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2 Kings 5:1-14 (NLT)

The Healing of Naaman

5 The king of Aram had great admiration for Naaman, the commander of his army, because through him the LORD had given Aram great victories. But though Naaman was a mighty warrior, he suffered from leprosy.

2 At this time Aramean raiders had invaded the land of Israel, and among their captives was a young girl who had been given to Naaman's wife as a maid.

3 One day the girl said to her mistress, "I wish my master would go to see the prophet in Samaria. He would heal him of his leprosy."

4 So Naaman told the king what the young girl from Israel had said.

5 "Go and visit the prophet," the king of Aram told him. "I will send a letter of introduction for you to take to the king of Israel." So Naaman started out, carrying as gifts 750 pounds of silver, 150 pounds of gold, and ten sets of clothing.

6 The letter to the king of Israel said: "With this letter I present my servant Naaman. I want you to heal him of his leprosy."

7 When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes in dismay and said, "Am I God, that I can give life and take it away? Why is this man asking me to heal someone with leprosy? I can see that he's just trying to pick a fight with me."

8 But when Elisha, the man of God, heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes in dismay, he sent this message to him: "Why are you so upset? Send Naaman to me, and he will learn that there is a true prophet here in Israel."

9 So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and waited at the door of Elisha's house.
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2 Kings 5:10-14

10 But Elisha sent a messenger out to him with this message: "Go and wash yourself seven times in the Jordan River. Then your skin will be restored, and you will be healed of your leprosy."

11 But Naaman became angry and stalked away. "I thought he would certainly come out to meet me!" he said. "I expected him to wave his hand over the leprosy and call on the name of the LORD his God and heal me!"

12 Aren't the rivers of Damascus, the Abana and the Pharpar, better than any of the rivers of Israel? Why shouldn't I wash in them and be healed?" So Naaman turned and went away in a rage.

13 But his officers tried to reason with him and said, "Sir, if the prophet had told you to do something very difficult, wouldn't you have done it? So you should certainly obey him when he says simply, 'Go and wash and be cured!'"

14 So Naaman went down to the Jordan River and dipped himself seven times, as the man of God had instructed him. And his skin became as healthy as the skin of a young child, and he was healed!

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 30 Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16



CHURCH SERVICES

13 July	11am	West	Meg Mangan
20 July	11am	West	Sharon Flynn
27 July	11am	West	Meg



Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul - and sings the tunes without the words - and never stops at all. ~ Emily Dickinson



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to support Beth and Peter Scorgie as they mourn the loss of Tina.
- We pray for the upcoming Synod meeting which will be held next weekend.
- We pray for people suffering from colds, flu or covid during this cold weather.
- We thank God that winter doesn't last forever - that spring will arrive again.
- We pray for people without a warm, comfy bed to lie in on these very cold nights.

Meg's Musings

It is surprising that something that many people would consider "small" is able to make such an enormous difference.

Naaman's servant slave-girl was able to tell her mistress about Elisha.

Today, too, someone with the right piece of advice can help us along the road to health and healing.

Beulah knits bears for many people. She doesn't usually see the person who receives the bear, but her love is passed along within the bear.

We pack boxes of gifts for children we will never see, because we want to pass on God's love to them.

Even something as "small" and fleeting as a smile can change someone's day.

There are so many ways of passing love on to others. How do you choose to do it?

Blessing from Meg



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Peel Valley Congregation is currently collecting items for children.

Our act of giving can make a big difference.

Contact Meg for more information.



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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Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0476 375 989**

Elders: Margaret Crowell Daryl Lush



John 17:1-11 (NLT)

The Prayer of Jesus

17 After saying all these things, Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son so he can give glory back to you.

² For you have given him authority over everyone. He gives eternal life to each one you have given him.

³ And this is the way to have eternal life—to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, the one you sent to earth.

⁴ I brought glory to you here on earth by completing the work you gave me to do.

⁵ Now, Father, bring me into the glory we shared before the world began.

⁶ "I have revealed you to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours. You gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

⁷ Now they know that everything I have is a gift from you, ⁸ for I have passed on to them the message you gave me. They accepted it and know that I came from you, and they believe you sent me.

⁹ "My prayer is not for the world, but for those you have given me, because they belong to you.

¹⁰ All who are mine belong to you, and you have given them to me, so they bring me glory.

¹¹ Now I am departing from the world; they are staying in this world, but I am coming to you. Holy Father, you have given me your name; now protect them by the power of your name so that they will be united just as we are.

NOTICE: We're excited to announce that Tony Orr will be baptised during our service at West Tamworth next Sunday, 13th July.

Please come if you can to support Tony on this very special day.

Time and good friends are two things that get more valuable the older you get.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (NLT)

Jesus Sends Out His Disciples

10 The Lord now chose seventy-two^[a] other disciples and sent them ahead in pairs to all the towns and places he planned to visit.

2 These were his instructions to them: “The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.

3 Now go, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves.

4 Don’t take any money with you, nor a traveler’s bag, nor an extra pair of sandals. And don’t stop to greet anyone on the road.

5 “Whenever you enter someone’s home, first say, ‘May God’s peace be on this house.’

6 If those who live there are peaceful, the blessing will stand; if they are not, the blessing will return to you.

7 Don’t move around from home to home. Stay in one place, eating and drinking what they provide. Don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, because those who work deserve their pay.

8 “If you enter a town and it welcomes you, eat whatever is set before you.

9 Heal the sick, and tell them, ‘The Kingdom of God is near you now.’

10 But if a town refuses to welcome you, go out into its streets and say, **11** ‘We wipe even the dust of your town from our feet to show that we have abandoned you to your fate. And know this—the Kingdom of God is near!’

16 Then he said to the disciples, “Anyone who accepts your message is also accepting me. And anyone who rejects you is rejecting me. And anyone who rejects me is rejecting God, who sent me.”

17 When the seventy-two disciples returned, they joyfully reported to him, “Lord, even the demons obey us when we use your name!”

18 “Yes,” he told them, “I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning! **19** Look, I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy, and you can walk among snakes and scorpions and crush them. Nothing will injure you. **20** But don’t rejoice because evil spirits obey you; rejoice because your names are registered in heaven.”

Ministers Weekly Reflection

“The Big Help That Looked Small”

Both the Old Testament and Gospel readings set down for this Sunday suggest that healing happens when ordinary members of the Uniting Church, not just our elected leaders and passionate prophets, get up, stand up and show up.

Like so many stories in the Bible, the story of Naaman (2 Kings 5:1-14) is about power. But it’s also about the “little” people, the ones who are so often missed in the larger scheme of things. Naaman the great general, two kings, and one prophet, are all men, and they all have names. They are Big Men in the eyes of the world, even Elisha. But the dramatic story of healing wouldn’t happen if the “little people,” the unnamed ones, didn’t offer words of hope and encouragement.

Walter Brueggemann calls the mighty general, ironically, “an invisible nobody” whose commanding presence could not betray his inner struggles and heartache. Still, this humiliation doesn’t prevent Naaman from having a certain sense of his own place that puts him above ordinary people, and, for that matter, ordinary rivers and everyday mud. Naaman represents the wealthy who live as though everything can be bought even the best health care and the finer luxuries of life.”

In the life of nations, powerlessness and power are related to politics and fear, so the king of Israel immediately assumes that Aram’s king is trying to find a reason to attack him. He rips his robe and cries out, and Naaman is left without help.

People without power in the eyes of the world must work between the lines and behind the scenes, and the girl servant gets things started with her observation about where true power lies. In this story, we appreciate the way Naaman’s servant encourages Naaman to make one small gesture to be healed, when surely, he would have been willing to do something much bigger, much more dramatic, for such a desirable outcome.

Once again, the “little people” understand the importance of putting one’s faith in the prophets of God. As the apostle Paul taught the early church our ultimate healing comes through faith in Christ

Rev Geoff



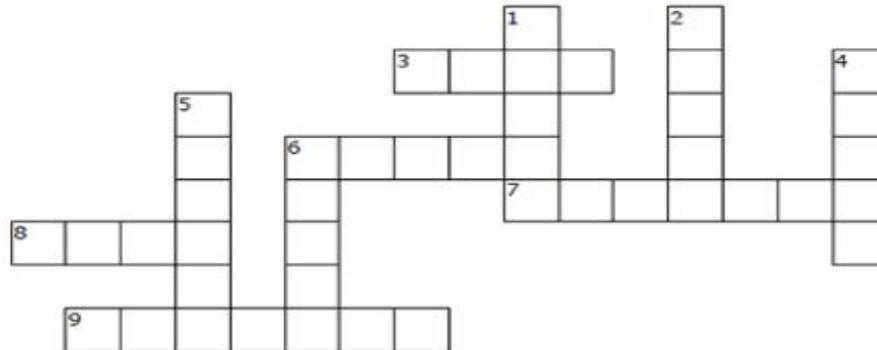
Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is the truth. ~ Mahatma Gandhi

Jesus Sends Out Workers



He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 10:1-11 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 3. To make someone well from an illness or injury
- 6. A small bag or pouch for carrying money
- 7. Shoes consisting of a sole fastened to the foot by straps
- 8. To be physically or mentally ill; not well or healthy
- 9. The process of gathering a crop

DOWN

- 1. The money which a person receives for working
- 2. The area of land where a crop is planted
- 4. A building in which a family lives
- 5. someone who performs a particular job
- 6. The absence of war or fighting

HARVEST WORKER	PEACE PURSE	SICK HEAL	WAGES HOUSE	SANDALS FIELD
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