



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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2 Kings 5:1-14 (NIV)

Naaman Healed of Leprosy

5 Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy.

² Now bands of raiders from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

⁴ Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. ⁵ "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. ⁶ The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy."

⁷ As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!"

⁸ When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel."

⁹ So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed."

¹¹ But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

¹³ Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'" ¹⁴ So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.



A Sunday school teacher asked her children, "Why must we be quiet in church?" One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

CHURCH SERVICES

8 July	6pm	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
10 July	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ NO SERVICE
10 July	9am	Hallsville	~ Jim Newton HC
10 July	11am	West	~ Jim Newton HC

Psalms 30 (NIV)

¹ I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

² LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

³ You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from going down to the pit.

⁴ Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.

⁵ For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

⁶ When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

⁷ LORD, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain ^[c] stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

⁸ To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

⁹ "What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help."

¹¹ You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

¹² that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

Meg's Musings

The readings this week are about changing circumstances.

Naaman was a leper who was healed and whose healer, Elisha, refused any payment - big win!

The Psalmist was unwell, and seems to be fearing that he might die. But his health finally returns, and he promises to praise God forever. In the Luke reading, Jesus sends 70 people out to villages. Jesus likened it to sending lambs among wolves - pretty scary stuff. And yet they returned to Jesus jubilant.

Sometimes life sends us difficulties and problems which we must face. Sometimes that causes us to see our glass as half empty, instead of half full.

But surely these readings help us to see that God is with us, no matter what we face. And with God by our side, surely our glass must be half full!

Blessings from Meg



"Let your wisdom guide you
On your own personal journey

By listening to your heart
Your soul will be alight

And let you be

All that you are intended to be"

Karen Hackel, The Whisper of Your Soul



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



PRAYER POINTS

- We continue to pray for Pat Hoyt who has spent over a week in hospital.
- Myra too has been unwell, and spent a night in hospital recently. We pray that the right medications can be found to control her blood pressure.
- Shirley McMahon is in our thoughts and prayers. She recently had a fall which damaged her knee.
- We give thanks for the safe arrival of Thea Maree Monckton, a 1st great-granddaughter for Fay after 6 great-grandsons.
- We pray for all those candidates who are successful at this election. May they choose the way of compassion and wisdom.

Galatians 6:1-16 (NIV)

Doing Good to All

6 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted.

2 Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3 If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves.

4 Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, 5 for each one should carry their own load. 6 Nevertheless, the one who receives instruction in the word should share all good things with their instructor.

7 Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. 8 Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

9 Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.


Not Circumcision but the New Creation

11 See what large letters I use as I write to you with my own hand!

12 Those who want to impress people by means of the flesh are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 Not even those who are circumcised keep the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your circumcision in the flesh. 14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation. 16 Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule—to the Israel of God.

1st Sunday of the month **4th Sunday of the month**
 ~ Luncheon @ West ~ Markets @ Hallsville
3rd Sunday of the month **24 July**
 ~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

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Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (NIV)

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

2 He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

3 Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

4 Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

5 "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.'

6 If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you.

7 Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

8 "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.

9 Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

10 But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say,

11 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'

16 "Whoever listens to you listens to me; whoever rejects you rejects me; but whoever rejects me rejects him who sent me."

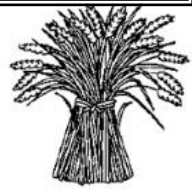
17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

18 He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

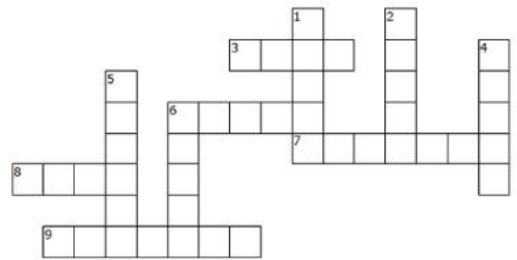
19 I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

20 However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Jesus Sends Out Workers



He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2 (NIV)
 This puzzle is based on Luke 10:1-11 (NIV)



- ACROSS**
- 3. To make someone well from an illness or injury
 - 6. A small bag or pouch for carrying money
 - 7. Shoes consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps
 - 8. To be physically or mentally ill; not well or healthy
 - 9. The process of gathering a crop
- DOWN**
- 1. The money which a person receives for working
 - 2. The area of land where a crop is planted
 - 4. A building in which a family lives
 - 5. someone who performs a particular job
 - 6. The absence of war or fighting