



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## 1 Kings 21:1-21a (NIV) Naboth's Vineyard

21 Some time later there was an incident involving a vineyard belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite. The vineyard was in Jezreel, close to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

<sup>2</sup> Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth."

<sup>3</sup> But Naboth replied, "The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my ancestors."

<sup>4</sup> So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my ancestors." He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat.

<sup>5</sup> His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, "Why are you so sullen? Why won't you eat?"

<sup>6</sup> He answered her, "Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, 'Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"

<sup>7</sup> Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."

<sup>8</sup> So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city with him. <sup>9</sup> In those letters she wrote: "Proclaim a day of fasting and seat Naboth in a prominent place among the people. <sup>10</sup> But seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them bring charges that he has cursed both God and the king. Then take him out and stone him to death."

<sup>11</sup> So the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city did as Jezebel directed in the letters she had written to them.

<sup>12</sup> They proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth in a prominent place among the people. <sup>13</sup> Then two scoundrels came and sat opposite him and brought charges against Naboth before the people, saying, "Naboth has cursed both God and the king." So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death. <sup>14</sup> Then they sent word to Jezebel: "Naboth has been stoned to death."

<sup>15</sup> As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned to death, she said to Ahab, "Get up and take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite that he refused to sell you. He is no longer alive, but dead." <sup>16</sup> When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he got up and went down to take possession of Naboth's vineyard.

<sup>17</sup> Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite:

<sup>18</sup> "Go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who rules in Samaria. He is now in Naboth's vineyard, where he has gone to take possession of it. <sup>19</sup> Say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: Have you not murdered a man and seized his property?' Then say to him, 'This is what the LORD says: In the place where dogs licked up Naboth's blood, dogs will lick up your blood—yes, yours!'"

<sup>20</sup> Ahab said to Elijah, "So you have found me, my enemy!" "I have found you," he answered, "because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> He says, 'I am going to bring disaster on you. I will wipe out your descendants and cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel—slave or free.'

## Galatians 2:15-21 (NIV)

<sup>15</sup> "We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles <sup>16</sup> know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in <sup>[a]</sup> Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

<sup>17</sup> "But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! <sup>18</sup> If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

<sup>19</sup> "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

## Psalms 5:1-8 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Listen to my words, LORD, consider my lament.

<sup>2</sup> Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

<sup>3</sup> In the morning, LORD, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

<sup>4</sup> For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness; with you, evil people are not welcome.

<sup>5</sup> The arrogant cannot stand in your presence.

You hate all who do wrong;

<sup>6</sup> you destroy those who tell lies.

The bloodthirsty and deceitful you, LORD, detest.

<sup>7</sup> But I, by your great love, can come into your house;

in reverence I bow down toward your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup> Lead me, LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies— make your way straight before me.

One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say. ~ Bryant H. McGill



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

17 June ~ Elphie Lang

18 June ~ Heather Budden

## CHURCH SERVICES

17 June 6pm **Hallsville** ~ Rev S Hansford

19 June 8.30 am **Gowrie** ~ Lindsay Donaldson

19 June 9am **Hallsville** ~ **Baptism** ~Meg Mangan **HC**

19 June 11am **West** ~ Rev Bill Fischer

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### PRAYER LIST

- We pray for Gordon Gibson who is in hospital, and hope that he is feeling much improved.
- We pray for Pat Hoyt. She is still experiencing much pain.
- We pray for Myra who is still fairly immobile and experiencing pain when she tries to move.
- We thank God for the safe arrival of McKenzie Lee, first great-granddaughter for Glenda Whitten.
- We thank God for the rain, and pray for those people in other areas who have been adversely affected.
- We pray for a member of the Uniting Church in Armidale. She was attending the "Sharing Our Faith" seminar last Saturday when she received word that one of her sons had attempted suicide in Queensland. We pray too for her son, that he may receive the help which he needs so desperately.

### Meg's Musings

50 years ago it was a "given" that people had a cup of tea when a drink was offered. The options were black, white and sugar. These days coffee is as popular as tea, and there seem to be many different options - cappuccino, espresso, light, skim, soy, flat etc. The variety of herbal teas today is amazing - one for every occasion and need. Peppermint to perk you up, chamomile to calm you down and others for every mood and need in between. A doctor recently recommended thyme and plantain herbal tea - it is supposed to ward off chest problems and assist with immunity to winter colds and 'flu's. We have become much more tolerant of people's wishes in the beverage department. But are we as embracing of the many other needs which people have? In our fast-paced world, people are even more in need of a listening ear and a caring word. Are we able to provide that, as well as offering a choice of beverages?

Blessings from Meg

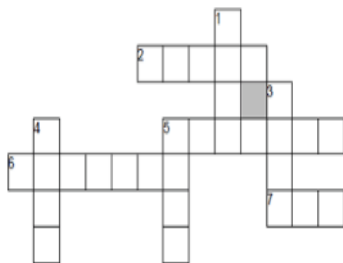


## Jesus Forgives a Sinful Woman

Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Luke 7:47-48



This puzzle is based on Luke 7:36-50



#### ACROSS

2. An adult female human being
5. To excuse or pardon for one's faults
6. A liquid with a pleasant smell, usually used on the body
7. To breaking a religious or moral law

#### DOWN

1. The thread-like strands that grow on the head of a person
3. To touch with the lips to show affection, or as a greeting
4. To shed tears
5. Part of the body at the bottom of the leg (plural)

Most of the successful people I've known are the ones who do more listening than talking. ~ Bernard Baruch

### Luke 7:36-8:3 (NIV)

#### Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman

<sup>36</sup> When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. <sup>38</sup> As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

<sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

<sup>40</sup> Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

<sup>41</sup> "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender.

One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty.

<sup>42</sup> Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

<sup>43</sup> Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

<sup>44</sup> Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

<sup>49</sup> The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

#### The Parable of the Sower

<sup>8</sup> After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, <sup>2</sup> and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; <sup>3</sup> Joanna the wife of Chuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.



**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**

#### 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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