



Peel Valley Congregation

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Genesis 25:19-34 (NIV)

Jacob and Esau

¹⁹ This is the account of the family line of Abraham's son Isaac.

Abraham became the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah daughter of Bethuel the Aramean from Paddan Aram and sister of Laban the Aramean.

²¹ Isaac prayed to the LORD on behalf of his wife, because she was childless. The LORD answered his prayer, and his wife Rebekah became pregnant. ²² The babies jostled each other within her, and she said, "Why is this happening to me?" So she went to inquire of the LORD.

²³ The LORD said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples from within you will be separated; one people will be stronger than the other, and the older will serve the younger."

²⁴ When the time came for her to give birth, there were twin boys in her womb. ²⁵ The first to come out was red, and his whole body was like a hairy garment; so they named him Esau. ²⁶ After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when Rebekah gave birth to them.

²⁷ The boys grew up, and Esau became a skillful hunter, a man of the open country, while Jacob was content to stay at home among the tents. ²⁸ Isaac, who had a taste for wild game, loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking some stew, Esau came in from the open country, famished. ³⁰ He said to Jacob, "Quick, let me have some of that red stew! I'm famished!" (That is why he was also called Edom.)

³¹ Jacob replied, "First sell me your birthright."

³² "Look, I am about to die," Esau said. "What good is the birthright to me?"

³³ But Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore an oath to him, selling his birthright to Jacob.

³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau some bread and some lentil stew. He ate and drank, and then got up and left. So Esau despised his birthright.

IF YOU GET TIRED LEARN TO REST, NOT TO QUIT.

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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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Romans 8:1-11 (NIV)

Life Through the Spirit

⁸ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.

¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Psalms 119:105-112 (NIV)

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.

¹⁰⁷ I have suffered much;
preserve my life, LORD, according to your word.

¹⁰⁸ Accept, LORD, the willing praise of my mouth,
and teach me your laws.

¹⁰⁹ Though I constantly take my life in my hands,
I will not forget your law.

¹¹⁰ The wicked have set a snare for me,
but I have not strayed from your precepts.

¹¹¹ Your statutes are my heritage forever;
they are the joy of my heart.

¹¹² My heart is set on keeping your decrees
to the very end.

"Never compromise your values." ~ Steve Maraboli

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



PRAYER LIST.

- We thank God for a lovely time of fellowship at "Christmas in July" last Tuesday. We would also like to say a big thank-you to Evelyn and Tony for organising the lunch.
- We pray that Galina Newcombe enjoys her role as Pastoral Practitioner at St.Andrews Village. Galina will be there until a new chaplain is appointed.
- We pray for all those people suffering colds and flu at the moment.
- We pray for Joyce Dowsett who has been unwell.

Meg's Musings

This weekend I will be involved in the Emmaus Walk at Armidale. One of the meditations during the weekend is about The Prodigal Son. Rembrandt's painting "The Prodigal Son" will be displayed. An old pair of farming boots - the 21st century version of what the prodigal son might wear - will also be displayed. Some people like to see representations, as well as listening to the story. There is quite a difference between a 16th century interpretation of how the prodigal son would look, and today's version. But one thing in the story is constant - the Father's love for his son. That never diminishes..... God loves us, unconditionally, now and always.

Blessings from Meg

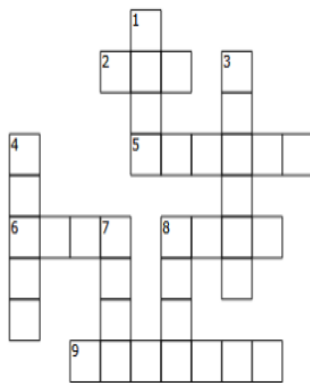


The Parable of the Sower



But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. Matthew 13:23a

Based on Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. To put seeds in the ground so that plants will grow
- 5. Small, sharp, pointed growths on the stem of a plant
- 6. Plants such as grain, vegetables, or fruit grown by farmers
- 8. A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow
- 9. Not deep

DOWN

- 1. The part of a plant which grows down into the earth
- 3. A person who owns or takes care of a farm
- 4. Covered with stones
- 7. A way made by or for people walking on the ground
- 8. The upper layer of earth that may be dug or plowed and in which plants grow

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)

13 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake.
 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.
 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed.
 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.
 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.
 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.
 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants.
 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.
 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear."
 18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means:
 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.
 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy.
 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.
 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.
 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

The older I get, the earlier it gets late

CHURCH ON A BUS

~ Meg Mangan
"West Of The Line"
Sunday July 30



Memory Lane- First & Third Tuesday of the month ~ 10am till 11:30am

West Tamworth Uniting Church, 77 Denison Street



Good friends help you find important things when you have lost them ... like your smile, your hope and your courage... ~ Doe Zantamata

CHURCH SERVICES

21 July	5.30 pm	Hallsville ~ Simon Hansford
23 July	8.30 am	Gowrie ~ Meg Mangan
23 July	9 am	Hallsville ~ NO SERVICE
23 July	11am	West ~Meg Mangan



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

23 July

Weak people revenge; Strong people forgive;
Intelligent people ignore.~ Albert Einstein

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