



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (NIV)

### Joseph's Dreams

37 Jacob lived in the land where his father had stayed, the land of Canaan.

<sup>2</sup> This is the account of Jacob's family line.

Joseph, a young man of seventeen, was tending the flocks with his brothers, the sons of Bilhah and the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives, and he brought their father a bad report about them.

<sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any of his other sons, because he had been born to him in his old age; and he made an ornate robe for him.

<sup>4</sup> When his brothers saw that their father loved him more than any of them, they hated him and could not speak a kind word to him.

### Joseph Sold by His Brothers

<sup>12</sup> Now his brothers had gone to graze their father's flocks near Shechem, <sup>13</sup> and Israel said to Joseph, "As you know, your brothers are grazing the flocks near Shechem. Come, I am going to send you to them."

"Very well," he replied.

<sup>14</sup> So he said to him, "Go and see if all is well with your brothers and with the flocks, and bring word back to me." Then he sent him off from the Valley of Hebron.

When Joseph arrived at Shechem, <sup>15</sup> a man found him wandering around in the fields and asked him, "What are you looking for?"

<sup>16</sup> He replied, "I'm looking for my brothers. Can you tell me where they are grazing their flocks?"

<sup>17</sup> "They have moved on from here," the man answered. "I heard them say, 'Let's go to Dothan.'"

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them near Dothan. <sup>18</sup> But they saw him in the distance, and before he reached them, they plotted to kill him.

<sup>19</sup> "Here comes that dreamer!" they said to each other.

<sup>20</sup> "Come now, let's kill him and throw him into one of these cisterns and say that a ferocious animal devoured him. Then we'll see what comes of his dreams."

<sup>21</sup> When Reuben heard this, he tried to rescue him from their hands. "Let's not take his life," he said. <sup>22</sup> "Don't shed any blood. Throw him into this cistern here in the wilderness, but don't lay a hand on him." Reuben said this to rescue him from them and take him back to his father.

<sup>23</sup> So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe—the ornate robe he was wearing—<sup>24</sup> and they took him and threw him into the cistern. The cistern was empty; there was no water in it.

<sup>25</sup> As they sat down to eat their meal, they looked up and saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead. Their camels were loaded with spices, balm and myrrh, and they were on their way to take them down to Egypt.

<sup>26</sup> Judah said to his brothers, "What will we gain if we kill our brother and cover up his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let's sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him; after all, he is our brother, our own flesh and blood." His brothers agreed.

<sup>28</sup> So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.

## Romans 10:5-15 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them."

<sup>6</sup> But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) <sup>7</sup> "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

<sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

<sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

<sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

## Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b (NIV)

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

<sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts.

<sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

<sup>4</sup> Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.

<sup>5</sup> Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,

<sup>6</sup> you his servants, the descendants of Abraham, his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

<sup>16</sup> He called down famine on the land and destroyed all their supplies of food;

<sup>17</sup> and he sent a man before them— Joseph, sold as a slave.

<sup>18</sup> They bruised his feet with shackles, his neck was put in irons,

<sup>19</sup> till what he foretold came to pass, till the word of the LORD proved him true.

<sup>20</sup> The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples set him free.

<sup>21</sup> He made him master of his household, ruler over all he possessed,

<sup>22</sup> to instruct his princes as he pleased and teach his elders wisdom.

Praise the Lord

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



**PRAYER LIST.**

- We pray for a straightforward recovery for Mavis Crowell, who had knee surgery this week.
- We thank God that Kevin Hoyt is now at Tamara, and is able to undertake a physiotherapy programme. He is doing well.
- We pray for Joyce Dowsett who is in Tamworth Base Hospital after a fall.
- We pray for Laurie who is to have melanoma surgery in Sydney on Monday.

**Meg's Musings**

Poor Peter, the apostle! He asked Jesus to call him out of the boat. He eagerly started out towards Jesus.... and then the enormity of the situation struck him.

His faith wavered, and he began to sink. But his faith didn't desert him entirely, and he called on Jesus to save him.

The story ends well, because Jesus was ready to save Peter, just as he is ready to save us, any minute of any day.

We don't need to be in deep water as Peter was - we can call on Jesus, whether we are facing a crisis or a simple, everyday situation.

Jesus is there for us, no matter what, no matter when.

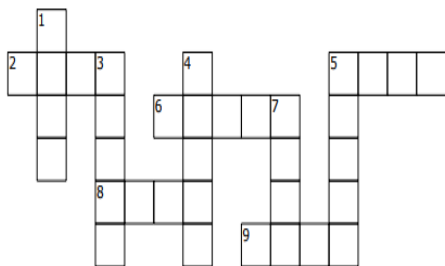
Blessings from Meg



# Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



**ACROSS**

- 2. The natural movement of air
- 5. To travel along on your feet
- 6. Moving swells on the surface of the sea
- 8. A small vessel for travel on water
- 9. An unpleasant feeling caused by danger

**DOWN**

- 1. To go downward in water
- 3. A lack of confidence or belief in God
- 4. A firm belief in God
- 5. A liquid that comes down from the clouds as rain
- 7. To rescue someone

**Father, help us to remember that you are always there when we need a helping hand. Amen.**



**Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)**

**Jesus Walks on the Water**

<sup>22</sup> Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd.

<sup>23</sup> After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone,

<sup>24</sup> and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup> Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

<sup>26</sup> When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup> But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

<sup>29</sup> "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

<sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup> Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

<sup>32</sup> And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down.

<sup>33</sup> Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

- Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.
- If God is your co-pilot - swap seats.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

12 August ~ Nancye Porter  
13 August ~ Judy Lennon

**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."

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<b>Elders:</b>	Margaret Crowell	Marie Meyer	Barbara Murray
	Doss Wark	Ross Davidson	Bruce Jarrett



**CHURCH SERVICES**

18 August	5.30 pm	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ Suzanne Holloway
20 August	8.30 am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ Evelyn Keane
20 August	9 am	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ no service
20 August	11am	<b>West</b>	~ Rev Chris Wright



<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month</b>
~ Luncheon @ West	~ Markets @ Hallsville
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month</b>	<b>27 August</b>
~Trading Table @ West Tamworth	

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