



Peel Valley Congregation

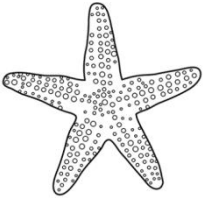
Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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1. It's Little Things that Make a Big Difference.




There was a man taking a morning walk at or the beach. He saw that along with the morning tide came hundreds of starfish and when the tide receded, they were left behind and with the morning sun rays, they would die.

The tide was fresh and the starfish were alive. The man took a few steps, picked one and threw it into the water. He did that repeatedly. Right behind him there was another person who couldn't understand what this man was doing. He caught up with him and asked, "What are you doing? There are hundreds of starfish. How many can you help? What difference does it make?"

This man did not reply, took two more steps, picked up another one, threw it into the water, and said, "It makes a difference to this one."

What difference are we making? Big or small, it does not matter. If everyone made a small difference, we'd end up with a big difference, wouldn't we? ~ unknown

IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to pray for Mavis Chaffey's health. 
- We pray for all residents of nursing homes in Tamworth, and especially Phyll Bylund, Glenda Whitten, Noreen Dobbie, Jim Marston and Heather Blanch.
- We pray for everyone to show a thoughtful and respectful attitude towards the referendum.
- We thank God for the many blessings which He showers upon us.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine as they face another winter of shortages and destruction.
- We pray for students who are about to commence their Higher School Certificate.

Meg's Musings

I came across this quote from Job. "Who laid the earth's cornerstone as the morning stars sang together, and all of the angels shouted for joy?" (Job 38: 7 NLT)

The image of the stars singing, and the angels shouting for joy intrigued me. It speaks of a scene filled with absolute wonder.

Although it doesn't quite accord with how science says that the earth came into being, it holds truth for me - the truth that God is at the heart of creation.

Whether the earth resulted from a cosmic explosion, or it is part of something altogether different doesn't really matter to me.

God created the universe. From the photos recently taken in deep space, it is spectacular beyond measure. When we acknowledge that, so many other aspects of life just fall into place.

Blessings from Meg



I've learned that even when I have pains, I don't have to be one.

MAYA ANGELOU

When you see something beautiful in someone, tell them.

It may take a second to say, but for them it could last a lifetime.

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



Mathew 21:33-46 (NLT)

Parable of the Evil Farmers

³³ “Now listen to another story. A certain landowner planted a vineyard, built a wall around it, dug a pit for pressing out the grape juice, and built a lookout tower. Then he leased the vineyard to tenant farmers and moved to another country.
³⁴ At the time of the grape harvest, he sent his servants to collect his share of the crop.

³⁵ But the farmers grabbed his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another.

³⁶ So the landowner sent a larger group of his servants to collect for him, but the results were the same.

³⁷ “Finally, the owner sent his son, thinking, ‘Surely they will respect my son.’

³⁸ “But when the tenant farmers saw his son coming, they said to one another, ‘Here comes the heir to this estate. Come on, let’s kill him and get the estate for ourselves!’

³⁹ So they grabbed him, dragged him out of the vineyard, and murdered him.

⁴⁰ “When the owner of the vineyard returns,” Jesus asked, “what do you think he will do to those farmers?”

⁴¹ The religious leaders replied, “He will put the wicked men to a horrible death and lease the vineyard to others who will give him his share of the crop after each harvest.”

⁴² Then Jesus asked them, “Didn’t you ever read this in the Scriptures?

‘The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.

This is the LORD’s doing, and it is wonderful to see.’

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Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4b-14

4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ Hallsville



⁴³ I tell you, the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a nation that will produce the proper fruit.

⁴⁴ Anyone who stumbles over that stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone it falls on.”

⁴⁵ When the leading priests and Pharisees heard this parable, they realized he was telling the story against them—they were the wicked farmers.

⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowds, who considered Jesus to be a prophet.

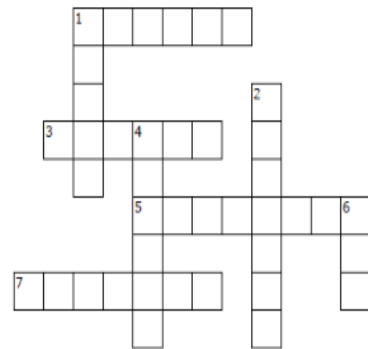
The Parable of the Tenants

Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. Matthew 21:37 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 21:33-46 (NIV)



the stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone ...
Matthew 21:42



ACROSS

- 1. A person who works with plants and flowers
- 3. To put to death
- 5. People employed to perform services for another person
- 7. The time or season for gathering crops

DOWN

- 1. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
- 2. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson
- 4. To hear or pay attention to something
- 6. A parent’s male child

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

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