



Peel Valley Congregation

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1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 (NIV)

³⁴ Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeah of Saul. ³⁵ Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Samuel Anoints David

16 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."

¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these."

¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep."

Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Psalm 20 (NIV)

¹ May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

² May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.

³ May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.

⁴ May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶ Now this I know:

The LORD gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸ They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

⁹ LORD, give victory to the king!

Answer us when we call!



2 Corinthians 5:6-17 (NIV)

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

The Ministry of Reconciliation

¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

The older I get, the more I'm conscious of ways very small things can make a change in the world. Tiny little things. ~ Sandra Cisneros

It is the small things in life which count; it is the inconsequential leak which empties the biggest reservoir. ~ Charles Comiskey



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We welcomed the 2.4mm of rain which we received last week, and pray for further rain to fall.
- We pray that the discussion about homosexual marriage to be held next Friday night at Southside Church is conducted in the spirit of love and understanding.
- We pray for Sarah Wright's work as Family and Community worker on behalf of the Uniting Church in Tamworth.
- We pray that the talks between Kim Jong-un and Donald Trump will improve the circumstances for the poorest and most persecuted people in North Korea.

Meg's Musings

I recently read a story about a British celebrity who flew in First Class, whilst her children flew by themselves in Economy Class. When she was asked about this, she defended herself by saying that she had done so because she wanted to let her children to have something to aspire to when they became adults.

This woman's attitude seemed strange to me. She didn't seem to take into account the fact that her children may need some parental supervision or assistance, and also seemed to assume that the busy air hostesses, or other passengers, would take care of her children's needs.

She seemed to find the thrill involved in flying First Class more important than enjoying the journey with members of her family. As a mother of 4 children, my aspirations for our children were to be caring and loving, rather than to one day become First Class plane passengers.

I felt that this woman was missing out on a lot, and I hoped that her children were learning what really matters in life.

Blessings from Meg



Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies. ~ Mother Teresa

An Evening Prayer

If I have wounded any soul today
 If I have caused one foot to go
 If I have lost in my own misery
 Dear Lord forgive
 Forgive a sin I have confessed to Thee
 Forgive my secret sins I do
 Oh God watch over me and my misery
 Dear Lord, help me.

~ Charles H. Gabriel (Elvis Presley song)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

17 June ~ **Elphie Lang (95 years young)**

18 June ~ **Heather Budden**

CHURCH SERVICES

22 June 9am **Hallsville** ~ NO SERVICE
 24 June 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan
 24 June 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



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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Mark 4:26-34 (NIV)

The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.
²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head.

²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it?"

³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth.

³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand.

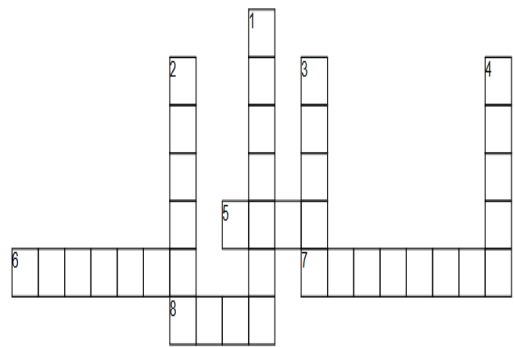
³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.



The Parables of Jesus

Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand. Mark 4:33 (NLT)

This puzzle is based on the Parable of the Mustard Seed. Mark 4:30-34 (NIV)



ACROSS

5. A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
6. A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
7. Not as big as any of the others
8. The place where birds lay eggs or give birth to their young

DOWN

1. Bigger than any of the others
2. An area where plants are grown
3. Animals that have wings and are covered with feathers
4. A living thing that grows in the ground, usually with leaves or flowers



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville

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