

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Jeremiah 1:4-10 (NIV) The Call of Jeremiah

⁴ The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart;

I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

⁶ "Alas, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am too young." ⁷ But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am too

young.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you.

⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in

your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Psalm 71:1-6 (NIV)

In you, LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

² In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me; turn your ear to me and save me.

³Be my rock of refuge, to which I can always go; give the command to save me,

for you are my rock and my fortress.

⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.

⁵ For you have been my hope, Sovereign LORD, my confidence since my youth.

⁶ From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you.

TEXTING FOR SENIORS

BFF - best friend fall BTW - bring the wheelchair TTYL - talk to you louder **BYOT** - laughing my dentures out FWIW - forgot where I was IMHAO - is my hearing aid on? IMMR - on my massage recliner **ROFLACGU** - rolling on the floor laughing and can't get up

"Non nobis solum nati sumus. (Not for ourselves alone are we born.)" ~ Cicero

Hebrews 12:18-29 (NIV)

The Mountain of Fear and the Mountain of Joy

¹⁸ You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹ to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰ because they could not bear what was commanded: "If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death."

²¹ The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, "I am trembling with fear."

²² But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³ to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven?

²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens."

²⁷ The words "once more" indicate the removing of what can be shaken-that is, created things-so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹ for our "God is a consuming fire."

Ships don't sink because of the water around them; ships sink because of the water that gets in them.

Don't let what's happening around you get inside you and weigh you down." ~ Anonymous



28 August ~ Anna Davidson 31 August ~ Fiona Hansford 31 August ~ Alan Littlejohns

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 Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the children who will receive the Operation Christmas Child boxes we are preparing.
- We pray for Ivan Whitten who has done quite a bit of damage to his knee.
- Bob Fenwick is still in hospital, and still needs our prayer support.
- lan Blanch would appreciate our continued prayers.
- Rain is in the thoughts and prayers of all of our congregations.

Meg's Musings

This week has been AgQuip weather, with strong winds ready to blow through everyone.

I pity those people who have had to erect, and dismantle tents and marguees at Gunnedah.

AgQuip is a feature on people's calendars in this region, but it doesn't mean much to people in other areas.

Birthdays, anniversaries and other milestones mean a lot to us.

But we can't order good weather for our "special" days - we have to accept what comes along!

As we weather the storms of life, it helps if we can also keep a lookout for how others are faring too.

It seems that Jesus was able to tell, at a glance, about the needs and situations of other people.

God is counting on us to help others through their storms, and is ready to help us through ours.

Blessings from Meg

Jesus Heals on the Sabbath

When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity." Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God. Luke 13:12-13 Based on Luke 13:10-17



ACROSS

- 1. The day set aside for rest and worship
- 5. Not limited or controlled by anything
- 7. A person who pretends to be what he is not
- 8. To be changed from an originally straight position
- 3. Not bent or curved
- 4. To be disabled, especially in the feet, legs, or back
- 6. To instruct or give knowledge to another person

"Happiness is the art of never holding in your mind the memory of any unpleasant thing that has passed." ~ Unknown

Luke 13:10-17 (NIV)

Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman on the Sabbath

¹⁰ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, ¹¹ and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, "Woman, you are set free from your infirmity."

¹³ Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

¹⁴ Indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, the synagogue leader said to the people, "There are six days for work. So come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath."

¹⁵ The Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Doesn't each of you on the Sabbath untie your ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water?

¹⁶ Then should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound for eighteen long years, be set free on the Sabbath day from what bound her?"

¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were humiliated, but the people were delighted with all the wonderful things he was doing.

Calmness is a human superpower. The ability to not overreact or take things personally keeps your mind clear and your heart at peace.~ Marc

SENILITY PRAYER

God, Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway,

The good fortune to run into the ones I do,

•And the eyesight to tell the difference

"The moments of happiness we enjoy take us by surprise. It is not that we seize them, but that they seize us." ~ Ashley Montagu



1st Sunday of the month 4th Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ West ~ Markets @ Hallsville 25 August

Tuesday 3rd September MEMORY LANE

- DOWN
- 2. To be cured from illness or injury