



Peel Valley Congregation

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Psalm 9:9 -20 (NIV)

⁹ The LORD is a refuge for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

¹⁰ Those who know your name trust in you,
for you, LORD, have never forsaken those
who seek you.

¹¹ Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in
Zion;
proclaim among the nations what he has
done.

¹² For he who avenges blood remembers;
he does not ignore the cries of the
afflicted.

¹³ LORD, see how my enemies persecute
me!
Have mercy and lift me up from the gates
of death,
¹⁴ that I may declare your praises 
in the gates of Daughter Zion,
and there rejoice in your salvation.

¹⁵ The nations have fallen into the pit they
have dug;
their feet are caught in the net they have
hidden.

¹⁶ The LORD is known by his acts of justice;
the wicked are ensnared by the work of
their hands.

¹⁷ The wicked go down to the realm of the
dead,
all the nations that forget God.

¹⁸ But God will never forget the needy;
the hope of the afflicted will never perish.

¹⁹ Arise, LORD, do not let mortals triumph;
let the nations be judged in your presence.

²⁰ Strike them with terror, LORD;
let the nations know they are only mortal.

2 Corinthians 6: 1- 13 (NIV)

⁶ As God's co-workers we urge you not to
receive God's grace in vain.

² For he says,
"In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you."
I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is
the day of salvation.

Paul's Hardships

³ We put no stumbling block in anyone's
path, so that our ministry will not be
discredited.


⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend
ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in
troubles, hardships and distresses;
⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard
work, sleepless nights and hunger;
⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and
kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;
⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of
God; with weapons of righteousness in the
right hand and in the left;
⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and
good report; genuine, yet regarded as
impostors;
⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and
yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed;
¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet
making many rich; having nothing, and yet
possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians,
and opened wide our hearts to you.

¹² We are not withholding our affection from
you, but you are withholding yours from us.

¹³ As a fair exchange—I speak as to my
children—open wide your hearts also.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

1 Samuel 17:(1a,4-11, 19-23), 32-49 

1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16 Psalm 133

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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Elders: Margaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett

CHURCH SERVICES

27 June 11 am West ~ Rev Phil Matthews 

You only live once....
So choose to be happy.
Love unconditionally.
Be good to yourself.
Always be grateful.
Smile more.



.... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for "The Biloela family" - that they will find friends and comfort in Perth.
- We pray for people throughout the world who are in detention.
- We pray for Jo Smallbil who has recently resigned as a Uniting Church minister. We also give thanks for her ministry.
- We give thanks for the patience and abilities of nurses and carers in hospitals and nursing homes.
- We pray for Patrick Johnston, who has suffered another stroke.



Meg's Musings

I watched with interest last Tuesday night as Rachel Griffiths began a series of 3 TV programmes about finding a portrait which sums up 100 years of The Archibald Prize.

The portraits came in all different sizes; some were colourful, and some were almost drab.

The winner of the first year was a solemn portrait of a distinguished man. It gave very few clues about what the person was feeling.

Some paintings show people smiling, and enjoying life; some paintings show someone who is deeply troubled. Some paintings show such exaggerated features that they are almost cartoonish.

It was interesting to see how well some artists related to the person they were painting - it showed through, and made the painting come alive.

God relates to how we are feeling too. He knows and understands each of our emotions - our doubts, fears and hopes. Blessing from Meg



"The industrialist was horrified to find the fisherman lying beside his boat, smoking a pipe. - Why aren't you fishing?, said the industrialist. - Because I have caught enough fish for the day. - Why don't you catch some more? - What would I do with them? - Earn more money. Then you could have a motor fixed to your boat and go into deeper waters and catch more fish. That would bring you money to buy nylon nets, so more fish, more money. Soon you would have enough to buy two boats even a fleet of boats. Then you could be rich like me. - What would I do then? - Then you could sit back and enjoy life. - What do you think I'm doing now?" ~ John Lane



Mark 4: 35 - 41 (NIV)

Jesus Calms the Storm

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."

³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.

³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

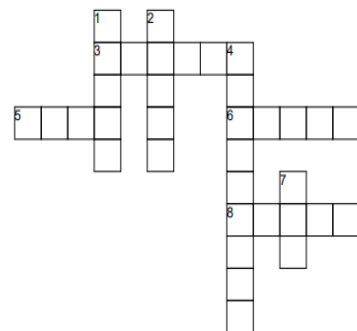
⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt with the heart." ~ Helen Keller

Jesus Calms the Storm

When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Silence! Be still!" Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. Mark 4:39 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Mark 4:35-41



HORIZONTAL

3. To have a feeling of fear
5. A relatively small craft which travels on water
6. A violent weather condition with strong winds and heavy rain
8. To be calm, without much activity

VERTICAL

1. A high degree of trust or confidence in someone
2. To die by being under water and unable to breathe
4. The original followers of Jesus
7. A period of twenty-four hours



"Be like a duck, paddling and working very hard inside the water, but what everyone sees is a smiling and calm face." ~ Manoj Arora