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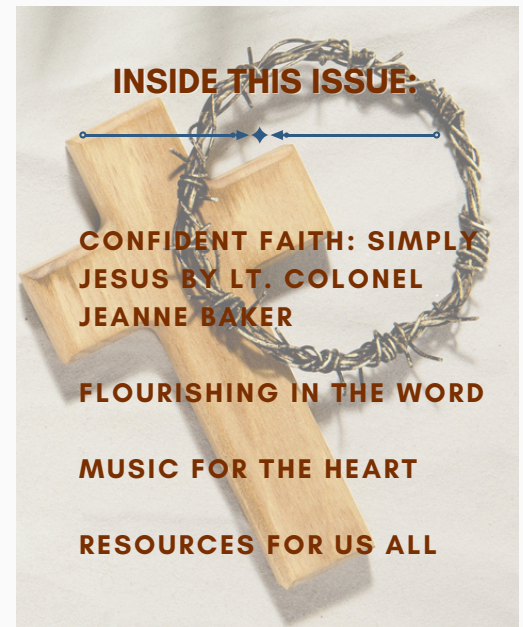


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CONFIDENT FAITH: SIMPLY JESUS

April Showers bring May flowers! That's what we've heard since we were children. In our context April introduces Spring with all the blossoming flowers, leaves unfurling from their buds and signifying the coming of summer.

April also brings us April Fools' day pranks. Those days we might dread when we were young, unless of course, we were the prankster.



This year, April brings us the celebration of the Passover. The Jewish festival celebrating the liberation of the Hebrews from slavery in Egypt.

April gatherings and celebrations also include Good Friday and Easter. The day we commemorate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. April is about growth, rejuvenation, and new beginnings.

This month the Flourish Newsletter will look at Jesus. Simply Jesus.



Confident Faith: Simply Jesus

Written by Lt. Colonel Jeanne Baker

I once led a workshop at an Officers Councils. When I first read the description of the workshop, I nearly laughed out loud because it didn't seem to me that I had the background or experience to lead this topic. However, as I began to consider the topic and where I was in my faith journey, I knew it was a topic I wanted to dive into and share.

In my study and research I realized that one thing I needed was to simplify life a bit: To simplify faith, to remove some distractions and focus on my core relationship with Jesus. Where to start?

In a world full of noise and busyness, I needed to prioritize my relationship with God. He is a skilled potter, able to transform us according to His perfect design when we surrender to Him. It's a gradual transformation that takes place over a lifetime. Isaiah 64:8 says: "Yet You, Lord, are our Father; we are the clay, and You are our potter; we are all the work of Your hand."

To be like Him we must be willing to be molded and shaped by Him. We need to seek and speak with Him daily:

- Go to the Word - Immerse yourself in the Bible with an open mind
- Engage in Prayer - Create intentional time to quiet your heart
- Listen - For God's voice in that quiet space
- Trust and Surrender

I recently came across a song by Kathy Troccoli which is a passionate prayer to seek and be like Him in these days called "Simply Jesus."

Have a listen at:

[https://open.spotify.com/track/4tca3Pbl6vC5UEVuRemshv?
si=69e74eaba1eb4cda](https://open.spotify.com/track/4tca3Pbl6vC5UEVuRemshv?si=69e74eaba1eb4cda)

FLOURISH IN THE WORD

APRIL 2026

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MUSIC FOR THE HEART

Confident Faith inspires us to learn about God, to seek Him, who He is, and how He loves us!
Listen to the words of these songs and let them speak to your heart.

These songs are found on YouTube. Copy and paste these into your browser or simply go to YouTube and search by title and artist.

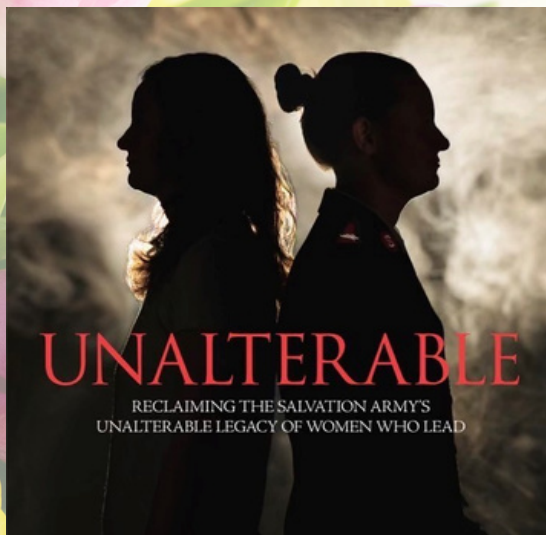
There Is A Redeemer by Selah

<https://youtu.be/2LapBD80200?si=G4hNI8z1DO-42Mj8&t=4>

Because of Jesus by Charity Gayle

<https://youtu.be/I9ZsOTfZ8BY?si=jcMXw4AqzAqmO2Ld&t=2>

Resources For Us All



New Podcast!

Unalterable: Reclaiming the Salvation Army's Unalterable Legacy of Women who Lead.

Stream Unalterable on your favorite podcast platform starting on Tuesday, March 3rd.

Copy and paste the link below in your browser:

<https://www.salvationarmy.org/resources/unalterable>

Looking for inspiration?

Check out these Salvation Army Women's Ministries websites:

International Headquarters
USA National Resources
USA Western Territory
USA Southern Territory
USA Eastern Territory
USA Central Territory

<https://www.salvationarmy.org/womens-ministries>
<https://wmresources.org>
<https://usw-womensministries.org>
<https://www.sawomensministries.org/>
<https://women.saconnects.org>
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