



Peel Valley Congregation

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2 Timothy 1:1-14 (NLT)

Greetings from Paul

¹ This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I have been sent out to tell others about the life he has promised through faith in Christ Jesus.

² I am writing to Timothy, my dear son.

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

Encouragement to Be Faithful

³ Timothy, I thank God for you—the God I serve with a clear conscience, just as my ancestors did. Night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers.

⁴ I long to see you again, for I remember your tears as we parted. And I will be filled with joy when we are together again.

⁵ I remember your genuine faith, for you share the faith that first filled your grandmother Lois and your mother, Eunice. And I know that same faith continues strong in you.

⁶ This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you.

⁷ For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

⁸ So never be ashamed to tell others about our Lord. And don't be ashamed of me, either, even though I'm in prison for him. With the strength God gives you, be ready to suffer with me for the sake of the Good News.

⁹ For God saved us and called us to live a holy life. He did this, not because we deserved it, but because that was his plan from before the beginning of time—to show us his grace through Christ Jesus.

¹⁰ And now he has made all of this plain to us by the appearing of Christ Jesus, our Savior. He broke the power of death and illuminated the way to life and immortality through the Good News.

¹¹ And God chose me to be a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of this Good News.

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¹² That is why I am suffering here in prison. But I am not ashamed of it, for I know the one in whom I trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until the day of his return.

¹³ Hold on to the pattern of wholesome teaching you learned from me—a pattern shaped by the faith and love that you have in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴ Through the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within us, carefully guard the precious truth that has been entrusted to you.

Psalm 137 (NIV)

¹ By the rivers of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion.

² There on the poplars we hung our harps,

³ for there our captors asked us for songs, our tormentors demanded songs of joy; they said, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

⁴ How can we sing the songs of the LORD while in a foreign land?

⁵ If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand forget its skill.

⁶ May my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you, if I do not consider Jerusalem my highest joy.

⁷ Remember, LORD, what the Edomites did on the day Jerusalem fell.

"Tear it down," they cried, "tear it down to its foundations!"

⁸ Daughter Babylon, doomed to destruction, happy is the one who repays you according to what you have done to us.

⁹ Happy is the one who seizes your infants and dashes them against the rocks.



Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Lamentations 1:1-6 Lamentations 3:19-26

"I want to change the world," said Tiny Dragon.
"Start with the next person who needs your help,"
replied Big Panda. ~ Waldorf Today



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for the lovely day experienced at City Church's 150th anniversary last Sunday - for sunshine, friendships, praise and worship.
- We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, and for the many families torn apart by war.
- We pray for Paul Turner who has some heart-health problems at the moment.
- We pray for the many motorbike enthusiasts in Tamworth at the moment.
- We pray for people living with the consequences of floods, or with the threat of floods hanging over them.



Meg's Musings

Last weekend the City Church congregation celebrated. 150 years is quite an achievement. There is the oldest, continually-used church in Tamworth. Of course there are many churches in Europe which have been in use for over 1,000 years, so the achievement is relative.

But, for 150 years people have contributed in every way that they could.

It must have begun as a vision shared by a few; a vision which grew, and to which many people contributed what they could towards its fulfillment.

As well as ministers there have been organists, circuit stewards, elders, handymen, Sunday School teachers, lay preachers and attendees.

Each has played their part, and contributed to the ongoing church.

Within Peel Valley, each of us has a part to play, and is valued as a member.

Blessing from Meg

In today's rush we all think too much, want too much and forget about the joy of just being. ~ Eckhart Tolle



Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville
Open 9:30 to 1:00pm, Thursdays,
Fridays, Saturdays.

SPRING - Plants for sale during September.

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

Luke 17:5-10 (NLT)

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, "Show us how to increase our faith."

⁶ The Lord answered, "If you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'May you be uprooted and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you!"

⁷ "When a servant comes in from plowing or taking care of sheep, does his master say, 'Come in and eat with me'?"

⁸ No, he says, 'Prepare my meal, put on your apron, and serve me while I eat. Then you can eat later.'

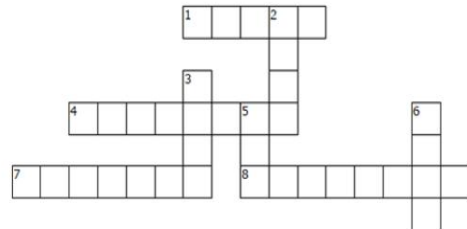
⁹ And does the master thank the servant for doing what he was told to do? Of course not.

¹⁰ In the same way, when you obey me you should say, 'We are unworthy servants who have simply done our duty.'"

A Mustard Seed Faith

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you." Luke 17:6 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 17:5-6 (NIV)



ACROSS

1. Belief in the truth, value, or trustworthiness of a person or idea
4. To make greater or larger
7. A thick, yellow liquid that tastes spicy and is eaten in small amounts on meat and sandwiches
8. Twelve disciples chosen by Jesus to preach the gospel

DOWN

2. A tall plant with a wooden trunk, branches, and leaves
3. A small kernel that is buried in the ground to grow a new plant
5. A large area of salt water partly or completely surrounded by land
6. To do what you are told or expected to do

7 October ~ Heather Blanch
15 October ~ Audrey Davidson
18 October ~ John Nowland
18 October ~ Shelby Davidson



CHURCH SERVICES

9 October 11 am **West** ~ Fay Monkton



1st Sunday of the month ~ Luncheon @ **West**

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ **Hallsville**



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