internet. So, what's your occasion – a winter dinner party, a wedding, anniversary, special birthday? All you have to do is decide on your theme, colour palette, flowers/centrepiece, lighting (bud lights? candles?), crockery, glassware, cutlery, tablecloth, place cards ... phew!

### **A touch of sparkle**

I've been to a couple of weddings recently and marvelled at the creativity that transformed an empty room into an area that sparkled with personality. Every detail was carefully curated, right down to the place cards. I've kept a couple of these because they were so clever. One was my name made from Scrabble tiles. More than 100 of these were created by patient bridesmaids who spent many evenings painstakingly gluing them together. Another creative place card was a pretty gold acrylic tag engraved with my name and looped onto a wire to hook around the stem of a glass. Their creators had put so much time, effort and love into making these little place cards, they could have put 'treasured' instead of my name on them, because that's how I felt.

I don't know if they did an equivalent of tablescaping in AD 30, but if they did, I think Zacchaeus might have done so with gusto the day Jesus came to dinner.

The Bible tells us the story. "Jesus went on into Jericho and was passing through. There was a chief tax collector there named Zacchaeus, who was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but he was a little man and could not see Jesus because of the crowd. So, he ran ahead of the crowd and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus, who was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to that place, he looked up and said to Zacchaeus, 'Hurry down, Zacchaeus, because I must stay in your house today.'

"Zacchaeus hurried down and welcomed him with great joy. All the people who saw it started grumbling, 'This man has gone as a guest to the home of a sinner!'" (Luke chapter 19, verses 1-7 *Good News Translation*).



PHOTO BY ALEX SHUTE ON UNSPLASH



### Momentous change

No doubt Zacchaeus thought he was the last person Jesus would want to socialise with. Jesus was a popular teacher and he, Zacchaeus, was greatly disliked and distrusted in his community. Not only did he collect taxes, but he also cheated people out of their money. No wonder others couldn't understand why Jesus wanted to go and spend time with him at his house.

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*There's a place for everyone  
at Jesus' table.*

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Members of Zacchaeus' household were probably there for dinner and perhaps he invited some of his colleagues to this special occasion. I'm guessing they

didn't have place cards, but if they had, I wonder what Jesus might have seen named there as they gathered around the table. He would have seen 'treasured', but perhaps he also saw 'guilt', 'sadness', 'dishonesty', 'shame'.

No matter what might be named on our particular place cards – 'overwhelmed', 'sick', 'lonely', 'frightened', 'grieving' – there's a place for everyone at Jesus' table. And, once you're seated there, what's named on your place card may even change. It did for Zacchaeus.

"Zacchaeus stood up and said to Jesus, "Listen, sir! I will give half my belongings to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone, I will pay back four times as much" (verse 8).



Scan here for more stories of hope.

# Salvos open new pathways to survivors of modern slavery

New referral program launches across the country

As the United Nations International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition approaches on 23 August, The Salvation Army continues its global work against human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices.

The Salvation Army, in partnership with Anti-Slavery Australia, Australian Muslim Women's Centre for Human Rights, Project Respect and Scarlet Alliance, launched a new national program to support victim-survivors of modern slavery in Australia in accessing help, on 23 July.

This follows longstanding advocacy to improve rights-based support for victim-survivors.

The Additional Referral Pathway (ARP) will be a contact point that can support people impacted by modern slavery to understand their rights and support options. The ARP can assess for indicators of modern slavery in a person's experience, referring eligible victim-survivors of modern slavery onto the Support for Trafficked People Program (STTP).

The STTP is administered by the Department of Social Services and delivered nationally by the Australian Red Cross.

Historically, the STTP has only been accessible by victim-survivors when they have been referred by the Australian Federal Police (AFP). Many victim-survivors may not feel safe or willing to talk to the AFP as a first point of contact for many different reasons.

## SUPPORT FOR SURVIVORS

"The Salvation Army, alongside many other members of civil society, have long advocated for the delinking of the Support for Trafficked People Program from Australian Federal Police referral, in order to reduce barriers to help-seeking," stated Lorrinda Hamilton, General Manager, Family Violence and Modern Slavery Stream for The Salvation Army. "It is heartening to see the Australian Government take action on this issue."

It is hoped this program will enable many more victim-survivors to reach out, be identified and access support.





The ARP will also support victim-survivors with safety planning, legal advice and addressing immediate welfare needs until the STTP takes over for longer term intensive support. The ARP is a pilot program operational from 23 July 2024 until 28 November 2025. Neenu Thomas is program manager for the ARP.

“This is a story of advocacy and collaboration, of diverse organisations coming together and putting first the interests of victim-survivors of modern slavery,” says Melina Matthia, who participated in the program’s implementation and oversees The Salvation Army Trafficking and Slavery Safe House – Australia’s first and only accommodation service specifically for adult women who have experienced human trafficking, slavery and slavery-like practices ([bit.ly/4d4M4xU](https://bit.ly/4d4M4xU)).



Scan here for more information on the ARP, or to get help.

## MODERN SLAVERY

Modern slavery describes situations where a person experiences exploitation, coercion and control. It includes trafficking, debt bondage, forced labour, servitude, slavery and forced marriage. The Walk Free Foundation estimates there may be up to 41,000 people experiencing conditions of modern slavery in Australia. However, only several hundred people each year have been formally identified.

## A GLOBAL GLANCE

- An estimated 50 million people are in modern slavery, including 28 million in forced labour and 22 million in forced marriage.
- Almost one in eight of all those in forced labour are children.
- Most cases of forced labour (86 per cent) are found in the private sector.
- Almost four out of five of those in forced commercial sexual exploitation are women or girls.

*International Labour Organization 2022*

## ADDITIONAL CONTACTS

The Additional Referral Pathway is contactable in business hours, nationwide. Call **1800 000 277 (1800 000 ARP)** or find additional contact options on [bit.ly/3WJwiTE](https://bit.ly/3WJwiTE)

People can also seek support through any of the consortium partner organisations at [bit.ly/46wYufS](https://bit.ly/46wYufS)

# Five minutes of social justice – Modern slavery

Social justice means different things to different people, but it generally includes the idea of a fair and equitable society.

In Australia, social justice challenges are multifaceted. Some of the issues we face are huge and will take effort to fix, but all of them can be improved.

Modern slavery refers to relationships that are based on human exploitation. It can include, but is not limited to, instances where a person or group of people are subjected to forced or child labour, forced marriage, human trafficking, debt bondage or deceptive recruitment. It thrives on deception, coercion, and the abuse of populations who might already be experiencing disadvantage. Slavery-like practices more commonly take place in industries such as agriculture, hospitality, construction, and sex work.

The impact of modern slavery is profound, causing severe physical and psychological harm to victim-survivors, perpetuating cycles of poverty and disadvantage, and undermining fundamental human rights.

## GOT FIVE MINUTES?

- Watch a short video to understand modern slavery around the world - *Modern day slavery - Supply Chains* - YouTube [bit.ly/3YqwI2I](https://bit.ly/3YqwI2I)
- Watch a short video on Can You Spot the Signs of Modern Slavery? [bit.ly/3ymWHx8](https://bit.ly/3ymWHx8)

- See how your favourite chocolate brand scores in protecting its people and the planet - Chocolate Scorecard [chocolatescorecard.com](https://chocolatescorecard.com)
- Learn more about the types of modern slavery - Anti Slavery Australia [antislavery.org.au/modern-slavery/#types](https://antislavery.org.au/modern-slavery/#types)

## WANT TO DIG DEEPER?

- You can learn more about modern slavery and listen to stories of people who have experienced modern slavery firsthand - *Be Slavery Free* [bit.ly/3WoN357](https://bit.ly/3WoN357)
- Look into modern slavery prevalence around the world - *The Global Slavery Index 2023* [bit.ly/3ygD4qx](https://bit.ly/3ygD4qx)
- Learn about the prevalence of modern slavery in Australia - *Global Slavery Index, Australia* [bit.ly/3WHZ72J](https://bit.ly/3WHZ72J)

As individuals, we can consume ethically. We can learn the signs of modern slavery, investigate the companies where we spend our money, and ensure we consciously support companies that actively address and prevent exploitation. We can support initiatives which work to eradicate modern slavery.



Scan here for more information about modern slavery in Australia.



# Salvos ministry in war-torn Ukraine

This Saturday 24 August marks the grim two-and-a-half years' anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of military personnel on both sides have been killed and wounded. In Ukraine, more than 10,000 civilians have died, including hundreds of children. Much of the nation lies in ruins. Ukrainians across the country are exhausted and traumatised yet focused and determined.

"It is very difficult to fathom the pain of people who have lost their loved ones since the beginning of Russia's full-scale invasion on February 24, 2022, and those who continue to lose them on the frontlines and during terrible mass attacks on civilian infrastructure in the cities and villages of Ukraine," said one Salvation Army member. "This especially affects the children."



Young people value fun, everyday activities.

The Salvation Army's eight churches and community centres continue to care for those in need – physically, emotionally and spiritually – despite their increasing difficulties and challenges.

When the war began, initial support was offered to displaced people and those who could not leave the country through temporary accommodation, clothes, hygiene items and hot meals.



Young people enjoy their first national Scout camp.

## LONGER-TERM NEEDS

Over time, this has been supplemented by meeting longer-term needs such as creative and playful activities for children, Wi-Fi, space for online schooling, clothing distribution, exercise classes, craft and cooking, art therapy, English lessons, youth activities such as table tennis and music, and spiritual and psychological support.

Sunday worship meetings, youth groups, Bible studies and Sunday school programs also continue.

Several Salvos churches also run a scouting program that includes summer camps, outdoor activities and learning new skills. The opportunity to be together and enjoy these activities in a safe-as-possible environment, helps give young people a break from the difficulties of life in a war zone.

"The light always wins because the one who created the light is stronger than the darkness," said Major Daniil Lukin, a Salvation Army officer (pastor) in Ukraine.



Scan here to read more stories about The Salvation Army in Ukraine.

# The measure of greatness

Who really is the GOAT?

By James Burns

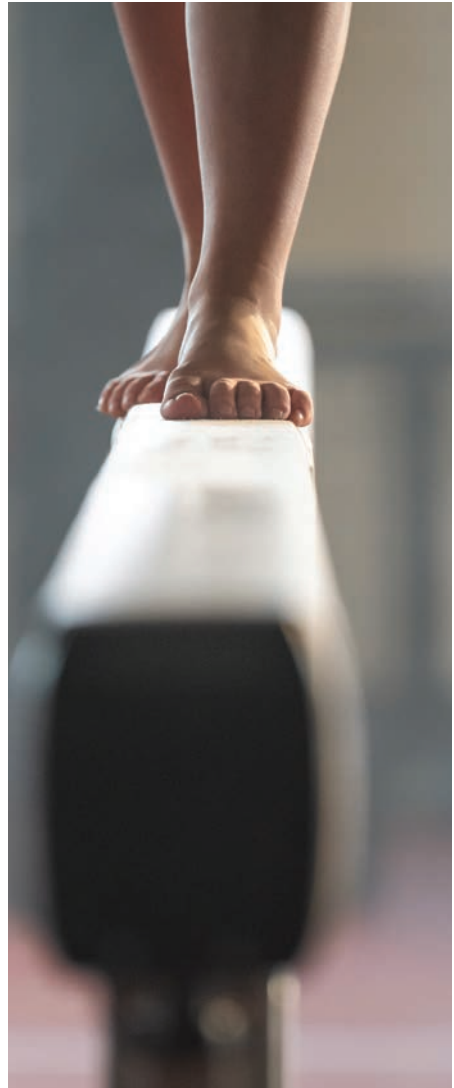
"I am the greatest!" Sports fans of whatever age will immediately recognise those as words spoken by Muhammad Ali, considered by many as the best heavy-weight boxer of the 20th century. He was certainly no 'shrinking violet' and had great faith in his own ability and talent.

Perhaps less well-known to some is the American gymnast Simone Biles, although she has certainly achieved a huge amount in her sport – seven national championships, 23 world titles and nine Olympic medals (six of them gold). She is considered the most dominant gymnast of her time, and possibly the greatest in history.

Biles won a bronze medal for her performance on the beam at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics (held in 2021), which was an amazing feat after she withdrew from many other finals due to mental health concerns. Which just goes to show that even world-class sportsmen and women at the top of their game are not immune from challenges in their daily non-sporting life.

## PARIS 2024

Biles went on to win her sixth world all-around title last (northern) summer, but it was at the recent Paris 2024 Olympics where she made gymnastics history – winning the individual all-around title and becoming only the third woman in history to earn the sport's most prestigious title more than once. Earlier in the week Simone also won gold as part of the USA women's





team that won the final of the team event. She is the most decorated gymnast in the world.

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**We may never be a GOAT,  
but ... we can be the greatest  
version of ourselves.**

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It's one thing to be considered the best in your field at a point in time, but another to style yourself the Greatest of All Time (GOAT). Yet, with a record like Biles', perhaps it's understandable why she has a rhinestone goat on her leotard – as a sign of her belief that she really is the GOAT. Yet none of us knows who will come after us, with even more skill or ability than we have, whatever field we are in.

Interestingly, the one person who could have claimed not just to be the greatest of his time, but The Greatest of All

Time, was too humble to look for that sort of recognition. Yes, Jesus said that he was God's son, which is an amazing statement to make, but he backed it up by the miracles he performed and by coming back from his death on the cross. A death that was in our stead.

As the Bible says, Jesus, “Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage, rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness” (Philippians chapter 2, verses 6-7).

We may never be a GOAT, but by accepting Jesus as God's son and trying to live by the example he set us, we can be the greatest version of ourselves.

*James Burns is a freelance writer from the Dunstable Salvos in the United Kingdom.*



Scan here for more stories of hope.

# Stumbling across the Salvos

Scott and Sabina find relief from financial hardship, and a new family

By Lauren Martin

Sabina and Scott will tell you that “stumbling across The Salvation Army” was the best thing that ever happened to them.

The couple and their two children were experiencing financial hardship and had gone to their local Service NSW office to ask for assistance.

It just so happened that the woman they spoke to had recently connected with the local Salvation Army. “She recommended that we get into contact with the Salvos,” said Scott. “When we came, everyone was so lovely,” added Sabina.

Sabina and Scott related how they had been struggling since the death of Sabina’s mother the year before, which added financial stress as well as grief to the family.

“We had to sign into a payment plan just to receive my mother’s ashes,” said Sabina.

On top of that stress, the family car broke down and could not be repaired on the final day that they were moving Sabina’s mother’s belongings out of her home. That left the family of four with no vehicle. However, they were still paying off a loan they had taken out to buy the car about 10 years prior.

“We had gotten a loan when Scott was working,” said Sabina. “But with COVID ... he ended up not in work any longer. We had the loan deferred, and we were paying it off minimally, but there were so many fees and charges.”

By the time Sabina, Scott and their two primary school-aged children walked into The Salvation Army for the first time, they were struggling to make ends meet on two government payments (both cannot work due to health issues).

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**We had to sign into a payment plan just to receive my mother’s ashes.**

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Without a car, Scott spent more than an hour each way on two different buses to get their kids to school and then back home. They were behind on school payments, and their boys would sometimes miss out on events and after-school activities.

## **PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE**

The family was welcomed at Shire Salvos Miranda in southern Sydney and were grateful to receive food relief and assistance to pay for their necessary prescription medication. They became regulars at the Tuesday night OneMeal food service.

“Our boys loved coming down; they made friends, and so did we. It’s a lovely atmosphere,” said Scott. When he mentioned one evening to Shire Salvos Miranda Mission Leader,



Sabina and Scott share their story at the Shire Salvos Red Shield Appeal Business Breakfast in southern Sydney.

Lieutenant-Colonel David Godkin, about the burden of their loan, David suggested making an appointment with an on-site Salvation Army Moneycare financial counsellor.

A few weeks later, Sabina and Scott got the shock of their lives. Their bank had agreed to waive their loan. "I was in tears," remembers Scott. "I was speechless," said Sabina.

The result was life changing. The family is no longer behind on school payments; they finalised Sabina's mother's funeral costs and saved money for things like a birthday party at Laser Tag for one of their sons. "It's been huge," said Sabina.

"We don't need to come to the Salvos as often for food support now," said Scott. "But we still love coming along because the Salvos are like our family."

Earlier this year, the couple's two children attended Shire Salvos' Community Kids Camp – a week at The Salvation Army's Collaroy Centre on Sydney's

northern beaches, which they loved. Sabina and Scott also enjoyed two nights away, their first holiday since before the boys were born.

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**If you're struggling – reach out for help.**

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"We feel very blessed that we stumbled across The Salvation Army," said Sabina. "They came alongside us in our time of need. If you're struggling – reach out for help."



Scan here for more information on Salvation Army services.

## Hash browns



### Ingredients

2 large potatoes, 1 egg, 2 tbsp plain flour, salt and pepper to taste, vegetable oil

### Method

- Peel potatoes and grate coarsely.
- Place in large strainer and press firmly to remove moisture.
- Transfer to large bowl adding egg, flour, salt and pepper. Mix well.
- Heat thin layer of oil over the base of a large frypan. Spoon heaped tablespoons of potato mixture into hot oil and spread out to form 7cm-rounds.
- Cook until golden underneath, then turn and cook until crisp and brown.
- Serve while hot.

## HAVE A LAUGH



Why was the photographer afraid to dream?  
He kept having flashbacks.

What is a photographer's favourite card game?  
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I failed my course in photography lighting.  
My teacher said I wasn't bright enough.

I had to give up my career as a photographer.  
I kept losing my focus.

## SIGNING IN



# Sudoku

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

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# Tum-Tum



On which page of this week's *Salvos Magazine* is Tum-Tum hiding?

# Bible byte

"So encourage each other and build each other up."

1 Thessalonians chapter 5, verse 11  
New Living Translation

**Quiz answers:** 1. South America. 2. Vincent Van Gogh. 3. Smith (Smiths Potato Crisps Company Ltd). 4. Mr Potato Head. 5. Hash browns.  
Tum-Tum: is hiding behind a place setting on page 5.



# Quick quiz

1. The potato was first domesticated on which continent?
2. Which artist painted 'The Potato Eaters'?
3. What was the last name of Frank, who in the 1920s packaged a twist of salt with his chips in greaseproof paper bags, which were sold around London?
4. What was invented and developed by George Lerner in 1949 and first manufactured and distributed in 1952?
5. What were first mentioned by American food author Maria Parloa in her 1887 *Kitchen Companion* book, described as a fried mixture of cold boiled potatoes which is folded 'like an omelet' before serving?

**Dilish Parekh, a photojournalist from Mumbai, has the largest camera collection in the world. He owns 4425 antique cameras.**

**On average every day, 95 million photos are loaded on Instagram and over 300 million on Facebook.**

**In 2022, Edward Steichen's photo of the Flatiron Building in New York City sold for \$11.8 million.**

**The name Kodak has no real meaning.**

**The first funny cat photo was taken in 1870 by Harry Pointer.**

**People didn't smile in old photographs because they needed to stay still for long periods waiting for the image to expose correctly.**

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DID YOU KNOW?



# Have you taken care of your Will?

**A gift in your Will can help The Salvation Army create a long-lasting impact in the lives of those experiencing hardship.**

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Find out how you can start or continue your legacy of generosity. Contact The Salvation Army's Wills and Bequests team and ask for a free Wills booklet.

Together, we can give hope where it's needed most long into the future.



**CONTACT US TODAY**

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