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Jeremiah 18:1-11 (NIV) At the Potter's House

18 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²“Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message.” ³So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me.

⁶He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. ⁷If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

¹¹“Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’”

Luke 14:25-33 (NIV) The Cost of Being a Disciple

²⁵Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said:

²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple.

²⁷And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it?

²⁹For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.’

³¹“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand?

³²If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace.

³³In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 (NIV)

¹You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

²You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

⁵You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

¹³For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;

your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book

before one of them came to be.

¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—when I awake, I am still with you.

“Real life isn't always going to be perfect or go our way, but the recurring acknowledgement of what is working in our lives can help us not only to survive, but to surmount our difficulties.” ~ Sarah Ban Breathnach



“God as I open my eyes to the world, please open my eyes to what you want me to do in it today!”

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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Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



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PRAYER LIST

- We pray for continued improvement in health for Lorraine Furze. She is home from hospital, but still taking things slowly.
- We continue to pray for Beth and Peter Scorgie.
- We pray for Xavier John, new grandson for Barbara and John Murray.... and for his family.
- We pray for wisdom and good judgement for our politicians.
- We pray for the upcoming Local Government elections throughout NSW.

Meg's Musings

Over the past week or two, our city's gardens have started to come to life.

Magnolias led the way with a spectacular show. Since then Prunus trees have started to blossom, and shrubs have begun to flower. Bulbs have added to the parade of beauty.

With plenty of rain, and less severe frosts than most years, our gardens are primed to be at their showy best.

Although most of these trees and shrubs have been carefully planted by someone, the real credit for this spectacular season must go to God. He has sent the rain, and the sunshine. He designed the system where flowers bloom, and bees buzz about, collecting the nectar.

This season all we have to do is sit back and admire the plants as the buds unfold..... and give thanks to our God, who sends us love-letters in the form of rain showers, sunshine, and beauty.

May we always be ready to sing God's praises!

Blessings from Meg



Philemon 1-21 (NIV)

¹ Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker— ² also to Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier— and to the church that meets in your home:

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

⁴ I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers, ⁵ because I hear about your love for all his holy people and your faith in the Lord Jesus.

⁶ I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ. ⁷ Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

Paul's Plea for Onesimus

⁸ Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, ⁹ yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul— an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus— ¹⁰ that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. ¹¹ Formerly he was useless to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

¹² I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you.

¹³ I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴ But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary.

¹⁵ Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—

¹⁶ no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

¹⁷ So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me.

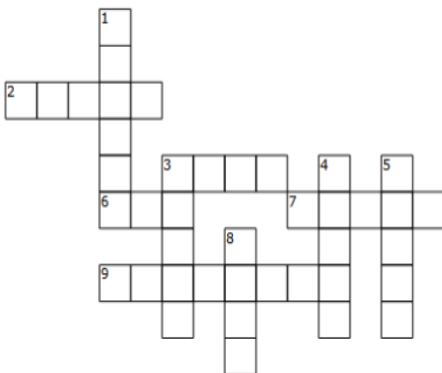
¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me.

¹⁹ I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰ I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹ Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

The Cost of Discipleship

And anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. Luke 14:27 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 14:25-33 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. To form something by combining materials or parts; to construct
- 3. The amount paid for a something; the price
- 6. Fighting between two or more countries
- 7. Coins or currency used to buy things
- 9. A follower of Jesus

DOWN

- 1. To take someone as a model; to imitate
- 3. A wooden structure consisting of an upright with a horizontal beam
- 4. A very tall, narrow building, or part of a building
- 5. The opposite of war
- 8. A male ruler in some countries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

September ~ **Fay Monckton**



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

25 September

CHURCH SERVICES

9 September	6pm	Hallsville	~ no service
11 September	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ no service
11 September	9am	Hallsville	~ Meg Mangan
BAPTISM			
11 September	11am	West	~ Meq Mangan HC

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