



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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## Genesis 45:1-15 (NIV)

### Joseph Makes Himself Known

45 Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers.

<sup>2</sup> And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

<sup>4</sup> Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!

<sup>5</sup> And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

<sup>6</sup> For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping.

<sup>7</sup> But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

<sup>8</sup> "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

<sup>9</sup> Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay.

<sup>10</sup> You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have.

<sup>11</sup> I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

<sup>12</sup> "You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you.

<sup>13</sup> Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly."

<sup>14</sup> Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping.

<sup>15</sup> And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

**The more a man judges, the less he loves.**

A small child with a bad cough was in the emergency room. A nurse, examining the child's lungs with a stethoscope, told the child, "I have to see if Barney is in there." "I have Jesus in my heart," the child replied. "Barney is on my underwear."

## Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (NIV)

### The Remnant of Israel

11 I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin.

<sup>2</sup> God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup> for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

<sup>30</sup> Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you.

<sup>32</sup> For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

## Psalms 133 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.

<sup>3</sup> It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.

*be the reason someone smiles today*



**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 Murray  
Doss Wark Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



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### PRAYER LIST.

- We continue to pray for Joyce Dowsett, Mavis Crowell and Kevin Hoyt who are in hospital. We pray that they will be fit enough to leave hospital soon.
- We welcome Rev Chris Wright to West Tamworth, and pray that this is the beginning of a long and fruitful ministry here.
- We thank God that Armidale have found a new minister for their parish.
- We pray for Presbytery as it meets next week.
- Laurie thanks for for your prayers over the past week. The operation went smoothly.

### Meg's Musings

As we travelled around in Sydney, and as we looked back across Tamworth from the airport, I noticed how many aerials there are these days.

Big ones on high hills, smaller ones on the rooftops of buildings....dishes, spires, all shapes and sorts.

Obviously they are necessary for modern communication. TV's, computers, mobile phones and other electronic devices need these aerials in order to work.

But that doesn't mean that we are communicating better than we used to.

At times people in the same room use their mobile phones to communicate with each other - instead of just speaking!

When we speak face-to-face our tone of voice, body language and facial expressions add meaning to what is said. None of that can be included in a text message.

One form of communication needs no aerials, and is always available - God is always ready to listen to us, and always knows exactly what we mean, no matter how clumsily we may put it.

With God, the message gets through - no matter what.

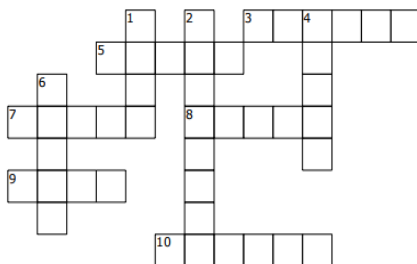
Blessings from Meg



### Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

3. To experience physical or mental pain
5. An adult female human being
7. The Son of God
8. An very large amount of something
9. Unable to be found
10. Small pieces of bread or cake

#### DOWN

1. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
2. A female child in relation to her parents
4. To have trust or confidence in something or someone
6. An evil spirit

### Matthew 15:10-28 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen and understand.

<sup>11</sup> What goes into someone's mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them."

<sup>12</sup> Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

<sup>13</sup> He replied, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots.

<sup>14</sup> Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit."

<sup>15</sup> Peter said, "Explain the parable to us."

<sup>16</sup> "Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them.

<sup>17</sup> "Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body?"

<sup>18</sup> But the things that come out of a person's mouth come from the heart, and these defile them.

<sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

<sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them."

### The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

<sup>21</sup> Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

<sup>22</sup> A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly."

<sup>23</sup> Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

<sup>24</sup> He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

<sup>25</sup> The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

<sup>26</sup> He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

<sup>27</sup> "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

It is easier to preach ten sermons than it is to live one.

Never Give Up

Dear God, thank you for loving us so much that you shared your Son with the whole world, so that through him we could be saved. ~ Amen



### CHURCH SERVICES

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| 25 August 5.30 pm | <b>Hallsville</b> | ~ Meg Mangan   |
| 27 August 8.30 am | <b>Gowrie</b>     | ~ Evelyn Keane |
| 27 August 9 am    | <b>Hallsville</b> | ~ no service   |
| 27 August 11am    | <b>West</b>       | ~ Meg Mangan   |



**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

**27 August**

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