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Matthew 16-19, 25-30 (NIV)

¹⁶ "To what can I compare this generation? They are like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling out to others:

¹⁷ "We played the pipe for you,
and you did not dance;
we sang a dirge,
and you did not mourn."

¹⁸ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

¹⁹ The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."

The Father Revealed in the Son

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children.

²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 24:34-38, 58-67

Song of Solomon 2:8-13



- 4 July ~ Marie Meyer
- 18 July ~ Donna Harrow
- 26 July ~ Beulah Fenwick
- 26 July ~ Sue Budden
- 27 July ~ Amity Debenham



"So we shall let the reader answer this question for himself: who is the happier man, he who has braved the storm of life and lived or he who has stayed securely on shore and merely existed?"

~ Hunter S. Thompson

Romans 7:15-25a (NIV)

¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.

¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good.

¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.

¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.

²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹ So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

²² For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³ but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

²⁴ What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

²⁵ Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

In order to carry a positive action, we must develop here a positive vision." ~ Dalai Lama

No regrets...just lessons.

No worries...just acceptance.

No expectations...just gratitude.

Life is too short

Never miss an opportunity to make others happy, even if you have to leave them alone in order to do it. ~ unknown



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Phyll Bylund, who has had another fall, and is back in hospital.
- We pray for Jenny and David Bissett. Jenny has also had a fall, and has broken her left wrist and right leg. It seems that she will probably spend several weeks in hospital.
- Alan Littlejohns had surgery last Tuesday, and we pray for a complete recovery for Alan.
- We pray for those in Victoria making decisions on how to best minimise the impact of Covid19, and to stop it spreading further.
- We pray for everyone throughout the world affected by the pandemic.

Meg's Musings

As I have taken the newsletters around to people over the past weeks, I have noticed Heather Blanch's flower garden. It has dozens of pansy plants, and they are blooming beautifully. They are big-faced pansies, in every colour imaginable. Many of them have long enough stems to be able to pick, and to display in a small vase. There are also maroon snapdragons, and a few other varieties of flowers which set the bed off to perfection. It looks so welcoming when you pull up to knock on Heather's door.

It set me wondering. What can we do to make "pulling up" in front of us attractive for other people? What do we have to offer others that is welcoming, colourful and maybe be even happy-making? Wouldn't it be great if people saw us as radiating the joy of Christ, or as being welcoming and accepting ambassadors for Jesus! Not everyone will accept us, just as many people didn't accept Jesus. Perhaps one of the most important tasks we have as Christians is to make Christianity attractive, instead of something negative or glum.

Blessings from Meg



"Send out a cheerful, positive greeting, and most of the time you will get back a cheerful, positive greeting. It's also true that if you send out a negative greeting, you will, in most cases, get back a negative greeting." ~ Zig Ziglar

Ageing is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunity and strength." ~ Betty Friedan

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Following Jesus



Jesus sees great potential in each of you. That is why he has called you to become his disciples.

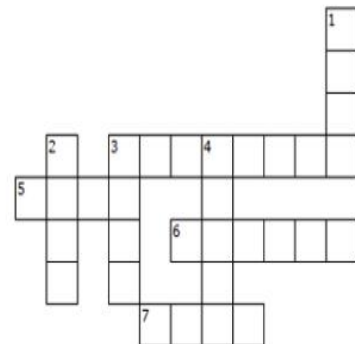
Will it be easy? No way! Jesus once told his followers that to be his disciple would be very difficult. "If any of you want to be my follower, you must forget about yourself, take up your cross, and follow me." Jesus took up his cross, didn't he? He took his cross and carried it up a hill where he was crucified. He knew he was going to have to suffer, but he also knew he would win the victory in the end and so will we. Jesus promised, "If you give up your life for me, you will find it

Jesus, we want to be all that you want us to be. We know that we can never realize our full potential until we make a commitment to follow you. **Amen..**"
~ sermon4kids

Take Up Your Cross

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Matthew 16:24 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 16:22-28 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. One who believes in Christ and follows his teachings
5. The period between birth and death
6. To accept the leadership of someone
7. To no longer have something because it has been taken away from you or misplaced

DOWN

1. To keep something from harm or loss
2. To discover something unexpectedly or as a result of a search
3. To refuse to allow yourself to have something you want
4. The object upon which Jesus was crucified