



Peel Valley Congregation

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1 Corinthians 9:16-23 (NIV)

¹⁶ For when I preach the gospel, I cannot boast, since I am compelled to preach. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel!

¹⁷ If I preach voluntarily, I have a reward; if not voluntarily, I am simply discharging the trust committed to me.

¹⁸ What then is my reward? Just this: that in preaching the gospel I may offer it free of charge, and so not make full use of my rights as a preacher of the gospel.

Paul's Use of His Freedom

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible.

²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law.

²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law.

²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

Isaiah 40:21-31 (NIV)

²¹ Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

²² He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,

and its people are like grasshoppers.

He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

²³ He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

²⁴ No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

²⁵ "To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?" says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these?

He who brings out the starry host one by one

and calls forth each of them by name.

Because of his great power and mighty strength,

not one of them is missing.

²⁷ Why do you complain, Jacob?

Why do you say, Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD;

my cause is disregarded by my God?"

²⁸ Do you not know?

Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He will not grow tired or weary,

and his understanding no one can fathom.

²⁹ He gives strength to the weary

and increases the power of the weak.

³⁰ Even youths grow tired and weary,

and young men stumble and fall;

³¹ but those who hope in the LORD

will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles;

they will run and not grow weary,

they will walk and not be faint.



I asked a wise man, "Tell me sir, in which field could I make a great career?" He said with a smile,

"Be a good human being. There is a huge opportunity in this area And very little competition." ~Jalal ud Din Rumi



CHURCH SERVICES

14 February 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan

14 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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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We thank God for the rain which fell earlier last week.
- We pray for Heather Blanch who expects to have minor surgery this week. We also pray for Ian, who continues to amaze doctors and family members.
- We give thanks that Barry Wall (Kevin Hoyt's friend) is making a good recovery. He is presently in the rehab section at Tamworth Base Hospital.
- We pray for Covid sufferers throughout the world, and for the people caring for them.
- We pray that the Op-Shop which is planned for Hallsville Church will offer warmth and friendship to all who go there.
- We pray for prayer for Leonard, a friend of her Mum and sister in Vancouver.

Mark 1:29-39 (NIV)

Jesus Heals Many

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they went with James and John to the home of Simon and Andrew.

³⁰ Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they immediately told Jesus about her.

³¹ So he went to her, took her hand and helped her up. The fever left her and she began to wait on them.

³² That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed.

³³ The whole town gathered at the door, ³⁴ and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.

Jesus Prays in a Solitary Place

³⁵ Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

³⁶ Simon and his companions went to look for him, ³⁷ and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!"

³⁸ Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come."

³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.



My ability to remember song lyrics from the 60's far exceeds my ability to remember why I walked into the kitchen. ~ anon

Meg's Musings

Approximately 2 million people in Western Australia have gone into lock-down for five days.

After doing so well, and functioning very much as though the pandemic does not exist for them, suddenly Covid19 has once again become a fact of life for the people of Western Australia.

Most shops will be closed. Offices will be closed.

Our eldest daughter, and her three children, are involved in the lock-down. Instead of the excitement of beginning a new school year, there is suddenly a period of quiet - of nothing organised or planned.

Each of them can draw breath, and spend some quiet time.

The school holidays had included an operation and recuperation, Christmas, swimming and life-saving classes, buying new uniforms etc, etc.

They have the opportunity to make the most of the time they have been given. They can long for what had been planned, or enjoy what is.

Every one of us has that same opportunity!

Each of us is given time, and we can each make of it whatever we wish. None of us can relive a week if we "mess up", and none of us can relive a week that was special.

We need God's love and guidance so that we choose to live each week, each moment, in the best way possible.

Blessing from Meg



Psalm 147:1-11,20c

¹ Praise the LORD.

How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

² The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

³ He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

⁴ He determines the number of the stars

and calls them each by name.

⁵ Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

his understanding has no limit.

⁶ The LORD sustains the humble

but casts the wicked to the ground.

⁷ Sing to the LORD with grateful praise;

make music to our God on the harp.

⁸ He covers the sky with clouds;

he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills.

⁹ He provides food for the cattle

and for the young ravens when they call.

¹⁰ His pleasure is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his delight in the legs of the warrior;

¹¹ the LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

²⁰ Praise the Lord.