



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## 1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24) (NIV)

<sup>8</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup> "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food."  
<sup>10</sup> So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" <sup>11</sup> As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."  
<sup>12</sup> "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."  
<sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.'"  
<sup>15</sup> She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup> For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.  
<sup>17</sup> Some time later the son of the woman who owned the house became ill. He grew worse and worse, and finally stopped breathing. <sup>18</sup> She said to Elijah, "What do you have against me, man of God? Did you come to remind me of my sin and kill my son?"  
<sup>19</sup> "Give me your son," Elijah replied. He took him from her arms, carried him to the upper room where he was staying, and laid him on his bed. <sup>20</sup> Then he cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, have you brought tragedy even on this widow I am staying with, by causing her son to die?" <sup>21</sup> Then he stretched himself out on the boy three times and cried out to the LORD, "LORD my God, let this boy's life return to him!"  
<sup>22</sup> The LORD heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him, and he lived. <sup>23</sup> Elijah picked up the child and carried him down from the room into the house. He gave him to his mother and said, "Look, your son is alive!"  
<sup>24</sup> Then the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the LORD from your mouth is the truth."

## Galatians 1:11-24 (NIV)

**Paul Called by God**  
<sup>11</sup> I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel I preached is not of human origin.  
<sup>12</sup> I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it; rather, I received it by revelation from Jesus Christ.  
<sup>13</sup> For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.  
<sup>14</sup> I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people and was extremely zealous for the traditions of my fathers.  
<sup>15</sup> But when God, who set me apart from my mother's womb and called me by his grace, was pleased <sup>16</sup> to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, my immediate response was not to consult any human being.  
<sup>17</sup> I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but I went into Arabia. Later I returned to Damascus.  
<sup>18</sup> Then after three years, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with Cephas and stayed with him fifteen days.  
<sup>19</sup> I saw none of the other apostles—only James, the Lord's brother.  
<sup>20</sup> I assure you before God that what I am writing you is no lie.  
<sup>21</sup> Then I went to Syria and Cilicia.  
<sup>22</sup> I was personally unknown to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.  
<sup>23</sup> They only heard the report: "The man who formerly persecuted us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy."  
<sup>24</sup> And they praised God because of me.

## Meg's Musings

For the past two weeks the *Catalyst* TV programme has focused on a group of young scientists/technicians helping a severely disabled thirteen year old boy. The first week showed them developing a plan to help him to do simple tasks such as turning on a light or the TV. They accomplished this through creating equipment which was triggered by the boys eye movements. Amazing!

This week they took things much further. They created a system to steer a vehicle using his eye movements. The boy was absolutely thrilled to be able to control a vehicle. It looked like he had never been so happy. Through the use of an especially adapted computer, he stated that the group who had helped him could make a real difference to the lives of disabled people by allowing them more independence and greater involvement within the community.

They were not the first people in history to attempt to help people to a richer, fuller life. Jesus came to earth in order to give us "life in all its' fullness" (John 10:10).

The *Catalyst* team were able to show what they could do through the TV programme. Are we ready to play a part in letting the world know that Jesus is offering everyone a better, fuller life?

Blessings from Meg



"Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes of which all men have some."

~ Charles Dickens



## CHURCH SERVICES

10 June	6pm	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ NO SERVICE
12 June	8.30 am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ NO SERVICE
12 June	9am	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ NO SERVICE
12 June	11am	<b>West</b>	~ David Bissett <b>HC</b>

..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



**PRAYER POINTS**

- We give thanks for all the catching up and sharing which took place at Bill's 90th birthday. It was a very happy day, and we were thankful to be a part of it.
- Myra is thankful that she was well enough, and mobile enough, to enjoy the day.
- Peter and Beth Scorgie thank everyone for their prayers. They are also thankful that their health is improving.
- Barbara Murray would appreciate prayer for her ongoing health problems.
- We pray for the people being helped by UnitingWorld Community Development Projects in Asia, Africa and the Pacific.
- We thank God for the rain which has fallen recently, and for the rain which is forecast for the coming days.

**Psalms 146 (NIV)**

- 1 Praise the LORD.  
Praise the LORD, my soul.
- 2 I will praise the LORD all my life;  
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.
- 3 Do not put your trust in princes,  
in human beings, who cannot save.
- 4 When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;  
on that very day their plans come to nothing.
- 5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God.
- 6 He is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and everything in them—  
he remains faithful forever.
- 7 He upholds the cause of the oppressed  
and gives food to the hungry.  
The LORD sets prisoners free,
- 8 the LORD gives sight to the blind,  
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down,  
the LORD loves the righteous.
- 9 The LORD watches over the foreigner  
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,  
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.
- 10 The LORD reigns forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the LORD.

**Luke 7:11-17 (NIV)**

**Jesus Raises a Widow's Son**

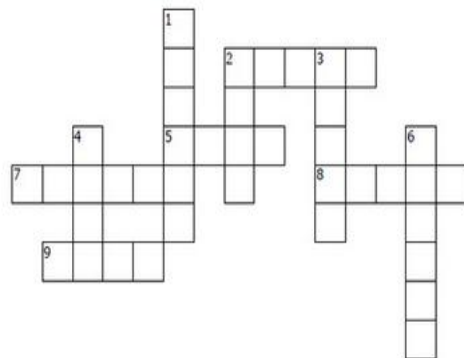
- 11 Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him.
- 12 As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her.
- 13 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, "Don't cry."
- 14 Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, "Young man, I say to you, get up!"
- 15 The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.
- 16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people."
- 17 This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

**Jesus Raises a Widow's Son**



The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother. Luke 7:15 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 7:11-17 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

2. To come in contact with something or someone
5. To give assistance to; aid
7. To express approval, commendation, or admiration
8. A woman whose husband has died and who has not married again
9. Not alive

**DOWN**

1. The female parent
2. To use the voice, or to have a conversation with someone
3. a large group of people who have gathered together
4. An opening in a fence for entrance or exit
6. A long box in which a corpse is buried

The trick is to grow up without growing old.

**PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION**

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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I think that hope, that ability to envision, to imagine a better way, and then to apply yourself to it, is the way to climb out of a hole, is the way to build a better life, is the way to build a better community and a better country. ~ Deval Patrick

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- 3 June ~ Tony Orr
- 6 June ~ Meg Mangan
- 7 June ~ Shirley McMahon
- 7 June ~ Simon Hansford
- 11 June ~ Glenda Whitten

The secret - don't grow old, no matter how long you live.



- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ West
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month ~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville
- 22 May

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