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The Trouble Tree



The carpenter I hired to help me restore an old farmhouse had just finished a rough first day on the job.

A flat tire made him lose an hour of work, his electric saw quit, and now his ancient pickup truck refused to start. While I drove him home, he sat in stony silence. On arriving, he invited me in to meet his family. As we walked toward the front door, he paused briefly at a small tree, touching the tips of the branches with both hands. When opening the door he underwent an amazing transformation. His tanned face was wreathed in smiles and he hugged his two small children and gave his wife a kiss.

Afterward he walked me to the car. We passed the tree and my curiosity got the better of me. I asked him about what I had seen him do earlier.


"Oh, that's my trouble tree," he replied. "I know I can't help having troubles on the job, but one thing's for sure, troubles don't belong in the house with my wife and the children. So I just hang them on the tree every night when I come home. Then in the morning I pick them up again."

He paused. "Funny thing is," he smiled, "when I come out in the morning to pick 'em up, there ain't nearly as many as I remember hanging up the night before."

count your blessings

Love yourself. Be compassionate with yourself on your journey. And always remember to be grateful that you have a journey to be travelling on. ~ unknown

IN OUR PRAYERS

- Please continue to keep Mavis Chaffey in your prayers. 
- We pray for all those people who have had health problems over the past few months.
- We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine.
- We give thanks for our healthcare system.
- We pray for everyone travelling this Long Weekend.

Meg's Musings

A few weeks ago Marg received an unusual request from Len and Dot Hutton. 

They would be moving down to Newcastle soon.... moving from 100 acres to what will probably be a smallish suburban home.

They held a clearing sale which disposed of many of their treasures. But their collection of tea-sets was special - it was how they had celebrated Dot's 70th birthday.

Dot and Len wanted the 64 tea-sets to go where they would be used and appreciated.

Fabulous Finds is their new home. They will be used to host many morning teas. They have already been put to good use.

Dot and Len are having to let go of so much - astounding views, lots of space, and many, many friends. But it is time to move on.

They leave a positive legacy of Christian witness, friendship and service.

Blessings from Meg



"You're a good listener" said Tiny Dragon.
"Listening has never landed me in trouble"
replied Big Panda. ~ jamesnorbury.com

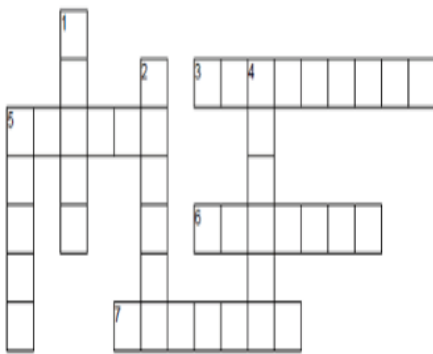


Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
Philippians 2:1-13

Authority of Jesus Is Questioned

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ACROSS

- 3. The right to do something
- 5. The place where God is
- 6. To cover with water as part of a religious ceremony
- 7. Someone who speaks a message from God

DOWN

- 1. To give instruction or direction to others
- 2. To give a reply to a question
- 4. A place of worship
- 5. Having to do with people

One should judge a man by his questions, rather than his answers.

~ Voltaire

Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.



4th 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."



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Mathew 21:23-32 (NLT)

The Authority of Jesus Challenged

²³ When Jesus returned to the Temple and began teaching, the leading priests and elders came up to him. They demanded, "By what authority are you doing all these things? Who gave you the right?"

²⁴ "I'll tell you by what authority I do these things if you answer one question," Jesus replied.

²⁵ "Did John's authority to baptize come from heaven, or was it merely human?" They talked it over among themselves. "If we say it was from heaven, he will ask us why we didn't believe John.

²⁶ But if we say it was merely human, we'll be mobbed because the people believe John was a prophet."

²⁷ So they finally replied, "We don't know." And Jesus responded, "Then I won't tell you by what authority I do these things.

Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ "But what do you think about this? A man with two sons told the older boy, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.'

²⁹ The son answered, 'No, I won't go,' but later he changed his mind and went anyway. ³⁰ Then the father told the other son, 'You go,' and he said, 'Yes, sir, I will.' But he didn't go.

³¹ "Which of the two obeyed his father?" They replied, "The first."

Then Jesus explained his meaning: "I tell you the truth, corrupt tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the Kingdom of God before you do.

³² For John the Baptist came and showed you the right way to live, but you didn't believe him, while tax collectors and prostitutes did. And even when you saw this happening, you refused to believe him and repent of your sins.