



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 (NIV) **Haman Impaled**

7 So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet, ² and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted."

³ Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request. ⁴ For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king."

⁵ King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is he—the man who has dared to do such a thing?"

⁶ Esther said, "An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!"

Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen.

⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, "A pole reaching to a height of fifty cubits stands by Haman's house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king."

The king said, "Impale him on it!" ¹⁰ So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai. Then the king's fury subsided.

Purim Established

²⁰ Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Xerxes, near and far, ²¹ to have them celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar ²² as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

Meg's Musings

It is sad to see the number of established trees and shrubs which have become casualties of the prolonged drought. But I have also been amazed at the number of plants which continue to bloom, despite such dry, windy weather.

Susie is an absolute wonder, continuing to provide us with lovely flowers Sunday by Sunday.

It seems that some plants are created to make the most of the tiny amounts of water which come their way.

It is the same with people. Some people need constant pampering. Others are much more resilient and adaptable - when life throws them lemons, they choose to make lemonade.

We know that God sustains us no matter what. As Christians, can take the risk to continue to bloom, no matter what circumstances confront us.

Blessing from Meg



James 5:13-20 (NIV) **The Prayer of Faith**

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.

¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord.

¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years.

¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring that person back,

²⁰ remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of their way will save them from death and cover over a multitude of sins.

Psalms 124 (NIV)

¹ If the LORD had not been on our side—
let Israel say—

² if the LORD had not been on our side
when people attacked us,

³ they would have swallowed us alive
when their anger flared against us;

⁴ the flood would have engulfed us,
the torrent would have swept over us,

⁵ the raging waters
would have swept us away.

⁶ Praise be to the LORD,
who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the fowler's snare;

the snare has been broken,
and we have escaped.

⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

Yesterday is not ours to recover, but tomorrow is ours to win or lose. ~ Lyndon B. Johnson

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."

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0466 337 005**

Elders: Margaret Crowell

Barbara Murray

Doss Wark

Ross Davidson

Bruce Jarrett



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for John and Barbara Murray. Barbara has been in hospital, but is now in respite care at Bupa. John remains in hospital.
- Beth's daughter Tina is also still in hospital.
- We pray that Eunice Lunnay continues to recover after her time spent in hospital.
- Fay remains in Maitland caring for Chrissie, Bronnie and Logan
- We thank God for the rain which has fallen this week, and pray that more rain will follow.
- A thank-you for answered prayer.

A VERY BIG THANK-YOU to Evelyn who has prepared the prayer list and Musings over the past several weeks.

Also **A BIG THANK-YOU** to everyone who helped with the Operation Christmas Child boxes. 33 boxes are now on their way to 3rd world children who would not otherwise receive gifts at Christmas time.

Everybody needs a little help sometime
 No one stands alone
 Makes no difference if you're just a child like me
 Or a king upon a throne
 For there are no exceptions
 We all stand in the line
 Everybody needs a friend
 Let me tell you of mine
CHORUS:
 He's my forever friend
 My leave-me-never friend
 From darkest night to rainbow's end
 He's my forever friend

Even when I turn away He cares for me
 His love no one can shake
 Even as I walk away He's by my side
 With every breath I take
 And sometimes I forget Him
 My halo fails to shine
 Sometimes I'm not His friend
 But He is always mine

CHORUS
 If you still don't know the one I'm talking of
 I think it's time you knew
 Long ago and far away upon a cross
 My friend died for you
 So if you'd like to meet Him
 And don't know what to do
 Ask my friend into your heart
 And He'll be your friend too
CHORUS: ~ Charlie Landsborough

When you think positive, good things happen. ~Matt Kemp

	1st Sunday of the month	4th Sunday of the month
	~ Luncheon @ West	~ Markets @ Hallsville
	3rd Sunday of the month	
	~Trading Table @ West Tamworth	



Mark 9:38-50 (NIV)

Whoever Is Not Against Us Is for Us

³⁸ "Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."

³⁹ "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, ⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us."

⁴¹ Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

Causing to Stumble

⁴² "If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea."

⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.

^[44] ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.

^[46] ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out.

It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,

⁴⁸ where
 "the worms that eat them do not die,
 and the fire is not quenched."

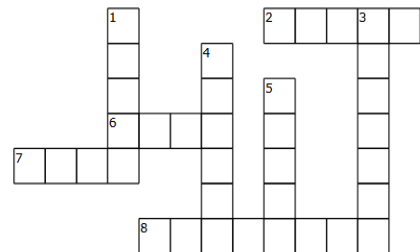
⁴⁹ Everyone will be salted with fire.

⁵⁰ "Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

The Key to Greatness

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NIV)

Based on Mark 9:30-37



ACROSS

2. A building where people live, especially a family
6. The one coming after all others
7. A public way for the travel of vehicles, people, and animals
8. A person or thing of the highest quality or character

DOWN

1. A very young person
3. Someone who is employed to perform services for others
4. Small in size
5. The one coming before all others

CHURCH SERVICES

5 October	6pm	Hallsville	~ Meg Mangan
7 October	11am	West	~ John Nash



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