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## Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)

### The Parable of the Bags of Gold

<sup>14</sup> "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them.

<sup>15</sup> To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. <sup>16</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more.

<sup>17</sup> So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.

<sup>18</sup> But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

<sup>19</sup> "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

<sup>21</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

<sup>22</sup> "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

<sup>23</sup> "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

<sup>24</sup> "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. <sup>25</sup> So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

<sup>26</sup> "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? <sup>27</sup> Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

<sup>28</sup> "So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. <sup>29</sup> For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. <sup>30</sup> And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

## Psalms 123 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to you,  
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to the LORD our God,  
till he shows us his mercy.

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us,  
for we have endured no end of contempt.

<sup>4</sup> We have endured no end  
of ridicule from the arrogant,  
of contempt from the proud.



## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (NIV)

### The Day of the Lord

<sup>5</sup> Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup> for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

<sup>3</sup> While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labour pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

<sup>4</sup> But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief.

<sup>5</sup> You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

<sup>6</sup> So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober.

<sup>7</sup> For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.

<sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

<sup>9</sup> For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>10</sup> He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.

<sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Judges 4:1-7 1



"Perpetual optimism is a force multiplier."

~ Colin Powell

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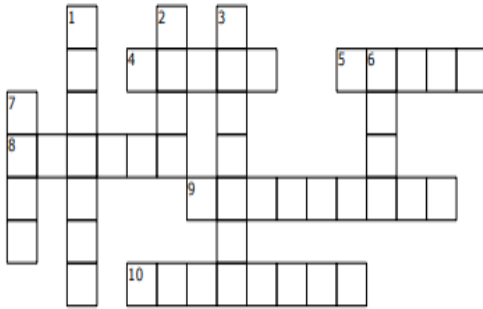
### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the City and Southside congregations as they too look at their future.
- We give thanks that Chaffey Dam is at 33% capacity, and pray for further rain to increase that.
- We are thankful that Fay has taken the step of preparing, and presenting worship, at West Tamworth this morning. It is so great to see people voicing their faith!
- We are thankful for all of the people who have helped us through the isolation and difficulties of the past 8 months.

## The Parable of the Talents

But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Matthew 25:18

Based on Matthew 25:14-30 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

- 4. The coins and bills that are used to buy things
- 5. To divide or use something with others
- 8. To be filled with fear
- 9. A feeling of pleasure, satisfaction, or joy
- 10. To be trusted or loyal

#### DOWN

- 1. A trip, especially one over a great distance
- 2. The opposite of bad
- 3. A person who is employed to do work for another person
- 6. Put something in a place where it cannot be found
- 7. Not willing to work

27 November ~ Elijah Debenhar *Happy Birthday*

### Brain at 3 AM:

I can see you're trying to sleep, so I would like to offer you a selection of every memory, unresolved issue, or things you should have said or done today as well as in the past 40 years!



"Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see a shadow." Helen Keller

### Meg's Musings

Last December Laurie and I travelled to Sydney, then on to Canberra, and back to Tamworth.

There barely seemed to be a blade of grass during the entire journey.

This week we have been to Newcastle and Sydney, and the countryside could not be more different.

Lambs were almost entirely hidden in the long grass, and everywhere looked green and lush.

Australia looks to have recovered well from the prolonged drought.

Yet, in some areas, the soil moisture probably doesn't go down all that far.

The appearance of total recovery may be superficial.

Sometimes we present a superficial picture of goodness to God. He sees all, yet still loves us, and still believes in us.

Let's be grateful for that, and trust Him with our imperfections and shallowness, as well as our successes.

Blessings from Meg



"Listen" and "Silence" are both spelled with the same Letter. Think about it. ~ Alfred Brendel

**"Do not be dismayed by the brokenness of the world. All things break. And all things can be mended. Not with time, as they say, but with intention.**

**So go. Love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally.**

**The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you."**

- LR Knost

.... waiting is not just something we have to do until we get what we want.

Waiting is part of the process of becoming what God wants us to be. ~ John Ortberg

### 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."

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