



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## James 3:1-12 (NIV)

### Taming the Tongue

**3** Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.

**2** We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check.

**3** When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal.

**4** Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.

**5** Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark.

**6** The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

**7** All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, **8** but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

**9** With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.

**10** Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.

**11** Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring?

**12** My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

## Proverbs 1:20-33 (NIV)

### Wisdom's Rebuke

**20** Out in the open wisdom calls aloud, she raises her voice in the public square;

**21** on top of the wall<sup>[a]</sup> she cries out, at the city gate she makes her speech:

**22** "How long will you who are simple love your simple ways?

How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?

**23** Repent at my rebuke!

Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings.

**24** But since you refuse to listen when I call and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand,

**25** since you disregard all my advice and do not accept my rebuke,

**26** I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you;

I will mock when calamity overtakes you—

**27** when calamity overtakes you like a storm, when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,

when distress and trouble overwhelm you.

**28** "Then they will call to me but I will not answer;

they will look for me but will not find me,

**29** since they hated knowledge

and did not choose to fear the LORD.

**30** Since they would not accept my advice and spurned my rebuke,

**31** they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.



**32** For the waywardness of the simple will kill them,

and the complacency of fools will destroy them;

**33** but whoever listens to me will live in safety and be at ease, without fear of harm."

### 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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"At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did, they will remember how you made them feel." ~ Maya Angelou

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for lovely spring weather, and the blossoms and flowers which are blooming at the moment.
- Our prayers continue for Sophie Littlejohns.
- We give thanks for the competitors at the Paralympic Games, and for the inspiration they are to us.
- We pray for the residents of Willcannia, where so many people have been infected with Covid19.
- We give thanks that so many doses of Pfizer vaccine have been made available in Australia at the moment.



### Meg's Musings

As we listen to the radio, watch TV, or read our papers, we see, again and again, news of Covid19, and the impact it has on people. The majority of people seem to have the mindset that "we just need to get through it". Maybe, in adopting that perspective, people are doing themselves a disservice. Perhaps, if we were to ask ourselves, "How can I grow through this experience?", we may cope much better. When we set our sights higher, and remain open to God's leading, there is no limit to what He can achieve in us. When change comes into our lives, sometimes we may feel sad, or disappointed. However, we also have new opportunities - to do new things, or to do some old things a bit differently. The important thing is to remain open to being led by God,

Blessing from Meg



Success is not final,  
failure is fatal:  
it is the courage to  
continue that  
counts. ~ W Churchill

**It is curious that physical  
courage should be so  
common in the world  
and moral courage so  
rare.**

MARK TWAIN

What you think you become. ~ Buddha

### Psalm 19 (NIV)

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
- 2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.
- 3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.
- 4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.
- 5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.
- 6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.
- 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the LORD are firm, and all of them are righteous.
- 10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.
- 11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.
- 13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.
- 14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.

What smells better, fresh cut grass or  
bread baking in the oven?



26 September ~ Carol Thompson  
29 September ~ Athol Whitten  
30 September ~ John Murray

