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Mathew 15:10-28 (NLT)

¹⁰ Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. "Listen," he said, "and try to understand.

¹¹ It's not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth."

¹² Then the disciples came to him and asked, "Do you realize you offended the Pharisees by what you just said?"

¹³ Jesus replied, "Every plant not planted by my heavenly Father will be uprooted, ¹⁴ so ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind, and if one blind person guides another, they will both fall into a ditch."

¹⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Explain to us the parable that says people aren't defiled by what they eat."

¹⁶ "Don't you understand yet?" Jesus asked.

¹⁷ "Anything you eat passes through the stomach and then goes into the sewer.

¹⁸ But the words you speak come from the heart—that's what defiles you.

¹⁹ For from the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, all sexual immorality, theft, lying, and slander.

²⁰ These are what defile you. Eating with unwashed hands will never defile you."

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Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Genesis 45:1-15 Romans 11:1-2a 29-32

If you have a hard time taking a compliment



Then don't take them



Borrow them

Tuck them away for the next person who needs one.

The Faith of a Gentile Woman

²¹ Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

²² A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely."

²³ But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel."

²⁵ But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, "Lord, help me!"

²⁶ Jesus responded, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."

²⁷ She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table."

²⁸ "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted." And her daughter was instantly healed.

"What do you want to be when you grow up?"



"Kind" said the boy ~ Charlie Mackesy

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.
- We give thanks to God that the Matilda's team are positive models for so many young Australians.
- We thank God for the beauty of Spring.
- We pray for people experiencing pain or sadness.
- We pray for people experiencing big changes in their lives at the moment.



Meg's Musings

As I have driven around Tamworth this week, it has been difficult to keep my eyes on the road. There is so much beauty around us! The magnolias are magnificent, and the prunus trees look prettier each day. Jonquils are past their best, but daisies, pansies, geraniums and gazanias are adding colour to gardens. The bees are loving the lavender and rosemary. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by so many beautiful plants and trees. What a generous God we have!

Blessings from Meg



Psalm 133 (NLT)

- ¹ How wonderful and pleasant it is when brothers live together in harmony!
- ² For harmony is as precious as the anointing oil that was poured over Aaron's head, that ran down his beard and onto the border of his robe.
- ³ Harmony is as refreshing as the dew from Mount Hermon that falls on the mountains of Zion. And there the LORD has pronounced his blessing, even life everlasting.

Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



If you think you are too small to make a difference, try sleeping with a mosquito in the room.

Dalai Lama



CHURCH SERVICES

27 August 11am **West** ~ Meg Mangan



Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.



4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



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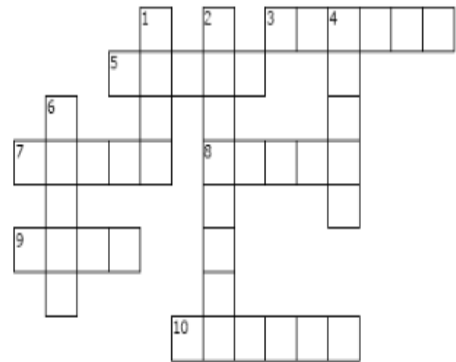
Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

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

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ACROSS

3. To experience physical or mental pain
5. An adult female human being
7. The Son of God
8. An very large amount of something
9. Unable to be found
10. Small pieces of bread or cake

DOWN

1. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
2. A female child in relation to her parents
4. To have trust or confidence in something or someone
6. An evil spirit

What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make.

~ Jane Goodall

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