



Peel Valley Congregation

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Ruth 1:1-18 (NIV)

Naomi Loses Her Husband and Sons

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ²The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

Naomi and Ruth Return to Bethlehem

⁶When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband." Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? ¹²Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—¹³would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

¹⁴At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

Psalm 146 (NIV)

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

² I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

Hebrews 9:11-14 (NIV)

The Blood of Christ

¹¹ But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation.

¹² He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

¹³ The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.

¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!



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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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

11 November 9.30am **Gowrie** ~ John Nash

11 November 11am **West** ~ John Nash



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray
- We pray for Margaret Fenwick (Beulah's daughter-in-law) who had a cortisone injection in her knee last week.
- We pray for Eunice, who plans to leave Alblas this week, and return home. We pray that the break has rested her, and restored her energy levels.
- We continue to pray for rain for our region..... for sufficient rain to put some water into the dry farm dams.
- We pray for everyone whose livelihood has been affected by the drought.

Meg's Musings

I've been walking more over the past few weeks. The weather is pleasant, and I need to improve my fitness levels in a gentle way. As I've walked, I've been aware of the grass which I've been walking over, and the flowers and trees I pass by. The roses have been wonderful - especially at Tamworth Bowling Club; it is a joy to walk past them each morning.

The clover burr hasn't surprised me - it's always out at this time of year!

But the khaki weed was a surprise. In my experience, it doesn't usually rear its ugly head until January. But there are already many small patches of it along the footpaths.

The rain which encouraged the roses to bloom has also encouraged the khaki weed to thrive.

There are times when conditions are right within our lives for good, and also for the not-so-good to flourish. It is only when we turn to God for wisdom and for strength, that we can be certain to make the right choices, and to encourage the good to "bloom and grow".

Blessings from Meg



Just a thought:

- It was all so different before everything changed.
- Nostalgia isn't what is used to be.
- It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT COMMANDMENT? JESUS SAYS YOU "MUST LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL, AND ALL YOUR STRENGTH."

DEUTERONOMY 6:5

"WITH ALL YOUR HEART" MEANS YOU DON'T LOVE ANYTHING MORE THAN YOU LOVE GOD.

"WITH ALL YOUR SOUL" MEANS YOU WELCOME THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO YOUR LIFE AND ALLOW IT TO GUIDE YOU IN EVERY WAY.

"WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH" MEANS YOU'LL DO WHATEVER GOD CALLS YOU TO DO, NO MATTER HOW HARD. SEE, THE COMMANDMENTS ARE AS EASY AS 1...2...3!



Mark 12:28-34 (NIV)

The Greatest Commandment

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'¹

³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

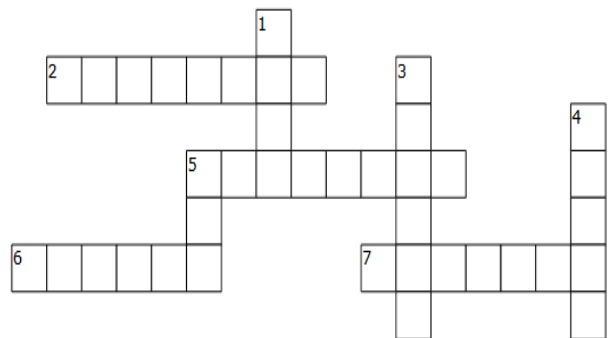
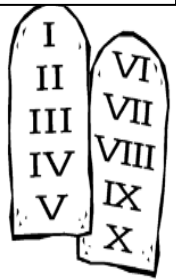
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8 November ~ Doss Wark

The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 12:28-34



ACROSS

2. A person who lives near or next to another
5. The most important; better than all others of the same kind
6. Coming next in order after the first one
7. Someone who educates or trains others

DOWN

1. To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
3. A spoken or written reply to a question
4. The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings
5. The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship

Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers ~ Tennyson

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