



Peel Valley Congregation

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2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 (NIV)

Elijah Taken Up to Heaven

2 When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

² Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel."

But Elisha said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

⁶ Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan."

And he replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So the two of them walked on.

⁷ Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan.

⁸ Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

⁹ When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" "Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit," Elisha replied.

¹⁰ "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not."

¹¹ As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

¹² Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his garment and tore it in two.

¹³ Elisha then picked up Elijah's cloak that had fallen from him and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan.

¹⁴ He took the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and struck the water with it. "Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" he asked. When he struck the water, it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over.

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, "I'm drawing God."

The teacher paused and said, "

But no one knows what God looks like."

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20 (NIV)

¹ I cried out to God for help;

I cried out to God to hear me.

² When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands, and I would not be comforted.

¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

¹² I will consider all your works and meditate on all your mighty deeds."

¹³ Your ways, God, are holy. What god is as great as our God?

¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles; you display your power among the peoples.

¹⁵ With your mighty arm you redeemed your people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶ The waters saw you, God, the waters saw you and writhed; the very depths were convulsed.

¹⁷ The clouds poured down water, the heavens resounded with thunder; your arrows flashed back and forth.

¹⁸ Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind, your lightning lit up the world; the earth trembled and quaked.

¹⁹ Your path led through the sea, your way through the mighty waters, though your footprints were not seen.

²⁰ You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

No one is always busy ~ it just depends what number you are on their priority list. ~ Anon

Meg's Musings

Have you had enough election talk yet? I know that I have!

So much of what is said seems to be parroted off, without thought - and without questions being answered. Most politicians appear to have been handed a copy of the party platform, and they quote slabs of it at every opportunity - whether it be relevant or not.

It is so different from how Jesus was with people. He was always ready to really listen to people - to understand their problems, and to get to the real issue, rather than to skim the surface.

When the rich young ruler approached Jesus, Jesus could see what the real issues were. His heart went out to him, and he told the man what he needed to do. Jesus didn't beat about the bush, or quote platitudes at him. He gave a truthful and unpopular answer, and the young man left, feeling sorrowful.

If only our politicians would learn from Jesus - we could be part of a far different nation.

Blessings from Meg



Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth. ~ Buddha

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PRAYER POINTS

- Pat Hoyt is in hospital at the moment. We pray for improved health for her.
- Gordon Gibson is settling into Alblas, although he is missing his independence.
- We thank God for further rain, and that the dams are beginning to refill.
- School holidays will commence on 1st July. We pray for safe travel for those who are on the road at that time.
- We pray that people of integrity and vision will be elected on 2nd July.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (NIV)
Freedom in Christ

5 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Life by the Spirit

13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. 16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

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"If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything." ~ Mark Twain

CHURCH SERVICES

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| 1 July | 6pm | Hallsville | ~ Meg Mangan |
| 3 July | 8.30 am | Gowrie | ~ Meg Mangan HC |
| 3 July | 9am | Hallsville | ~ NO SERVICE |
| 3 July | 11am | West | ~ Meg Mangan |

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."

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0466 337 005**

- Elders:** Margaret Crowell Barbara Murray Doss Wark
 Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



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Luke 9:51-62 (NIV)

Samaritan Opposition

51 As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

52 And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; 53 but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem.

54 When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, "Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy the?"

55 But Jesus turned and rebuked them. 56 Then he and his disciples went to another village.

The Cost of Following Jesus

57 As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

58 Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

59 He said to another man, "Follow me."

But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

60 Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

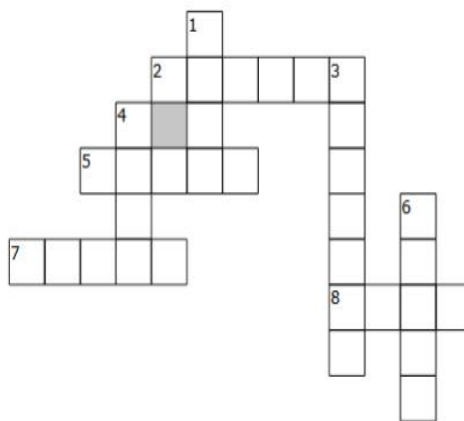
61 Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

62 Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

Hold on to Jesus

Jesus replied, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." Luke 9:58 (NIV)

Based on Luke 9:56-58



ACROSS

- 2. To walk behind someone
- 5. Animals similar to dogs with a long, bushy tail
- 7. Creatures with feathers and wings, usually able to fly
- 8. A home for birds

DOWN

- 1. An opening in the ground where an animal might live
- 3. Traveling on foot
- 4. A pathway for vehicles, people, and animals
- 6. The Son of God

	1st Sunday of the month	4th Sunday of the month
	~ Luncheon @ West	~ Markets @ Hallsville
	3rd Sunday of the month	26 June
	~Trading Table @ West Tamworth	