



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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**Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 (ESV)**

**Jeremiah Grieves for His People**

<sup>18</sup> My joy is gone; grief is upon me;  
my heart is sick within me.

<sup>19</sup> Behold, the cry of the daughter of my people  
from the length and breadth of the land:  
"Is the LORD not in Zion?  
Is her King not in her?"

"Why have they provoked me to anger with their carved  
images  
and with their foreign idols?"

<sup>20</sup> "The harvest is past, the summer is ended,  
and we are not saved."

<sup>21</sup> For the wound of the daughter of my people is my  
heart wounded;  
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold on me.

<sup>22</sup> Is there no balm in Gilead?  
Is there no physician there?  
Why then has the health of the daughter of my people  
not been restored?

<sup>9</sup> Oh that my head were waters,  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
that I might weep day and night  
or the slain of the daughter of my people!

**Psalms 79:1-9 (ESV)**

<sup>79</sup> O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;  
they have defiled your holy temple;  
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.

<sup>2</sup> They have given the bodies of your servants  
to the birds of the heavens for food,  
the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the earth.

<sup>3</sup> They have poured out their blood like water  
all around Jerusalem,  
and there was no one to bury them.

<sup>4</sup> We have become a taunt to our neighbors,  
mocked and derided by those around us.

<sup>5</sup> How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever?  
Will your jealousy burn like fire?

<sup>6</sup> Pour out your anger on the nations  
that do not know you,  
and on the kingdoms  
that do not call upon your name!

<sup>7</sup> For they have devoured Jacob  
and laid waste his habitation.

<sup>8</sup> Do not remember against us our former iniquities;  
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,  
for we are brought very low.

<sup>9</sup> Help us, O God of our salvation,  
for the glory of your name;  
deliver us, and atone for our sins,  
for your name's sake!

***A prayer for honesty***

In order to be truthful  
We must do more than speak truth.  
We must also hear truth.  
We must also receive truth.  
We must also act on truth.  
We must also search for truth.  
The difficult truth.  
Within us and around us.  
We must devote ourselves to truth.  
Otherwise we are dishonest  
and our lives are mistaken.  
God grant us the strength and the courage  
to be truthful. .... **Amen**

~Michael Leunig

**1 Timothy 2:1-7(ESV)**

**Pray for All People**

<sup>2</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,  
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,  
<sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may  
lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in  
every way.

<sup>3</sup> This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our  
Savior,  
<sup>4</sup> who desires all people to be saved and to come to the  
knowledge of the truth.

<sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and there is one mediator  
between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup> who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the  
testimony given at the proper time.

<sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle  
(I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the  
Gentiles in faith and truth.

"Together, we overcome the drought of happiness and  
goodness, by seeing our glasses half full and helping  
fill others' glasses back up with love." ~ Emilyann  
Girdner

"Don't settle for a half empty glass, always go for a  
full one!" ~ Stephen Richards  
See the glass half full .... Then fill it the rest of the  
way!

**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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**PRAYER LIST**

- We pray for Bill Forrester, who has the 'flu at the moment.
- We pray for everyone else in the congregation - that they don't get the 'flu!
- Beth and Peter Scorgie continue to value our prayers.
- Bruce and Marie Westbrook would also appreciate our prayers.
- We pray that people who would benefit from a Kairos Outside weekend will hear about it, and be prepared to attend the weekend on 28-30 October.

**Meg's Musings**

Last Wednesday I took the weekday church service at Alblas Lodge. One of the residents told me how she had enjoyed listening to the rain falling on the roof during the previous night. She has found that if she leaves the door to her bathroom open, she can hear the rain quite clearly.

Many people I have spoken to recently have said that we've had enough rain, and they wish that it would stop. They are quite focussed on what will allow them to follow their own agenda.

But for this lady, who has far less than many of the "complainers", she was ready to make the best of what God sends her way.

Listening to rain falling onto a metal roof is such a simple pleasure, but she could delight in it.

There is an old saying, "When life sends you lemons, make lemonade".

May each of us be ready to enjoy God's presence, and what he blesses us with each day.

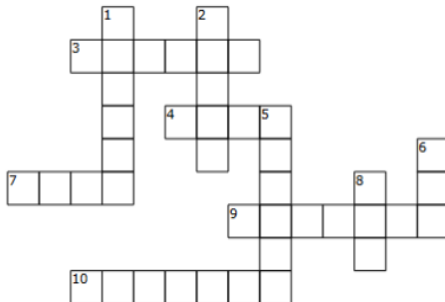
Blessings from Meg



**The Dishonest Manager**

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 16:1-13 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

- 3. A large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has
- 4. A very large amount
- 7. To like something very much
- 9. To feel a strong dislike for someone or something
- 10. A person who performs duties around the home of a master

**DOWN**

- 1. A very small amount
- 2. The Son of God
- 5. Truthful, trusted, not likely to steal, cheat or lie
- 6. To be obligated to repay a debt to someone
- 8. To make a hole in the ground with a shovel

**Luke 16:1-13 (ESV)**

**The Parable of the Dishonest Manager**

16 He also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions.

<sup>2</sup> And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.'

<sup>3</sup> And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.

<sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.'

<sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

<sup>6</sup> He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.'

<sup>7</sup> Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.'

<sup>8</sup> The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light.

<sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.

<sup>11</sup> If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?

<sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own?

<sup>13</sup> No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

Don't let aging get you down...It's too hard to get back up.



**CHURCH SERVICES**

23 September 6pm	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ Meg Mangan
25 September 8.30 am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ Meg Mangan
25 September 9am	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ no service
25 September 11am	<b>West</b>	~ Meg Mangan

	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month</b> ~ Luncheon @ West	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</b> ~ Markets @ Hallsville
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</b> ~Trading Table @ West Tamworth	<b>25 September</b>

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