



Peel Valley Congregation

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Genesis 29:15-28 (NIV)

¹⁵ Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

¹⁹ Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her."

²² So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. ²³ But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. ²⁴ And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

²⁵ When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"

²⁶ Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. ²⁷ Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."

²⁸ And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife.

Psalms 105:1-11, 45b (NIV)

¹ Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

² Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

³ Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴ Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

⁵ Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

⁶ you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

⁷ He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

⁸ He remembers his covenant forever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations,

⁹ the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac.

¹⁰ He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant:

¹¹ "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

Praise the Lord

Romans 8:26-39 (NIV)

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

More Than Conquerors

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Aging gracefully is like the nice way of saying you're slowly looking worse.

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

West Tamworth Uniting Church, 77 Denison Street



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 Marie Meyer Barbara ...

Doss Wark Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



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PRAYER LIST.

- We pray for Bruce and Marie Westbrook, and for their family as they support them.
- We pray for Mel Townsend who is presently a patient at St.Vincent's Hospital in Sydney.
- We pray that Simon and Fiona Hansford enjoy their overseas trip prior to Simon taking on the role of Moderator.
- We pray that the Pathways meetings to be held throughout the presbytery this week are productive, and the ideas are acted upon by Synod.

Meg's Musings

This week I have seen several groups of wattle trees in full bloom. They are bright, vibrant and have quite a strong aroma. They certainly attract our attention!

Their golden blossom really stands out against the bright blue of the sky.

They seem to give us heart that the worst of winter is almost over, and that there are better days to come.

In a way, they herald the "good news" in almost the same way that Jesus heralded good news..... the worst is over; God is at hand, and the best is yet to come!

But Jesus was talking of our salvation - something much more important than the approaching end of winter.

Blessings from Meg

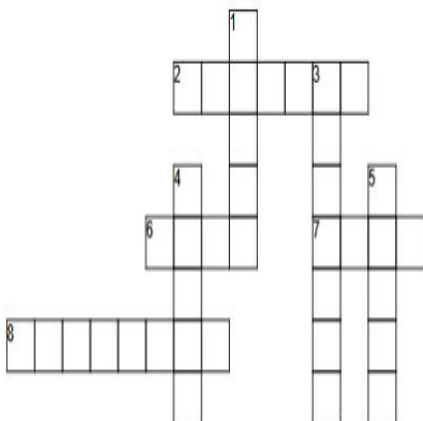


Mustard Seeds and Yeast

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. Matthew 13:34 (NIV)



This activity is based on Matthew 13:31-33



ACROSS

- 2. A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
- 6. A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
- 7. To become larger; to increase in size or amount
- 8. Not as big as any of the others

DOWN

- 1. A food made from dough of flour or meal
- 3. Bigger than any of the others
- 4. A member of the fungus family used in baking to help make the dough rise
- 5. A mixture of flour, water, and other ingredients to make bread

"The best is yet to come, but you must first put in your very best." ~ Edmond Mbiaka

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52(NIV)

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast

³¹ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field.

³² Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

³³ He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

The Parables of the Hidden Treasure and the Pearl

⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls.

⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

The Parable of the Net

⁴⁷ "Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.

⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.

⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous

⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ "Have you understood all these things?" Jesus asked. "Yes," they replied.

⁵² He said to them, "Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

The Pastor came to visit the other day. He said that at my advanced age I should be thinking of the hereafter. I told him, "Oh, I do it all the time. "No matter where I am -
in the living room, upstairs,
in the kitchen, or down in the basement,
I am always asking myself: "Now, what am I here after?"



"7 keys to getting more things done:

- 1 start
- 2 dont make excuses
- 3 celebrate small steps
- 4 ignore critics
- 5 be consistent
- 6 be open
- 7 stay positive"

~ Germany Kent

CHURCH SERVICES

4 August	5.30 pm	Hallsville	~ Meg Mangan
6 August	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ Meg Mangan
6 August	9 am	Hallsville	~ NO SERVICE
6 August	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

27 August

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