

This calendar is meant to help you set time aside with Jesus. Decide on where you'll meet Him, and choose a time when you won't fall asleep or be distracted. You can cut out this page and keep it in your Bible. "Come close to God, and God will come close to you" (James 4:8).

# FEBRUARY



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Worship is about ascribing worth to an object or being. Is God and your relationship with Him the greatest aspect of worth in your life? What else do you ascribe great worth to in your life? Friends? Work? School? YouTube? Take time to refocus what you worship.

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Confession can be one of the most powerful conduits for the movement of the Spirit. Spend a few moments in earnest confession before God today. Perhaps ask your officer if your corps could have a Sunday meeting devoted to personal and corporate confession.

Read **Psalm 32**.

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In the Old Testament, one of the Hebrew words for worship (*shachah*) literally means to "bow down." Physical expressions of worship are important for humans. As we literally lower our bodies before God, it humbles us. Consider spending some time kneeling or laying on the ground for your prayer time today.

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When God became a human being, He gave us the blueprint for how we're supposed to worship. Consider sitting down and reading the book of **Mark**. Pay attention to all the ways Jesus worshipped and gave examples for how we are supposed to worship.

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Evangelism is a by-product of worship. Let's not put the cart before the horse and focus our attention on saving souls rather than on the One who saves. Pray that evangelism flows out of your worship.

Read **Acts 1:8**.

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Ever heard someone respond to a sermon or testimony with a "Hallelujah"? *Hallelujah* is a Hebrew word that means "Praise the Lord." Part of worshipping God means we have to be vocal in our praise. Find an occasion today where you can say "Hallelujah" out loud, praising God for something He has done.

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When was the last time you prepared yourself for worship? Do you simply stroll in late to church without having readied your heart? Give yourself a few moments to breath and invite the Holy Spirit into your presence as you enter into worship. Even today, quiet yourself before you do your Bible reading or prayer.

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Do you ever have moments where you feel like you have no idea who you are or what you're doing? God is the Author and Creator of humans. Worshipping God and spending time in His presence helps us understand ourselves and our calling because God understands us better than anyone or anything in the universe.

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Tithing and giving money to the Church is an important act of worship. Even if you only have a little to give, take the time to budget, put your money in a cartridge envelope, and place it into an offering plate. This is very important and pleasing to God. Read **Luke 21:1-4**.

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Worship can be done individually or corporately. When you worship with a whole bunch of people, it isn't about your voice in the midst of the many; it is about your combining with others and functioning as a body. How can you become a better corporate worshipper?

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"God, the Great I Am, deserves and desires our worship in the strains of our songs, in the expressions of our faces, in the tones of our voices, in our manners and motions, in our telephone conversations and prayers, in our frustration and joy, and in our sadness and glee. Ideally, all of life is worship."

— **Deborah Moore Clark**

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When was the last time you intentionally worshipped God? If the last time you worshipped God was on Sunday morning, you need to get yourself in check. Worshipping Jesus means that we constantly glorify Him—every day of the week. Think of a way you can bless God today.

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When was the last time you watched the children around you worship? Children are able to have faith and enter into the presence of God with freedom much easier than their elders. Put yourself into situations where children are worship leaders. Humble yourself to learn and be guided by the least.

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Sometimes we get so much in the habit of "worshipping" God that it seems like we're just going through the motions. We read our devotional book, pray for certain people, sing certain songs, or go through the order of the Sunday morning meeting. Remember to take time to allow God to respond and talk to you!

See **James 4:8**.

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A great tradition of the Quaker Church is to allow for part of a service, or the whole service, to be devoted to sitting in silence and waiting for God to speak. When was the last time you worshipped by sitting in silence before God?

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Have you ever worshipped through making or looking at art? Google “Janet McKenzie” and look at her religious portraits. See what God speaks to you through the art.

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**John 4:23** says “...true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship Him that way.” What does it mean to worship God in this way? Check out [tinyurl.com/learnmoreaboutworship](http://tinyurl.com/learnmoreaboutworship)

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Throughout the Old Testament, we see that the Israelites do not differentiate between the secular and the sacred; for them, all of life is sacred. In what ways can you worship God through everyday activities?

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“To Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen” (**Jude 1:24-25**, NIV).

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Do you have a problem with someone who worships with you? Scripture tells us that it’s important for broken relationships to be healed before we worship God (**Matthew 5:23-24**).

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When Abraham goes to sacrifice his son Isaac, he goes to “prepare” a place for worship. One of the gifts of having a church building is that it is separate from the rest of our life. The chapel and altar are places we reserve for a specific type of worship, set apart so we can refocus ourselves. How can you recognize your worship places as separate and holy?

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**Revelation 22:8-10** tells the story of John, the author of the book, falling down in worship before an angel who had shown him all he should write in the book. The angel corrects him saying, “I am a fellow servant.” Then he implores, “Worship God!” How often do we worship magnificent things that aren’t God Himself?

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Have you ever worshipped God with complete surrender? One of the ways we can give our all to God is through allowing Him to take the reins of our life. This can be difficult, because it means we don’t have power or control anymore. Is there something in your life you aren’t surrendering to God because you still want to be calling the shots?

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When was the last time you worshipped with people who made you uncomfortable? One of the greatest gifts of being a part of The Salvation Army is the diversity of believers and the ragtag group of people who make up our ranks. Seek out people different than you—even difficult people—to worship with; you will be blessed and challenged!

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“Do you know what a great gift it is that God gave us the right to speak to Him every hour and moment, wherever we are? He always listens to us. This is the greatest honor we have. For this reason we must love God.”  
— **Elder Porphyrios**

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Music is often such an important part of worship—as it should be! But sometimes music becomes more important than the praise. Identify some ways that you allow music to be an idol in your own life, or in how your corps worships together. Repent and ask God for fresh perspective.

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When we worship God and enter into an active relationship with Him, we have to be ready for change. Change can be so difficult, but it is one of the natural consequences of worship. If you aren’t open and ready to be changed by God, are you really worshipping?

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We can worship God through the expanding of our mind. Make studying for school about glorifying God. Do you ever read spiritual books? Reading and gaining knowledge honors God. Add a Christian book to your reading list. A great place to start is checking out your corps library or reading a book by **C.S. Lewis**.

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