



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 1:11-12 (NLT)

### Greetings from Paul

<sup>1</sup> This letter is from Paul, Silas, and Timothy. We are writing to the church in Thessalonica, to you who belong to God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>2</sup> May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

### Encouragement during Persecution

<sup>3</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, we can't help but thank God for you, because your faith is flourishing and your love for one another is growing.

<sup>4</sup> We proudly tell God's other churches about your endurance and faithfulness in all the persecutions and hardships you are suffering.

<sup>11</sup> So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do.

<sup>12</sup> Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honoured because of the way you live, and you will be honoured along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.

## Psalm 119:137-144 (NLT)

### Tsadhe

<sup>137</sup> O LORD, you are righteous, and your regulations are fair.

<sup>138</sup> Your laws are perfect and completely trustworthy.

<sup>139</sup> I am overwhelmed with indignation, for my enemies have disregarded your words.

<sup>140</sup> Your promises have been thoroughly tested; that is why I love them so much.

<sup>141</sup> I am insignificant and despised, but I don't forget your commandments.

<sup>142</sup> Your justice is eternal, and your instructions are perfectly true.

<sup>143</sup> As pressure and stress bear down on me, I find joy in your commands.

<sup>144</sup> Your laws are always right; help me to understand them so I may live.

Tsadhe Means Statutes in Hebrew



### Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

"All the great things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope." ~ Winston Churchill

"Too many people are thinking the grass is greener on the other side of the fence, when they ought to just water the grass they are standing on." ~ Amar Dave.

**MEETING!** PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION AGM  
11:00am, 30th October at  
West Tamworth Church

### CHURCH SERVICES

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

6 November 11 am **West** ~ Meg Mangan

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

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



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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Patrick Johnston, who is very unwell.
- We give thanks for all of the people who attended the christening of Billie Mae Collett last Sunday.
- We pray for the many thousands of people whose homes have been flooded in the past few weeks.
- We pray for Stuart Brown (Beulah's grandson), who broke his hip in an accident last week.
- We continue to support the people of Ukraine in our prayers.



### Meg's Musings

Zacchaeus was a very short man, so it probably made sense for him to climb a tree so that he could see Jesus pass by. He probably also has other reasons for keeping his distance from other people. As a tax-collector, Zacchaeus would have been despised. People would have seen him as a traitor - collecting money from fellow-Jews, and handing it over to the Romans. So people may have jostled him, and elbowed him in the ribs in a crowded situation. But it seems that Zacchaeus was an honest tax-collector. He made a promise to Jesus that he would repay back anyone who he had cheated 4 times the amount he had unfairly taken. That's not a promise to be made lightly! People may have jumped to unfair conclusions about Zacchaeus. Maybe he wasn't the cheat which most people assumed him to be. Sometimes we may also jump to conclusions about people we barely know, and show a lack of acceptance towards them. Jesus was able to accept Zacchaeus, and he calls on us to accept others too.

**Blessing from Meg**

### REST

Slow steady breaths  
with a head full of  
splendid yesterdays  
and a heart full of hope for tomorrow. ~ anon



### 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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### Luke 19:1-10 (NLT)

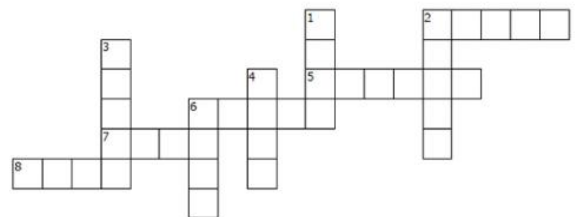
#### Jesus and Zacchaeus

**19** Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town.  
**2** There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich.  
**3** He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd.  
**4** So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.  
**5** When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."  
**6** Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.  
**7** But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.  
**8** Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"  
**9** Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham."  
**10** For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

### Zacchaeus Meets Jesus

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. Luke 19:5-6 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)



#### ACROSS

2. To move upward, especially by using the hands and feet
5. A person who disobeys God's laws; one who does wrong
6. Not tall
7. To set free from sin; to rescue
8. A large plant with a trunk, branches, and leaves

#### DOWN

1. To be unable to find your way
2. To get something for yourself in a dishonest way
3. A building in which people, usually a family, live
4. To have very little money
6. To search for something or someone