



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Exodus 16:2-15 (NIV)

² In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death."

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵ On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days."

⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?"

⁸ Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."

⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'"

¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.

¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat."

Philippians 1:21-30 (NIV)

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. ²² If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labor for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! ²³ I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; ²⁴ but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. ²⁵ Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶ so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Life Worthy of the Gospel

²⁷ Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. ²⁹ For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, ³⁰ since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Psalms 105:1-6, 37-45 (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.

³⁷ He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold,

and from among their tribes no one faltered.

³⁸ Egypt was glad when they left,

because dread of Israel had fallen on them.

³⁹ He spread out a cloud as a covering,

and a fire to give light at night.

⁴⁰ They asked, and he brought them quail;

he fed them well with the bread of heaven.

⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water gushed out;

it flowed like a river in the desert.

⁴² For he remembered his holy promise

given to his servant Abraham.

⁴³ He brought out his people with rejoicing,

his chosen ones with shouts of joy;

⁴⁴ he gave them the lands of the nations,

and they fell heir to what others had toiled for—

⁴⁵ that they might keep his precepts

and observe his laws. Praise the LORD.

At the club buffet, I asked the waitress to keep an eye out for my husband, who would be joining me.

I described him:

"He has gray hair, wears glasses, has a potbelly"

She said. "Honey, today is senior day.

They all look like that."



Memory Lane- First & Third Tuesday of the month ~

10am till 11:30am

West Tamworth Uniting Church, 77 Denison Street

Peel Valley Congregation BIBLE STUDY

Monthly on 3rd Thursday of the month at 2:30pm-4pm.

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

PRAYER LIST.

- Beulah will have surgery this week. We pray that all goes well, and that she is able to make a rapid, and complete, recovery.
- We thank God that the surgeon is happy with the progress of Kevin Hoyt. If all goes well, he will be driving again shortly.
- We pray for a return to health for Heather Newton, and that the migraines can be stopped.
- We thank God for friends, old and new. Janet and Kevin Hicks, and Robyn and Andy Smith send greetings to all of their Peel Valley Friends.
- We pray for Doss whose health hasn't been good lately.

Meg's Musings

Last Monday I was feeling a bit subdued after the funeral of a school-friend.

As I was sitting in the car waiting for Laurie, a small flock of cockatoos flew by. Some landed on nearby electric wires briefly.

Then some of the cockies landed on some other, much looser wires. They immediately lost their balance, and did a somersault. With the help of their beaks they managed to right themselves before flying off. The cockies looked so comical, dangling upside down from the wires, and scrambling to right themselves. They really gave me a laugh. It was just the tonic that I needed. God was able to use the cockies to help me to get life into a slightly different perspective.

God knows us through and through, and knows just what we need. Sometimes we see, and accept that help, and sometimes we overlook what He provides.

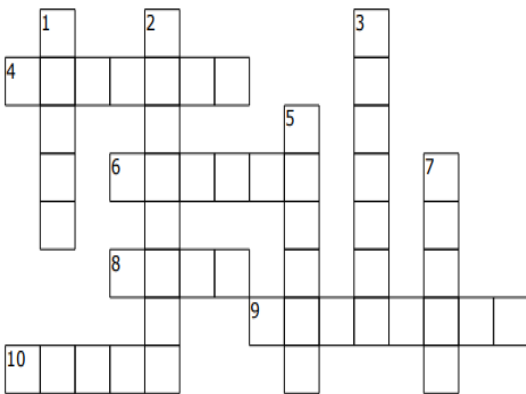
Blessings from Meg



The Workers in the Vineyard

'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16



ACROSS

- 4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
- 6. The place where God lives
- 8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
- 9. A place where grapes are grown
- 10. Pay received for working

DOWN

- 1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
- 2. To give or share freely with others
- 3. To gripe or complain
- 5. Not playing by the rules
- 7. Two things that are of the same value

"Next time I send a damn fool, I go myself." ~ Cukela

Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard.

² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ "About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing.

⁴ He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'

⁵ So they went.

"He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing.

⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?'

⁷ "Because no one has hired us,' they answered.

"He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.'

⁸ "When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.'

⁹ "The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius.

¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius.

¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner.

¹² 'These who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'

¹³ "But he answered one of them, 'I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius?'

¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you.

¹⁵ Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

¹⁶ "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Peel Valley Congregation ~ Operation Christmas Child
Contact Evelyn for more information.

Do not fear mistakes. There are none ~ Miles Franklin.

CHURCH SERVICES

29 September	5.30 pm	Hallsville	~ Meg Mangan
1 October	8.30 am	Gowrie	~ Meg Mangan
1 October	9 am	Hallsville	~NO SERVICE
1 October	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

24 September

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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