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John 1:43-51 (NIV)

Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael

⁴³ The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit."

⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked.

Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel."

⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that."

⁵¹ He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 (NIV)

¹ You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

² You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³ You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴ Before a word is on my tongue you, LORD, know it completely.

⁵ You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.

¹³ For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand— when I awake, I am still with you.



"We're lost again," said Tiny Dragon.

"Follow your soul," said Big Panda, "It knows the way."

CHURCH SERVICES

7 February 11am West ~ Meg Mangan



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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Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

1 Samuel 3:11-20 Corinthians 6:12-20

Psalm 139:1-6,13-18 1 John 1:43-51



17 January ~ Jan Parker

24 January ~ Phyllis Bylund

30 January ~ Trevor Forrester

31 January ~ Margaret Crowell & Cameron

31 January ~ Kevin Hoyt



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1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)

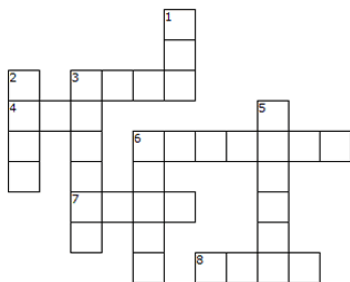
The LORD Calls Samuel

3 The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. **2** One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. **3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." **5** And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. **6** Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. **8** A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. **9** So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. **10** The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Call of Samuel

And the Lord came and called as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel replied, "Speak, your servant is listening." 1 Samuel 3:10 (NLT)

Based on 1 Samuel 3:1-10



ACROSS

- Another name for God
- A priest in the temple at Shilo (1 Samuel 3:1)
- A person who is employed to do work for another person
- The pair of organs of seeing in the faces of humans and animals
- To ask someone to come to you

DOWN

- A piece of furniture with a flat surface that a person can lie on to sleep
- Not strong
- To give attention to a person who is speaking
- A boy who ministered with Eli
- To say words; to use the voice

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Marg's chemo finished this week. We hope that she gets her energy back soon.
- We pray for John Murray who has been quite unwell.
- Fay is out of hospital, and we pray that she regains strength day by day.
- We pray for the many Australian stranded overseas.
- We pray for God's peace to overcome the anger so prevalent in the USA at the moment.

Meg's Musings

Both the Psalm and the John reading this week speak of God, and Jesus, knowing what is happening in the hearts of people.

In the Psalm, it speaks of God knowing us before we were born, and of knowing what we are about to say, even before the words are out of our mouths.

It says that God knows us through and through. Yet he still loves us!

Jesus knew what Nathanael was thinking, and what he had said to Philip. Although Nathanael's words were not flattering, Jesus was able to readily accept Nathanael as being someone who didn't beat about the bush - he said what he thought honestly.

Nathanael also turned out to be someone who was able to change his mind about things. He quickly changed from, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?", to "You are the Son of God."

Sometimes people cling on to outdated information, opinions or ideas, even when they are faced with a new reality.

Although Nathanael seems to have been prejudiced against Nazareth, he was happy to change his mind about Jesus.

Jesus was able to get beyond Nathanael's initial response, and to see the positive things about him.

This year let's make sure that we don't write people off before we really get to know them.

In doing so, we will be following in Jesus' footsteps.

Blessing from Meg



The most important decision you make is to be in a good mood. ~ Voltaire



We are not all in the same boat. We are all in the same storm. Some have yachts, some canoes, some just the one oar and some are drowning. Just be kind and help whoever you can.

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