



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## Luke 15:1-10 (NLT)

### Parable of the Lost Sheep

<sup>15</sup> Tax collectors and other notorious sinners often came to listen to Jesus teach.

<sup>2</sup> This made the Pharisees and teachers of religious law complain that he was associating with such sinful people—even eating with them!

<sup>3</sup> So Jesus told them this story:

<sup>4</sup> “If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them gets lost, what will he do? Won’t he leave the ninety-nine others in the wilderness and go to search for the one that is lost until he finds it?”

<sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he will joyfully carry it home on his shoulders.

<sup>6</sup> When he arrives, he will call together his friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.’

<sup>7</sup> In the same way, there is more joy in heaven over one lost sinner who repents and returns to God than over ninety-nine others who are righteous and haven’t strayed away!

### Parable of the Lost Coin

<sup>8</sup> “Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Won’t she light a lamp and sweep the entire house and search carefully until she finds it?”

<sup>9</sup> And when she finds it, she will call in her friends and neighbors and say, ‘Rejoice with me because I have found my lost coin.’

<sup>10</sup> In the same way, there is joy in the presence of God’s angels when even one sinner repents.”

26 September ~ Carol Thompson

29 September ~ Athol Whitten

30 September ~ John Murray



My going out clothes have missed me so much. I put them on and they hugged me so tightly, I could hardly breathe. ~ unknown

## CHURCH SERVICES



18 September 8.30am Gowrie ~ Meg Mangan

18 September 11am West ~ Meg Mangan

## 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NLT)

### Paul’s Gratitude for God’s Mercy

<sup>12</sup> I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength to do his work. He considered me trustworthy and appointed me to serve him, <sup>13</sup> even though I used to blaspheme the name of Christ. In my insolence, I persecuted his people. But God had mercy on me because I did it in ignorance and unbelief.

<sup>14</sup> Oh, how generous and gracious our Lord was! He filled me with the faith and love that come from Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup> This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all.

<sup>16</sup> But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.

<sup>17</sup> All honor and glory to God forever and ever! He is the eternal King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. Amen.

## Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14



1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ West

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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



### Meg's Musings

weekend I attended my uncle's 100th birthday party. There were lots of family members, and chat drifted to similarities between various cousins. My brother is very like photos of his grandfather; my sister has many facial similarities to a cousin - but my cousin is much taller. With four generations at the party, it was interesting to pick who was who's offspring. It made me wonder what it would take for people to see individuals as "Christ-like". Obviously we have no photos or sketches of Jesus when he walked the earth. But the bible gives us a strong record of what Jesus said and did, and how he befriended people. So we can guess what Jesus might say, and do, in certain situations. There's a song which says, "They'll know that we are Christians by our love." Do our words, actions, and love remind people of Jesus?  
Blessing from Meg

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away?

Of course not. You change the batteries. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries.



Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C....compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light.  
- Rachel Dansby Freeman

**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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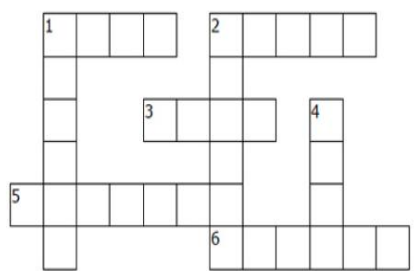
### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray
- We give thanks for the colours and perfumes of spring.
- We continue to support the people of Ukraine through our prayers.
- We pray for our Local, State, and Federal governments.
- We give thanks that Jenny, and Pam, who we prayed for last week, are experiencing improved health.
- We pray for the children who will benefit from the Operation Christmas Child boxes.



### The Lost Sheep

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?"  
Luke 15:4 (NIV)  
Based on Luke 15:1-7



#### ACROSS

1. The place where a person lives
2. A wooly farm animal related to the goat
3. To locate something that was lost
5. To express great happiness and joy
6. To turn away from sin

#### DOWN

1. The place where God and angels live
2. A person who breaks God's law
4. To no longer have something because you don't know where it is

### They'll know that we are Christians by our love.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,  
by our love  
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love.  
~ Peter Scholtes



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