



Peel Valley Congregation

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-13 (NLT)

A Time for Everything

- 3** For everything there is a season,
a time for every activity under heaven.
- 2** A time to be born and a time to die.
A time to plant and a time to harvest.
- 3** A time to kill and a time to heal.
A time to tear down and a time to
build up.
- 4** A time to cry and a time to laugh.
A time to grieve and a time to dance.
- 5** A time to scatter stones and a time to
gather stones.
A time to embrace and a time to turn
away.
- 6** A time to search and a time to quit
searching.
A time to keep and a time to throw
away.
- 7** A time to tear and a time to mend.
A time to be quiet and a time to
speak.
- 8** A time to love and a time to hate.
A time for war and a time for peace.
- 9** What do people really get for all their hard
work?
- 10** I have seen the burden God has placed
on us all.
- 11** Yet God has made everything beautiful
for its own time. He has planted eternity in
the human heart, but even so, people
cannot see the whole scope of God's work
from beginning to end.
- 12** So I concluded there is nothing better
than to be happy and enjoy ourselves as
long as we can.
- 13** And people should eat and drink and
enjoy the fruits of their labour, for these are
gifts from God.

The Dirty Laundry

A young couple moved into a new
neighbourhood.



The next morning while they
were eating breakfast, the
young woman saw her neighbor
hanging the washing outside.

"That laundry is not very clean; she doesn't
know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she
needs better laundry soap."

Her husband looked on, remaining silent.

Every time her neighbour hung her washing
out to dry, the young woman made the
same comments.

A month later, the woman was surprised to
see a nice clean wash on the line and said
to her husband, "Look, she's finally learned
how to wash correctly. I wonder who
taught her this?"

The husband replied, "I got up early this
morning and cleaned our windows."

And so it is with life... What we see when
watching others depends on the clarity of
the window through which we look.

So don't be too quick to judge others,
especially if your perspective of life is
clouded by anger, jealousy, negativity or
unfulfilled desires.

"Judging a person does not define who
they are. It defines who you are."

~ Paulo Coelho

Lectionary Readings

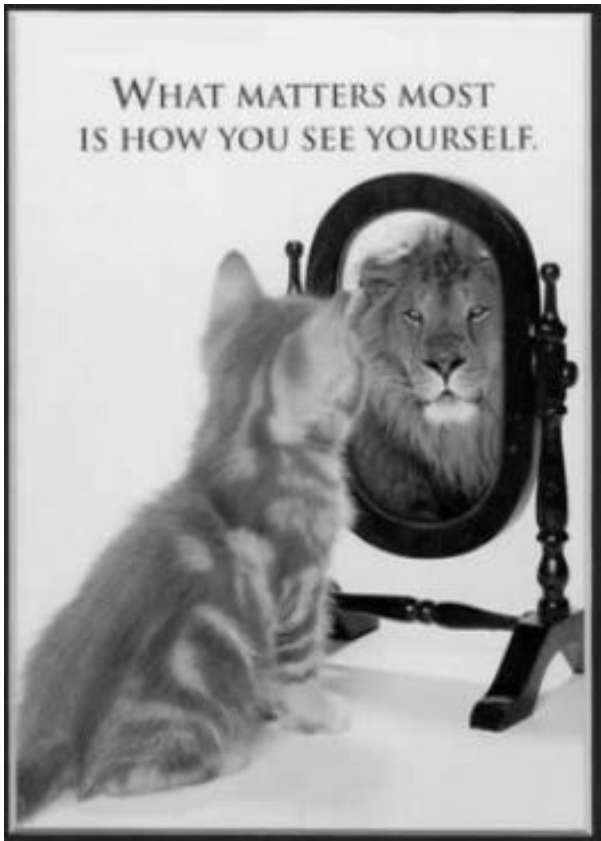
Genesis 1:1-5 Psalms 29

Acts 19:1-7 Mark 1:4-11



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray that 2024 becomes a year of peace and goodwill.
- We pray for the people of the Middle East and Ukraine who are caught up in conflict.
- We pray for each others' health and happiness in 2024.
- We give thanks for our church, and for one another.
- We pray that Fabulous Finds is able to reach out to many people this coming year.
- We pray for new ventures which our congregation may be involved in this year.



Meg's Musings

This question was posed in a book that I was reading. "Consider what season of life you (and your community) find yourself in as we begin this new year."

The easy answer for the people of Peel Valley is that we are senior citizens.

But we are each so much more than our chronological age.

We are experienced.

We have attained wisdom (some of it through the school of hard knocks).

We have reached the stage of life when relationships matter so very much.

We are still interested in learning new things and sharing new experiences.

We continue to be disciples of Jesus.

Blessings from Meg



"Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of people willing to be co-workers with God..." ~ Martin Luther King, Jr

Stewardship of Time

There is a time for every activity, a time for every deed.
Ecclesiastes 3:17



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Peel Valley Congregation

in recess resuming on

**21 January, 2024 Country Gospel
Breakfast at Hallsville.**

28 January 11am WEST

28 January ~ Markets at 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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EXERCISE	CHORES	FAMILY	SCHOOL	PRAYER
TIME	MOVIES	PLAY	WORK	STUDY
SPORTS	CHURCH	RESTING	HOBBIES	READING
LEISURE	CLUBS	STEWARDSHIP	TELEVISION	BUSY

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