



# Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

25 June 2023

Meg Mangan 0476 375 989

P.O. BOX 3315 WEST TAMWORTH

## Mathew 10:24-39 (NLT)

<sup>24</sup> "Students are not greater than their teacher, and slaves are not greater than their master.

<sup>25</sup> Students are to be like their teacher, and slaves are to be like their master. And since I, the master of the household, have been called the prince of demons, the members of my household will be called by even worse names!

<sup>26</sup> "But don't be afraid of those who threaten you. For the time is coming when everything that is covered will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all.

<sup>27</sup> What I tell you now in the darkness, shout abroad when daybreak comes. What I whisper in your ear, shout from the housetops for all to hear!

<sup>28</sup> "Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

<sup>29</sup> What is the price of two sparrows—one copper coin? But not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it.

<sup>30</sup> And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.

<sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.

<sup>32</sup> "Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven.

<sup>33</sup> But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup> "Don't imagine that I came to bring peace to the earth! I came not to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup> 'I have come to set a man against his father a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

<sup>36</sup> Your enemies will be right in your own household!

<sup>37</sup> "If you love your father or mother more than you love me, you are not worthy of being mine; or if you love your son or daughter more than me, you are not worthy of being mine.

<sup>38</sup> If you refuse to take up your cross and follow me, you are not worthy of being mine.

<sup>39</sup> If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.



"It occurred to Pooh and Piglet that they hadn't heard from Eeyore for several days, so they put on their hats and coats and trotted across the Hundred Acre Wood to Eeyore's house.

Inside the house was Eeyore.

"Hello Eeyore," said Pooh.

"Hello Pooh. Hello Piglet" said Eeyore, in a glum sounding voice.

"We just thought we'd check on you," said Piglet, "because we hadn't heard from you, and so we wanted to know if you were okay."

Eeyore was silent for a moment. "Am I okay?" he asked, eventually. "Well, I don't know, to be honest. Are any of us really okay? That's what I ask myself. All I can tell you, Pooh and Piglet, is that right now I feel really rather sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around at all.

Which is why I haven't bothered you. Because you wouldn't want to waste your time with someone who is sad, and alone, and not much fun to be around at all, would you now."

Pooh looked at Piglet, and Piglet looked at Pooh, and they both sat down, one on either side of Eeyore in his stick house.

Eeyore looked at them in surprise. "What are you doing?"

"We're sitting here with you," said Pooh, "because we are your friends. And true friends don't care if someone is feeling sad, or alone, or not much fun to be around at all. True friends are there for you anyway. And so here we are."

"Oh," said Eeyore. "Oh." And the three of them sat there in silence, and while Pooh and Piglet said nothing at all; somehow, almost imperceptibly, Eeyore started to feel a very tiny little bit better. Because Pooh and Piglet were there.

No more; no less."

~ AA Milne

## Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86: 1-10,16-17  
Romans 6:1b-11



God goes before you. He stands beside you. He walks behind you. Whatever situation you have right now, be confident, God is with you!

~ unknown

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



### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for our members in nursing homes: Phyll Bylund, Heather Blanch, Glenda Whitten and Noreen Dobbie. 
- We also pray for others who are no longer able to get to worship as often as they would like.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine.
- We give thanks that Fabulous Finds is doing well, and is filling needs.
- We pray for world leaders, and for peace.

### Meg's Musings

I was speaking to Nance Matthews recently, and asked her how she was coping with the cold weather in Young. She answered that if you can find a sunny spot out of the wind, then you were right. Wise words!

That got me wondering about ways of coping with life more generally. Each of us has to cope with "cold" and difficult periods from time to time.

Friends and family members who understand can help us through such times.

For some people the words, "This, too shall pass" seem to help.

Knowing that Jesus is beside me, sharing the load, helps me more than anything else. His words, "I will be with you always" apply to sunny days, and to days when the "cold" threatens to overwhelm us.

Blessings from Meg

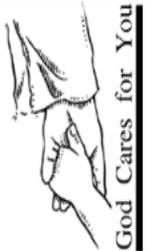


One night I dreamed a dream.  
As I was walking along the beach with my Lord.  
Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life.  
For each scene, I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand,  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.  
After the last scene of my life flashed before me,  
I looked back at the footprints in the sand.  
I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it.  
"Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,  
You'd walk with me all the way.  
But I noticed that during the saddest and most troublesome times of my life,  
there was only one set of footprints.  
I don't understand why, when I needed You the most,  
You would leave me."  
He whispered, "My precious child, I love you and will never leave you  
Never, ever, during your trials and testings.  
When you saw only one set of footprints,  
It was then that I carried you." ~ unknown

## You Are Precious in His Sight

So don't be afraid; you are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows. Matthew 10:31 (NIV)

Based on Matthew Matthew 10:24-39 (NIV)



"One of the deep secrets of life is that all that is really worth the doing is what we do for others." ~ Lewis Carrol

### CHURCH SERVICES

2 July 8.30am **Gowrie** ~ Meg Mangan  
2 July 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



### Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville



Open 9:30 to 1:00pm  
Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

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



### PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

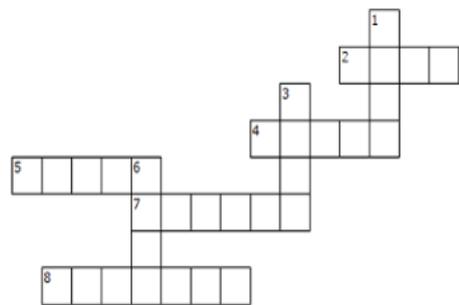
Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0476 375 989**



Elders: Margaret Crowell Daryl Lush



#### ACROSS

- The spiritual part of a person
- A small copper coin
- The value of something
- To be fearful or anxious about something
- A common, small, gray-brown bird

#### DOWN

- The physical part of a person
- The part of the body that contains the eyes, nose, mouth, ears, and the brain
- Threadlike structures growing on the head of a person

Stay away from negative people, they have a problem for every solution. ~ Albert Einstein