



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 (NIV)

<sup>5</sup> The king commanded Joab, Abishai and Ittai, "Be gentle with the young man Absalom for my sake." And all the troops heard the king giving orders concerning Absalom to each of the commanders.

<sup>6</sup> David's army marched out of the city to fight Israel, and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. <sup>7</sup> There Israel's troops were routed by David's men, and the casualties that day were great—twenty thousand men.

<sup>8</sup> The battle spread out over the whole countryside, and the forest swallowed up more men that day than the sword.

<sup>9</sup> Now Absalom happened to meet David's men. He was riding his mule, and as the mule went under the thick branches of a large oak, Absalom's hair got caught in the tree. He was left hanging in midair, while the mule he was riding kept on going.

<sup>15</sup> And ten of Joab's armor-bearers surrounded Absalom, struck him and killed him.

<sup>31</sup> Then the Cushite arrived and said, "My lord the king, hear the good news! The LORD has vindicated you today by delivering you from the hand of all who rose up against you."

<sup>32</sup> The king asked the Cushite, "Is the young man Absalom safe?"

The Cushite replied, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man."

<sup>33</sup> The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!"

## Psalm 130 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice.  
Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

<sup>3</sup> If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.

<sup>6</sup> I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

<sup>7</sup> Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

<sup>8</sup> He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

## Ephesians 4:25-5:2 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

<sup>26</sup> "In your anger do not sin":  
Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry,  
<sup>27</sup> and do not give the devil a foothold.

<sup>28</sup> Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

<sup>29</sup> Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

<sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

<sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

<sup>5</sup> <sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children.

<sup>2</sup> And walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## Top Hymns for old folks

- ~ Precious Lord, Take My Hand - And Help Me Up
- ~ It Is Well with My Soul - But My Knees Hurt
- ~ Nobody Knows the Trouble I Have Seeing
- ~ Just a Slower Walk with Thee
- ~ Go Tell It on the Mountain . . . But Speak Up
- ~ Blessed Insurance
- ~ Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah - I've Forgotten Where I Parked



## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD :

A big thank-you to everyone who has contributed to the Operation Christmas Child boxes so far. We are going well!

We have decided to focus on the age-range of 3 to 9. Suggestions of things which would be useful are small metal cars or planes, toy tools, plastic dinosaurs, toy jewellery, clothes, soft toys, coloured pencils, sunhats.



**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

17 August	6pm	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ NO SERVICE
19 August	8.30am	<b>Gowrie</b>	~ NO SERVICE
19 August	9am	<b>Hallsville</b>	~ NO SERVICE
19 August	11am	<b>West</b>	~ Rev Chris Wright



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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Elphie who has a continuing dry cough. It is stopping her from enjoying the company of her friends.
- Bronwyn Monckton had further eye surgery this week. We pray for her, and also for Fay, who will spend about 3 weeks Bronwyn, Christine and Logan.
- We thank God for Monday's rain, and pray for much more to follow.
- We pray for farmers throughout our region who are facing economic pressures and uncertainties.

### Meg's Musings

I have finally started to get the hang of remembering to take plastic bags to the supermarket - if I shop at the Eastpoint Woolworths. The surroundings in the carpark seem to prompt me to take the bags out of the boot, and into the shop.

Last week I went to pick up a few things at the Shoppingworld Woolworths - and I completely forgot about the bags. I juggled an armful of groceries as I returned to the car.

It made me realise that there are surroundings and situations which prompt us to act in certain ways. For instance, at home when I look out our front window at gently falling rain, I am mindful of God's abundance, and also God's presence - we seem to be enjoying the rain together.

All of us need prompts to help us to be thankful to God for His blessings, and aware of His presence and love. For some people it is the chair where they sit to do devotions; for others it is when they get out into bushland.

Where, and when do you become aware of God?

Blessings from Meg



The decisions you make today matter. Every decision points your life in the direction you are about to travel. No decision is an isolated choice. It's a chain of events. If you choose wisely, your future will reflect that. But if you don't choose wisely, the decisions you make now will take you to places you don't want to be later.

Lysa TerKeurst

### 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 6:35, 41-51 (NIV)

<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.

<sup>41</sup> At this the Jews there began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

<sup>42</sup> They said, "Is this not Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I came down from heaven'?"

<sup>43</sup> "Stop grumbling among yourselves," Jesus answered.

<sup>44</sup> "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them, and I will raise them up at the last day.

<sup>45</sup> It is written in the Prophets: 'They will all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard the Father and learned from him comes to me.

<sup>46</sup> No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father.

<sup>47</sup> Very truly I tell you, the one who believes has eternal life.

<sup>48</sup> I am the bread of life.

<sup>49</sup> Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet they died.

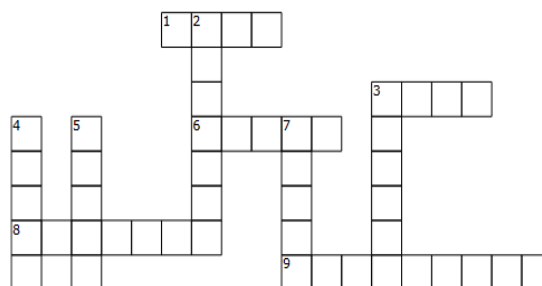
<sup>50</sup> But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die.

<sup>51</sup> I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world."

### The Perfect Role Model

Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ.  
Ephesians 5:2a (NLT)

Based on Ephesians 4:25-5:2



#### ACROSS

1. To be friendly, generous, or caring toward others
3. False statements presented as being true
6. A statement proven to be correct
8. One who serves as a pattern to be copied
9. Willing to overlook faults in others; to be merciful

#### DOWN

2. To copy the actions, appearance, or speech of another person
3. Feeling or showing affection for others
4. A feeling of extreme displeasure
5. To take something without permission
7. A person who takes something without permission

"If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading" ~ Gautama Buddha

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