



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Genesis 21:8-21 (NIV)

### Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away

<sup>8</sup> The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, <sup>10</sup> and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac."

<sup>11</sup> The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. <sup>13</sup> I will make the son of the slave into a nation also, because he is your offspring."

<sup>14</sup> Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the Desert of Beersheba.

<sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went off and sat down about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there, she began to sob.

<sup>17</sup> God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. <sup>18</sup> Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

<sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

<sup>20</sup> God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. <sup>21</sup> While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

Positive and negative actions are determined by one's own motivation. If the motivation is good, all actions become positive; if the motivation is wrong, all actions become negative. ~ Dalai Lama

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

26 June ~ Pat Hoyt

**Memory Lane-** Join us for a cuppa, meet new friends, singalong, activities & more....

First & Third Tuesday of the month  
10am till 11:30am

West Tamworth Uniting Church, 77 Denison Street



## Psalms 86:1-10, 16-17 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Hear me, LORD, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.

<sup>2</sup> Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; <sup>3</sup> have mercy on me, Lord,  
for I call to you all day long.

<sup>4</sup> Bring joy to your servant, Lord,  
for I put my trust in you.

<sup>5</sup> You, Lord, are forgiving and good,  
abounding in love to all who call to you.

<sup>6</sup> Hear my prayer, LORD;  
listen to my cry for mercy.

<sup>7</sup> When I am in distress, I call to you,  
because you answer me.

<sup>8</sup> Among the gods there is none like you, Lord;  
no deeds can compare with yours.

<sup>9</sup> All the nations you have made  
will come and worship before you, Lord;  
they will bring glory to your name.

<sup>10</sup> For you are great and do marvellous deeds;  
you alone are God.

<sup>16</sup> Turn to me and have mercy on me;  
show your strength in behalf of your servant;  
save me, because I serve you  
just as my mother did.

<sup>17</sup> Give me a sign of your goodness,  
that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,  
for you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

## Romans 6:1b-11 (NIV)

### Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ

<sup>6</sup> Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?

<sup>2</sup> By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

<sup>3</sup> Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?

<sup>4</sup> We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin—

<sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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



### PRAYER LIST.

- We continue to pray for Ivy Battle, and for Peter.
- We pray for members of Fay Monckton's family - especially Bronwyn, Chrissie and Logan.
- We pray for Betty Pearson's sister, Merrilyn, who is unwell.
- We thank God for each of the ministers who have shepherded us over the past 40 years.

### Meg's Musings

We have been spending time with 4 year old Emma this week. Emma has a large variety of toys. But one of the things that she is most enjoying at the moment is using small pieces of fabric, and some miniature pegs to make some different clothes for her baby dolls. It is amazing what some patience and creativity can achieve!

Sometimes we think that we need lots of resources in order to achieve things, and to be successful. But each of us, and God, can achieve wonders. A listening ear and a willing heart are all that is required.

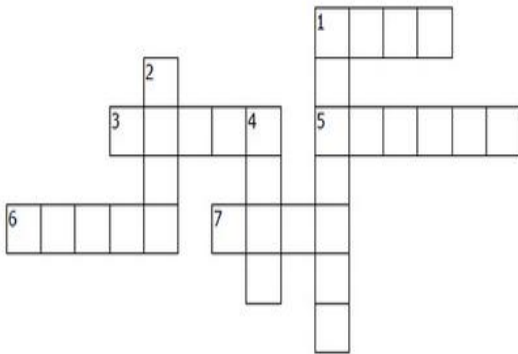
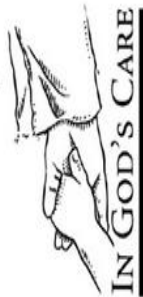


Blessings from Meg

## He Cares for You

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 10:24-39



#### ACROSS

1. The spiritual part of a person
3. The value of something
5. To be fearful or anxious about something
6. A small copper coin
7. Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person

#### DOWN

1. A common, small, gray-brown bird
2. The physical part of a person
4. The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and the brain

### Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)

- <sup>24</sup> "The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master.
- <sup>25</sup> It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!
- <sup>26</sup> "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.
- <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.
- <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.
- <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care.
- <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.
- <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
- <sup>32</sup> "Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.
- <sup>33</sup> But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.
- <sup>34</sup> "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword.
- <sup>35</sup> For I have come to turn  
     "a man against his father,  
     a daughter against her mother,  
     a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—
- <sup>36</sup> a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.
- <sup>37</sup> "Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
- <sup>38</sup> Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me.
- <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

If you really want your children to respect you let them speak Give them safe space to say how they REALLY feel without fear of how your pride will react It doesn't matter if they are always right or good' It matters that they are allowed to be real with you ~ Brooke Hampton

An insincere and evil friend is more to be feared than a wild beast; a wild beast may wound your body, but an evil friend will wound your mind. ~ Buddha

#### CHURCH SERVICES

30 June	5.30 pm	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ David Bissett
2 July	8.30 am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ David Bissett
2 July	9 am	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ NO SERVICE
25 June	11am	<b>West</b>	~David Bissett



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Luncheon @ West

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month**

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month**

~ Markets @ Hallsville

**25 June**

#### 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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