



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## 2 Samuel 11:1-15 (NIV)

### David and Bathsheba

11 In the spring, at the time when kings go off to war, David sent Joab out with the king's men and the whole Israelite army. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, <sup>3</sup> and David sent someone to find out about her. The man said, "She is Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam and the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup> Then David sent messengers to get her. She came to him, and he slept with her. (Now she was purifying herself from her monthly uncleanness.) Then she went back home. <sup>5</sup> The woman conceived and sent word to David, saying, "I am pregnant."

<sup>6</sup> So David sent this word to Joab: "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent him to David. <sup>7</sup> When Uriah came to him, David asked him how Joab was, how the soldiers were and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king was sent after him. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the entrance to the palace with all his master's servants and did not go down to his house.

<sup>10</sup> David was told, "Uriah did not go home." So he asked Uriah, "Haven't you just come from a military campaign? Why didn't you go home?"

<sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are staying in tents, my commander Joab and my lord's men are camped in the open country. How could I go to my house to eat and drink and make love to my wife? As surely as you live, I will not do such a thing!"

<sup>12</sup> Then David said to him, "Stay here one more day, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. <sup>13</sup> At David's invitation, he ate and drank with him, and David made him drunk. But in the evening Uriah went out to sleep on his mat among his master's servants; he did not go home.

<sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In it he wrote, "Put Uriah out in front where the fighting is fiercest. Then withdraw from him so he will be struck down and die."

## Psalm 14 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

<sup>2</sup> The LORD looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

<sup>3</sup> All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

<sup>4</sup> Do all these evildoers know nothing? They devour my people as though eating bread; they never call on the LORD.

<sup>5</sup> But there they are, overwhelmed with dread, for God is present in the company of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup> You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor, but the LORD is their refuge.

<sup>7</sup> Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion! When the LORD restores his people, let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

## Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV)

### A Prayer for the Ephesians

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.

<sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen.

May you be blessed with warmth in your home, love in your heart, peace in your soul and joy in your life.~ Irish

Forward Planning Operation Christmas Child. If you notice any bargains suitable for children 3-14, it might be worth setting them aside for the boxes. Clothing, toys and pencils etc are all suitable.

### 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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### CHURCH SERVICES

3 August	6pm	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ Marg Crowell
5 August	8.30am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ NO SERVICE
5 August	9am	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ NO SERVICE
5 August	11am	<b>West</b>	~ Marg Crowell



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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- Our prayers for rain continue - and also for all the people affected by the drought.
- We give thanks for the many businesses and non-profit organisations who are fund-raising to donate to farmers.
- We thank God that Bronwyn Monckton's eye surgery was successful.
- We praise God that Patrick is home from hospital.
- We pray for Mel, who has been in hospital this week.
- We pray for Viv Chaffey.

### Meg's Musings

It is the time of year when most of us have had enough of seeing bare branches, and are looking forward to them growing fresh green leaves. The big picture is arid.

But if we go to prune our roses, and look at the smaller picture, we can see the beginnings of tiny shoots. We can see that something is happening after all.

Sometimes our lives are a bit like that. We feel much the same and look the same - but God is at work in us, creating small changes.

Little by little, God clothes us in more of his gifts and more of his love.

Sometimes we find the courage to try something new; often we find that we are better at doing something than we thought we were.

As we accept those small changes, we find that God's love that is flourishing within us.

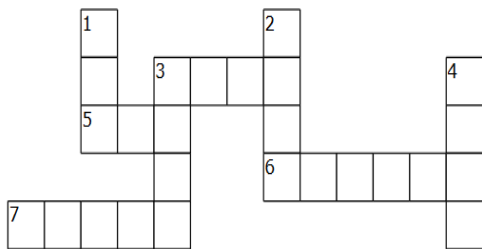
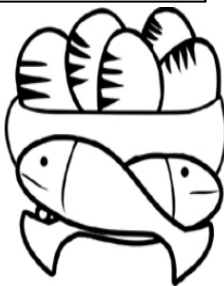
Blessings from Meg



## Jesus Feeds the 5000

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:11 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on John 6:1-14



### ACROSS

3. The number that comes after four and before six
5. The number equal to one plus one
6. Pieces of bread shaped and baked in a single piece and sliced for eating
7. A basic food made from flour, water, and yeast mixed together and baked

### DOWN

1. To take food into your mouth, chew, and swallow it
2. To cure someone of illness or disease; to make someone well again
3. What we eat to give us energy and to help us grow strong bodies
4. An animal without legs that lives in water

### John 6:1-21 (NIV)

#### Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

6 Sometime after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias),<sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick.

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples.

<sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near.

<sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?"

<sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

<sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wage to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!"

<sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up,

<sup>9</sup> "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?"

<sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).

<sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

<sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."

<sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

<sup>14</sup> After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, "Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world."

<sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

#### Jesus Walks on the Water

<sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake,<sup>17</sup> where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum. By now it was dark, and Jesus had not yet joined them.

<sup>18</sup> A strong wind was blowing and the waters grew rough.

<sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water; and they were frightened.

<sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; don't be afraid."<sup>21</sup> Then they were willing to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the shore where they were heading.

God grant me the Senility - to forget the people  
I never liked anyway, the good fortune  
to run into the ones I do, and the eyesight  
to tell the difference...

~ www.christainsunite

Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food and medicine for the soul. ~ Luther Burbank



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

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