



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Exodus 14:19-31 (NIV)

¹⁹ Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel's army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰ coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹ Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²² and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³ The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴ During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵ He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶ Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." ²⁷ Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸ The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹ But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰ That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore.

³¹ And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

CHURCH SERVICES

22 September	5.30 pm	Hallsville	~ Evelyn Keane
24 September	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ Evelyn Keane
24 September	9 am	Hallsville	~NO SERVICE
24 September	11am	West	~ Evelyn Keane

Bible Study ~ Our first Peel Valley Congregation bible study will be on:

Thursday 21st September at 2:30 till 4:00pm.

Everyone is welcome. We would love to see you at West's church. Ross is trying to enlist the help of Jim Newton who has expressed interest in assisting Peel Valley with our mission activities.

Romans 14:1-12 (NIV)

The Weak and the Strong

¹⁴ Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarrelling over disputable matters. ² One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³ The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.

⁴ Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵ One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind.

⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone.

⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written:

"As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God."

¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Psalms 114 (NIV)

¹ When Israel came out of Egypt, Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,

² Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

³ The sea looked and fled, the Jordan turned back;

⁴ the mountains leaped like rams, the hills like lambs.

⁵ Why was it, sea, that you fled? Why, Jordan, did you turn back?

⁶ Why, mountains, did you leap like rams, you hills, like lambs?

⁷ Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸ who turned the rock into a pool, the hard rock into springs of water.

When you forgive, you in no way change the past - but you sure do change the future. ~ Bernard Meltzer

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PRAYER LIST.

- We pray for Viv Chaffey who has a nasty cough at the moment. She had hoped to be fit for her birthday last Wednesday, but wasn't feeling well at all.
- We pray for Fay Monckton and her family. Robyn, a relative who had a lung transplant a year or two ago, died earlier this week.
- Barbara Murray has requested prayer for peace for herself and John.
- We continue to pray for rain to fall throughout NSW, and for a reduction of the 'flu epidemic'.

Meg's Musings

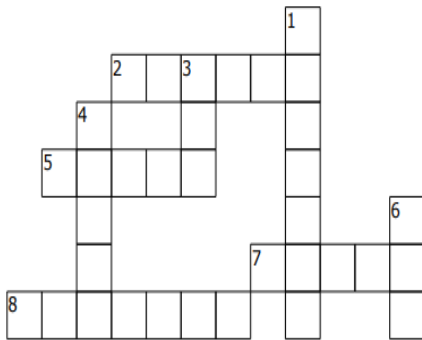
The gospel reading this week is a parable about a very ungrateful, and ungracious, servant. Although he had been forgiven a huge debt, he acting disgracefully towards a fellow-servant who owed him a much smaller debt. Maybe, after being forgiven such a large debt, the man thought that he was "best mates" with his master, and could do whatever he wanted..... throw his weight around. But that was not the case. The master had shown mercy to him. And the master expected the servant to therefore show mercy to others. Jesus has shown mercy to each and every one of us - and expects us to show mercy, love and forgiveness to others, whoever they may be!

Blessings from Meg

Keep On Forgiving

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 18:21-22



ACROSS

- 2. A statement given in reply to a question
- 5. The number that is equal to six plus one
- 7. The Son of God
- 8. To pardon someone for doing something wrong

DOWN

- 1. A male with the same parents as someone else
- 3. To break God's law
- 4. A fisherman who became one of Jesus' disciples
- 6. To seek an answer to a question



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

13 September ~ Viv Chaffey
15 September ~ Audrey Debenham



1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West
3rd Sunday of the month
~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville
24 September



Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

The Parable of the Unmerciful Servant

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?"
²² Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."
²³ "Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.
²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.
²⁶ "At this the servant fell on his knees before him. 'Be patient with me,' he begged, 'and I will pay back everything.'
²⁷ The servant's master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.
²⁸ "But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. 'Pay back what you owe me!' he demanded.
²⁹ "His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, 'Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.'
³⁰ "But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.
³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.
³² "Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.
³³ Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.
³⁵ "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Operation Christmas Child

Now until the end of October.

We will fill shoe boxes with new items of clothing, small toys and other useful items.

They are sent for Christmas to children in the Pacific Islands. We hope you will join in with this worthwhile project. Contact Evelyn for more information.



"There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love." ~ Bryant H. McGill

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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