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John 10:22-30 (NLT)

Jesus Claims to Be the Son of God

²² It was now winter, and Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time of Hanukkah, the Festival of Dedication.

²³ He was in the Temple, walking through the section known as Solomon's Colonnade.

²⁴ The people surrounded him and asked, "How long are you going to keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus replied, "I have already told you, and you don't believe me. The proof is the work I do in my Father's name.

²⁶ But you don't believe me because you are not my sheep.

²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.

²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one can snatch them away from me, ²⁹ for my Father has given them to me, and he is more powerful than anyone else. No one can snatch them from the Father's hand.

³⁰ The Father and I are one."

Acts 9:36-43 (NLT)

³⁶ There was a believer in Joppa named Tabitha (which in Greek is Dorcas). She was always doing kind things for others and helping the poor.

³⁷ About this time she became ill and died. Her body was washed for burial and laid in an upstairs room.

³⁸ But the believers had heard that Peter was nearby at Lydda, so they sent two men to beg him, "Please come as soon as possible!"

³⁹ So Peter returned with them; and as soon as he arrived, they took him to the upstairs room. The room was filled with widows who were weeping and showing him the coats and other clothes Dorcas had made for them.

⁴⁰ But Peter asked them all to leave the room; then he knelt and prayed. Turning to the body he said, "Get up, Tabitha." And she opened her eyes! When she saw Peter, she sat up!

⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then he called in the widows and all the believers, and he presented her to them alive.

⁴² The news spread through the whole town, and many believed in the Lord.

⁴³ And Peter stayed a long time in Joppa, living with Simon, a tanner of hides.



**THE BIGGEST ASSET IN THE WORLD
IS YOUR MINDSET!**

Other Lectionary Readings:

Revelations 7:9-17



"I am old but I am forever young at heart. We are always the same age inside. Know that you are the perfect age. Each year is special and precious, you can only live it once. Do not regret growing older, it's a privilege denied to many!" ~ Richard Gere



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Geoff Flynn as he recovers from further skin cancer surgery.
- We pray for all newly-elected parliamentarians, and also for those who were not elected.
- We give thanks for warm and pleasant weather.
- We pray for people who have lost loved ones, and those who mourn an anniversary of a loved ones' death.
- During the Biggest Morning Tea "season" we pray for everyone diagnosed with any form of cancer.

Meg's Musings

It's been a big week in Australian politics!

However, most of the media attention has been on the winners.

Very little thought is given to how those people who have lost are feeling.

After politics and campaigning swallowing up all of their time and attention for weeks, and probably months, it must be difficult to let go. The "what if" questions would come into play for many unsuccessful candidates.

As Christians, that is a question which we never have to ask ourselves.

If we listen to what God asks of us, and do our best to do and say what he wants of us, then we have done all that we can do. The rest is in God's hands.

God can use our efforts in ways which we could never imagine. All that God asks of us is faithfulness and a loving attitude.

Blessing from Meg



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Peel Valley Congregation is again hoping to send 20 boxes of items for children.

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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Minister's Weekly Reflection

The Legacy of Love and Service

On this Mother's Day, we honour the women in our lives who reflect Christ's love through their actions. Our reading from Acts 9:36-43 introduces us to Tabitha, a woman whose life was dedicated to serving others. Her story reminds us that a mother's love is not just about words but acts of kindness that leave a lasting impact.

Tabitha was the first woman explicitly called a disciple in the book of Acts. That's interesting given that we tend to think of twelve men as the first disciples in the bible. What then did Tabitha do that merited her being called a disciple?

Well, she saw people in need, and she helped them. Like many mothers, she was a nurturer, a helper, and a giver. Tabitha wrapped people in love, the love that she had come to know through her faith in Christ. Mothers embody Christ's compassion by caring for their families, supporting their communities, and reaching out to those in need.

Tabitha's passing left a void in the community. The widows she had clothed and cared for mourned her deeply. Their grief was a testament to the impact she had. A mother's influence has a lasting influence on the shape of our life, so it is natural that our mother's passing will also leave a void.

Peter prayed, and God restored Tabitha's life. This miracle is a reminder of God's power and grace. The prayers of a mother are powerful, moulding the lives of her children and family. Just as Tabitha was restored, God can bring renewal into the lives of those who feel weary or burdened. Whether in motherhood, relationships, or struggles we are reminded in John's Gospel of Jesus' motherly love for us.

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand Jesus strengthens and revives us." (John 10:27-28)

Rev Geoff



CHURCH SERVICES

18 May 11am West ~ Meg Mangan

25 May 11am West ~ Rev Geoff Flynn

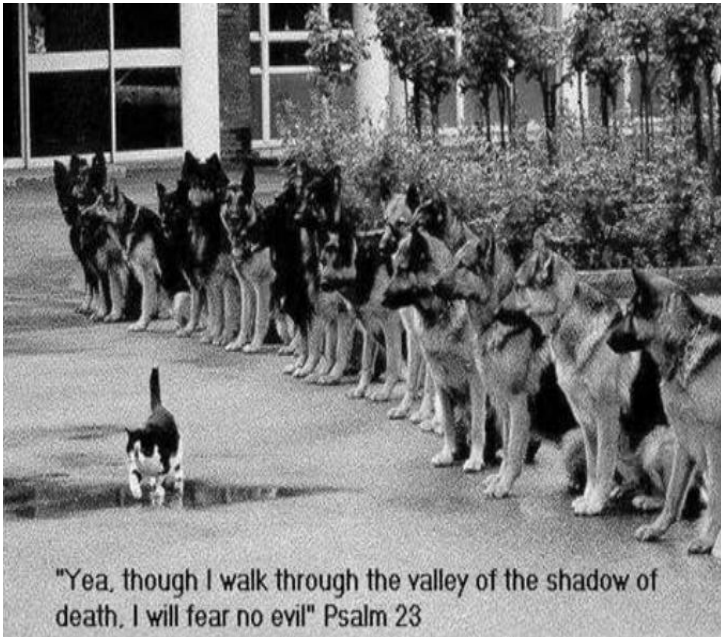


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23 Psalm

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green: he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul he doth restore again;
and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
ev'n for his own name's sake.
- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark
vale,
yet will I fear none ill:
For thou art with me; and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table thou hast furnishèd
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forever more
My dwelling place shall be.

Source: Hymns and Devotions for Daily Worship #150b



"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" Psalm 23



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To My Mother

Because I feel that, in the Heavens above,
The angels, whispering to one another,
Can find, among their burning terms of love,
None so devotional as that of "Mother,"
Therefore by that dear name I long have called you—
You who are more than mother unto me,
And fill my heart of hearts, where Death installed you
In setting my Virginia's spirit free.
My mother—my own mother, who died early,
Was but the mother of myself; but you
Are mother to the one I loved so dearly,
And thus are dearer than the mother I knew
By that infinity with which my wife
Was dearer to my soul than its soul-life.

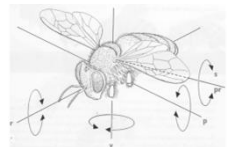
~ Edgar Allan Poe

Apparently NASA has a poster hanging with bees that reads:

"Aerodynamically a bee's body is not made to fly; the good thing is that the bee doesn't know".

The law of physics says a bee cannot fly. Aerodynamic principle says that the breadth of its wings is too small to keep its huge body in flight, but a bee doesn't know, it doesn't know anything about physics or its logic and flies anyway. This is what we can all do. Fly and prevail in every moment in the face of any difficulty and in any circumstance despite what they say.

Let us be bees, no matter the size of our wings, we take flight and enjoy the pollen of life.

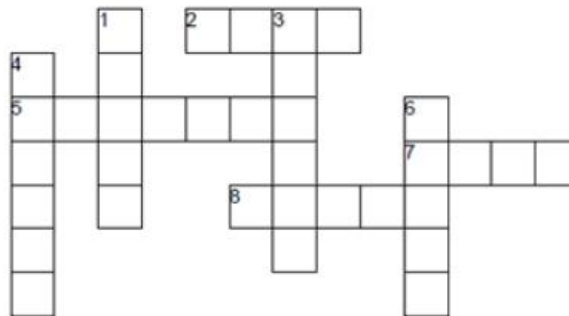


Guaranteed Forever

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 10:17-30



ACROSS

2. The period between a person's birth and their death
5. Lasting forever, never ending
7. The body part used for holding things
8. Sounds that come from the throat when people speak or sing

DOWN

1. To take something without permission
3. To move behind someone or something and go where they go
4. To die or pass away
6. Woolly animals closely related to goats

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| ETERNAL | FOLLOW | VOICE | LIFE |
| PERISH | STEAL | SHEEP | HAND |

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| HAND | LISTEN | FOLLOW | FATHER |
| STEAL | LIFE | GREATER | VOICE |
| ETERNAL | SHEEP | PERISH | NEVER |

~ Sermons 4 Kids

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