



Peel Valley Congregation

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Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (NIV)

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!

⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping.

⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay.

¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have.

¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40 (NIV)

¹ Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;

² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

³ Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

Meg's Musings

Laurie and I recently watched a 1984 movie, "Moscow on the Hudson", starring Robin Williams.

It was about a Russian musician who loved jazz music.

When he got the opportunity, he defected to the United States.

He missed his family, and the things he was familiar with, even though he found many things about his new life exciting.

He was a man with "one foot in each camp".

I imagine that must have been the case for Joseph too. He succeeded beyond his wildest dreams in his new life in Egypt, but his heart still yearned for his family.

We, too, sometimes feel as though we have, "one foot in each camp". We live in a society which often displays a different set of values to ours. Our role is not to condemn, but to reach out in love.... to live as Christ taught us to.

Blessings from Meg



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD :

Our focus this year - under 10 years.

Suggestions - small metal cars or planes, toy tools, plastic dinosaurs, toy jewellery, clothes, soft toys, coloured pencils, sunhats.

CHURCH SERVICES

1 March 6pm **Hallsville** ~ Patrick Johnston
3 March 11am **West** ~ Patrick Johnston

"I'd far rather be happy than right any day." ~D Aams

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 Doss Wark Ross Davidson
Bruce Jarrett



Peel Valley Congregation Council Meeting

All welcome!

Sunday 24th February after the service at Wests.

.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Doss Wark, Pat Hoyt and Bob Forrester who are each in hospital.
- We also pray for Kevin Hoyt who has spent so much time at the hospital with Pat.
- We pray for doctors, nurses and all staff members at our local hospitals and medical practices.
- We pray for rain.

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50 (NIV)

The Resurrection Body

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?"

³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

⁴⁵ So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.

⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.

⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven.

⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

"The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity and an understanding of life that fills them with compassions, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen." ~ Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

Mistakes are painful when they happen, but years later a collection of mistakes is what is called experience. ~ Denis Waitley



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville



Luke 6:27-38 (NIV)

Love for Enemies

²⁷ "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

²⁹ If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them.

³⁰ Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back.

³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³² "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.

³³ And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that.

³⁴ And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.

³⁵ But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.

³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Judging Others

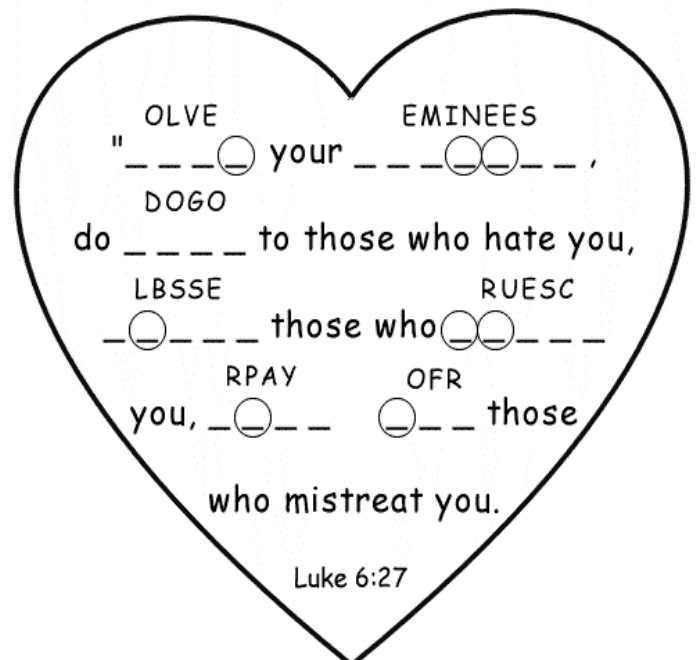
³⁷ "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Love Your Enemies

Luke 6:27-36 (NIV)

Unscramble the words below and fill in the blanks to see what Jesus said about this in Luke 6:27



Luke 6:27

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