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Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (NIV)

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt!

⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you.

⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping.

⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

⁹ Now hurry back to my father and say to him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don't delay.

¹⁰ You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have.

¹¹ I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.'

¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40 (NIV)

¹ Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong;

² for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

³ Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

⁴ Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

⁵ Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

⁶ He will make your righteous reward shine like the dawn, your vindication like the noonday sun.

⁷ Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

⁸ Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

⁹ For those who are evil will be destroyed, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

¹⁰ A little while, and the wicked will be no more; though you look for them, they will not be found.

¹¹ But the meek will inherit the land and enjoy peace and prosperity.

³⁹ The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

⁴⁰ The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked and saves them, because they take refuge in him.

One of the *best* gifts
you can give someone
is *thanking* them for
being *part of*
your life.



Your MIND IS A GARDEN,
Your THOUGHTS ARE THE SEEDS.
You CAN GROW FLOWERS, or
You CAN GROW WEEDS.



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for everyone impacted by Covid at the moment; those who have it, contacts who are isolating, and the many people who are staying at home so that they aren't exposed to it.
- We give thanks that John Murray is feeling so much better following an iron infusion.
- We lift up the people of Ukraine in our prayers at this time.
- We pray for our friends, and the families of our friends.



Megs Musings

In this time of Covid19 we are limited in what we can do, and where we can go.

On Wednesday we watched the funeral of our close friend Barbara via a video-link. The funeral was being held in Sydney, and we didn't feel that it would be safe to travel.

A number of ministers participated in the service. They had each ministered to, and been a friend, to Barb.

Barb had touched their lives through her friendship, through her desire to reach out to others, and through her craft. Although she was "just a housewife", Barb made a real difference in the lives of many people.

One of her most visible and enduring legacies are the church banners and ministers' stoles she created. They were stitched, appliqued and embroidered with the utmost care and creativity.

One minister mentioned that Sir William Deane, when he was Governor General, commented on the stole he was wearing, and asked about its' significance, and where he had obtained it. It was a stole Barb created in the aftermath of the 1994 bushfires which had affected the Jannali parish.

Barb took her craft seriously, but never took herself too seriously. She had a great sense of humour, which her family enjoyed, and shared. As the funeral service ended, the song, "The Teddy-Bears Picnic" was played. It seemed entirely appropriate!

God can, and does, use each and every part of us to reach out and touch the lives of others.

Blessings from Meg



NOTICE:

Due to Covid19, we have decided to delay the recommencement of church until 6th March. Synod has recommended that congregations not meet face-to-face for the moment.

CHURCH SERVICES

6 March 11 am West ~ Jennifer Battle



1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 (NIV)

The Resurrection Body

³⁵ But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?" ³⁶ How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

³⁷ When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else.

³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has determined, and to each kind of seed he gives its own body.

⁴² So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; ⁴³ it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; ⁴⁴ it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

⁴⁵ So it is written: "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit.

⁴⁶ The spiritual did not come first, but the natural, and after that the spiritual.

⁴⁷ The first man was of the dust of the earth; the second man is of heaven.

⁴⁸ As was the earthly man, so are those who are of the earth; and as is the heavenly man, so also are those who are of heaven.

⁴⁹ And just as we have borne the image of the earthly man, so shall we bear the image of the heavenly man.

⁵⁰ I declare to you, brothers and sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.



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