



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4 (ERV)

Habakkuk Complains to God

1 This is the message that was given to Habakkuk the prophet.

² LORD, I continue to ask for help. When will you listen to me? I cried to you about the violence, but you did nothing!

³ People are stealing things and hurting others. They are arguing and fighting. Why do you make me look at these terrible things?

⁴ The law is weak and not fair to people. Evil people win their fights against good people. So the law is no longer fair, and justice does not win anymore.

2 I will stand like a guard and watch.

I will wait to see what the LORD will say to me.

I will wait and learn how he answers my questions.

God Answers Habakkuk

² The LORD answered me, "Write down what I show you. Write it clearly on a sign so that the message will be easy to read.

³ This message is about a special time in the future. This message is about the end, and it will come true. Just be patient and wait for it. That time will come; it will not be late.

⁴ This message cannot help those who refuse to listen to it, but those who are good will live because they believe it.

The Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change;

courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference.



Living one day at a time;

Enjoying one moment at a time;

Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace;

Taking, as He did, this sinful world as it is, not as I would have it;

Trusting that He will make all things right if I surrender to His Will;

That I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with Him Forever in the next. **Amen.**

Psalms 119:137-144 (ERV)

¹³⁷ LORD, you do what is right, and your decisions are fair.

¹³⁸ The rules you have given us are right. We can trust them completely.

¹³⁹ Something that really upsets me is the thought that my enemies ignore your commands.

¹⁴⁰ I love your word.

Time and again it has been proven true.

¹⁴¹ I am young, and people don't respect me.

But I have not forgotten your instructions.

¹⁴² Your goodness is forever, and your teachings can be trusted.

¹⁴³ Even though I have troubles and hard times, your commands give me joy.

¹⁴⁴ Your rules are always right.

Help me understand them so that I can live.



2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 (ERV)

1 Greetings from Paul, Silas, and Timothy.

To the church of those in Thessalonica, who are in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

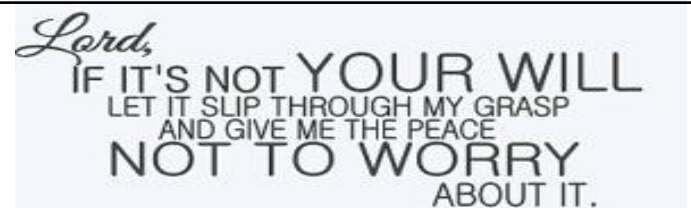
² Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We thank God for you always. And that's what we should do, because you give us good reason to be thankful: Your faith is growing more and more. And the love that every one of you has for each other is also growing.

⁴ So we tell the other churches of God how proud we are of you. We tell them how you patiently continue to be strong and have faith, even though you are being persecuted and are suffering many troubles.

¹¹ That is why we always pray for you. We ask our God to help you live the good way he wanted when he chose you. The goodness you have makes you want to do good. And the faith you have makes you work. We pray that with his power God will help you do these things more and more.

¹² Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of you, and you will be honored because of him. This can happen only by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

27 NOVEMBER

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PRAYER LIST

- Bob Forrester is still experiencing a lot of pain from his broken arm. We pray that the pain and bruising subsides soon.
- We join Fay Monckton in giving thanks to God. Eddie is expected in Australia next Tuesday, as all the necessary paperwork has finally been approved. Thank-you to all those who have prayed for Eddie and Elizabeth.
- Thanks to God who joins us together in Christ. We are blessed to be together with the Barraba and Manilla congregations in worship and fellowship.
- We pray for students completing their school days. May they be willing to ask God about guidance for their next steps.
- We ask for prayer for the Guests attending Kairos Outside for Women this weekend - that it may be a time of sharing, and a growing awareness of God's importance in their lives.

Meg's Musings

Today's gospel reading is the story of Zacchaeus. He is a bloke that I can identify with - we are both under-tall. I've never been able to see much when I'm in a crowd. So I can understand why he chose to climb a tree to get a better view. But Zacchaeus may also have wanted to escape the crowd. Some people may have jostled and elbowed him because he was so unpopular. But in the eyes of Jesus, Zacchaeus was just as valuable, and just as important as everyone else. No matter who we are, what we've done, or what shape we are, Jesus is ready to accept us and to love us. Isn't that wonderful news!

Blessings from Meg



The greatest gift that you can give to others is the gift of unconditional love and acceptance. ~ Brian Tracy

THANKS



Thank-you to everyone. The Parish sent me beautiful flowers, and so many of you have expressed your love, and included me in your prayers. My Mum's death has been a period of release and sadness, but it has also triggered a greater awareness that I am loved by my wonderful church family. ~ Meg

"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

MEETING!

REMINDER: AGM is on Sunday, 6th November at Wests.

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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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Luke 19:1-10 (ERV)

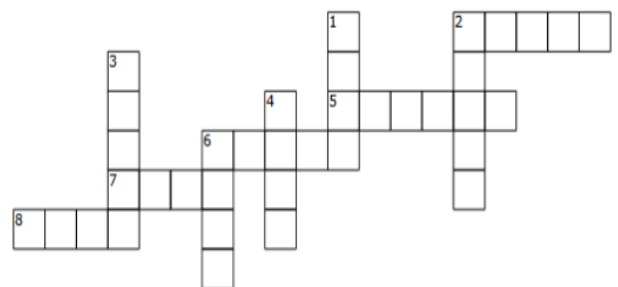
Zacchaeus

19 Jesus was going through the city of Jericho.
 2 In Jericho there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a wealthy, very important tax collector.
 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was. There were many others who wanted to see Jesus too. Zacchaeus was too short to see above the people.
 4 So he ran to a place where he knew Jesus would come. Then he climbed a sycamore tree so he could see him.
 5 When Jesus came to where Zacchaeus was, he looked up and saw him in the tree. Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, hurry! Come down! I must stay at your house today."
 6 Zacchaeus hurried and came down. He was happy to have Jesus in his house.
 7 Everyone saw this. They began to complain, "Look at the kind of man Jesus is staying with. Zacchaeus is a sinner!"
 8 Zacchaeus said to the Lord, "I want to do good. I will give half of my money to the poor. If I have cheated anyone, I will pay them back four times more."
 9 Jesus said, "Today is the day for this family to be saved from sin. Yes, even this tax collector is one of God's chosen people."
 10 The Son of Man came to find lost people and save them."

Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Luke 19:5-6 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. To move upward, especially by using the hands and feet
5. A person who disobeys God's laws; one who does wrong
6. Not tall
7. To set free from sin; to rescue
8. A large plant with a trunk, branches, and leaves

DOWN

1. To be unable to find your way
2. To get something for yourself in a dishonest way
3. A building in which people, usually a family, live
4. To have very little money
6. To search for something or someone

CHURCH SERVICES

4 November	6pm	Hallsville	~ James Cantrill
6 November	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ James Cantrill
6 November	9am	Hallsville	~ no service
6 November	11am	West	~ James Cantrill

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