



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## 2 Samuel 23:1-7 (NIV)

### David's Last Words

23 These are the last words of David:

"The inspired utterance of David son of Jesse, the utterance of the man exalted by the Most High, the man anointed by the God of Jacob, the hero of Israel's songs:

<sup>2</sup> "The Spirit of the LORD spoke through me; his word was on my tongue.

<sup>3</sup> The God of Israel spoke, the Rock of Israel said to me:

'When one rules over people in righteousness, when he rules in the fear of God,

<sup>4</sup> he is like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless morning, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.'

<sup>5</sup> "If my house were not right with God, surely he would not have made with me an everlasting covenant, arranged and secured in every part; surely he would not bring to fruition my salvation

and grant me my every desire.

<sup>6</sup> But evil men are all to be cast aside like thorns, which are not gathered with the hand.

<sup>7</sup> Whoever touches thorns uses a tool of iron or the shaft of a spear; they are burned up where they lie."

## Psalm 132:1-18 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup> LORD, remember David and all his self-denial.

<sup>2</sup> He swore an oath to the LORD, he made a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:

<sup>3</sup> "I will not enter my house or go to my bed,

<sup>4</sup> I will allow no sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,

<sup>5</sup> till I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob."

<sup>6</sup> We heard it in Ephrathah, we came upon it in the fields of Jaar:

<sup>7</sup> "Let us go to his dwelling place, let us worship at his footstool, saying,

<sup>8</sup> 'Arise, LORD, and come to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.

<sup>9</sup> May your priests be clothed with your righteousness; may your faithful people sing for joy."

<sup>10</sup> For the sake of your servant David, do not reject your anointed one.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD swore an oath to David, a sure oath he will not revoke:

"One of your own descendants I will place on your throne.

<sup>12</sup> If your sons keep my covenant and the statutes I teach them, then their sons will sit on your throne for ever and ever."

<sup>13</sup> For the LORD has chosen Zion, he has desired it for his dwelling, saying,

<sup>14</sup> "This is my resting place for ever and ever; here I will sit enthroned, for I have desired it.

<sup>15</sup> I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor I will satisfy with food.

<sup>16</sup> I will clothe her priests with salvation, and her faithful people will ever sing for joy.

<sup>17</sup> "Here I will make a horn grow for David and set up a lamp for my anointed one.

<sup>18</sup> I will clothe his enemies with shame, but his head will be adorned with a radiant crown."

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### CHURCH SERVICES

28 November 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan

28 November 11 am **West** ~ Sue Budden



Christmas Day Service


Hallsville 9am



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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- On this last Sunday of the church calendar, we give thanks that God has been with us through all of the ups and downs of this year.
- We pray for Ross's sister Jean, who is in hospital after having a fall. 
- We pray for the people who have had to deal with floods in the past week.
- We give thanks that we are able to meet again.

### Megs Musings

As the process of calling ministers has continued on, there has been quite a bit of discussion in committees about the fact that many people don't attend church these days.

Sunday sport, working mothers, and the busyness of life have been mentioned as contributing to this situation. But I think that there is something even bigger at work. So often, the question people hear from the church is, "Are you saved?"

Perhaps a question which better reflects the God I know would be, "Do you know just how much God loves you?" Our God is a God of love... a God who loves us enough to send Jesus into the world.

That's a remarkable love, and one which most people would be happy to know more about.

Blessings from Meg



## 7 Rules To Be Happy in Life:

- 1) Never hate,
- 2) Don't worry,
- 3) Live simply,
- 4) Expect a little,
- 5) Give a lot,
- 6) Always smile.
- 7) Best of all keep in touch with GOD.



### John 18:33-37 (NIV)

<sup>33</sup> Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?"

<sup>34</sup> "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?"

<sup>35</sup> "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?"

<sup>36</sup> Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

<sup>37</sup> "You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

### Revelation 1:4b-8 (NIV)

#### Greetings and Doxology

<sup>4b</sup> Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who pierced him"; and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him."

So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."

When you can't control what's happening, challenge yourself to control how you respond to what's happening. That's where your power is. ~ unknown

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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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