



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a (NIV)

<sup>26</sup>When Uriah's wife heard that her husband was dead, she mourned for him. <sup>27</sup>After the time of mourning was over, David had her brought to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing David had done displeased the LORD.

### Nathan Rebukes David

<sup>12</sup>The LORD sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup>The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup>but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him.

<sup>4</sup>"Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him."

<sup>5</sup>David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! <sup>6</sup>He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity."

<sup>7</sup>Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup>I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. <sup>9</sup>Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes? You struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword and took his wife to be your own. You killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. <sup>10</sup>Now, therefore, the sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me and took the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your own.'

<sup>11</sup>"This is what the LORD says: 'Out of your own household I am going to bring calamity on you. Before your very eyes I will take your wives and give them to one who is close to you, and he will sleep with your wives in broad daylight. <sup>12</sup>You did it in secret, but I will do this thing in broad daylight before all Israel.'"

<sup>13</sup>Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

Nathan replied, "The LORD has taken away your sin."

## Psalms 51:1-12 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

<sup>2</sup>Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

<sup>5</sup>Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

<sup>6</sup>Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

<sup>7</sup>Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

<sup>8</sup>Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

<sup>10</sup>Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

<sup>11</sup>Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

<sup>12</sup>Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

### Meg's Musings

Many trees and shrubs around Tamworth are looking sad at the moment.

Trees which normally show no ill-effects during winter have been severely burned by the extreme frosts which we have experienced this winter.

A 40 foot high avocado tree in a neighbours' yard has brown leaves drooping limply. Our Kaffir Lime tree's leaves are brown and useless. Naturally, it is the leaves at the top of the trees which are the worst affected - those furthest from the trunk of the tree.

It seems as though nature repeats our life experiences!

When we have God as our core, or trunk, we do well. If we choose to move further from him, we are likely to be "burned" by the problems and pitfalls of life.

The further we get from God, the more vulnerable we become!

Blessings from Meg



A man is talking to God. "God, how long is a million years?" God answers, "To me, it's about a minute." "God, how much is a million dollars?" "To me, it's a few cents." "God, may I have a few cents?" God - "Wait a minute."

Operation Christmas Child. Items for children 3-14, Clothing, toys and pencils etc are all suitable.



**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

### CHURCH SERVICES

10 August	6pm	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ NO SERVICE
12 August	8.30am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ Gideons
12 August	9am	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ NO SERVICE
12 August	11am	<b>West</b>	~ John Nash



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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for the rain which fell last weekend (8mm / 30 points), and pray for lots of follow-up rain.
- We pray for Mel who has spent the week in hospital in Tamworth.
- We pray for Doss, who has problems with her legs at the moment.
- We pray for continued good progress for Patrick.

### Ephesians 4:1-16 (NIV)

#### Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

4 As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup> Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup> Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup> There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

<sup>7</sup> But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. <sup>8</sup> This is why it says:

“When he ascended on high,  
he took many captives  
and gave gifts to his people.”

<sup>9</sup> (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) <sup>11</sup> So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up <sup>13</sup> until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

<sup>14</sup> Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. <sup>15</sup> Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.

<sup>16</sup> From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

**A dream doesn't become reality  
through magic; it takes sweat,  
determination and hard work.**

Colin Powell

### 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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### John 6:24-35 (NIV)

<sup>24</sup> Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.

#### Jesus the Bread of Life

<sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill.

<sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.”

<sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

<sup>30</sup> So they asked him, “What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?”

<sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’

<sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

<sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

<sup>34</sup> “Sir,” they said, “always give us this bread.”

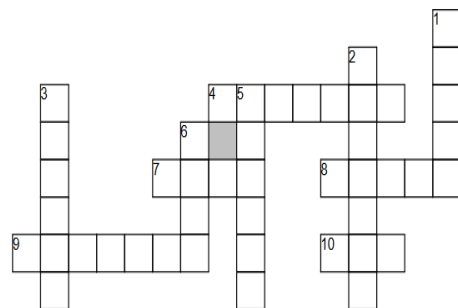
<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”



**I am the Bread of Life.**

### Jesus, the Real Thing

Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. But don't be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval.”  
John 6:26-27 (NLT)



#### ACROSS

4. To have a desire for water.
7. A signal that something exists or might happen in the future
8. A food made from flour and water, mixed together and baked
9. To accept something as being true
10. To put food into your mouth, chew it, and swallow it

#### DOWN

1. The earth with its inhabitants
2. To last forever; to be without end
3. The place where God and the angels live
5. To have a desire for food
6. The period between birth and death

**“Knowledge is of no value unless you put it into practice.”**  
~ Anton Chekhov