



Peel Valley Congregation

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Hosea 11:1-11 (NLT)

The LORD's Love for Israel

- 11 "When Israel was a child, I loved him,
and I called my son out of Egypt.
2 But the more I called to him,
the farther he moved from me,
offering sacrifices to the images of Baal
and burning incense to idols.
3 I myself taught Israel how to walk,
leading him along by the hand.
But he doesn't know or even care
that it was I who took care of him.
4 I led Israel along
with my ropes of kindness and love.
I lifted the yoke from his neck,
and I myself stooped to feed him.
5 "But since my people refuse to return to
me,
they will return to Egypt
and will be forced to serve Assyria.
6 War will swirl through their cities;
their enemies will crash through their
gates.
They will destroy them,
trapping them in their own evil plans.
7 For my people are determined to desert
me.
They call me the Most High,
but they don't truly honor me.
8 "Oh, how can I give you up, Israel?
How can I let you go?
How can I destroy you like Admah
or demolish you like Zeboiim?
My heart is torn within me,
and my compassion overflows.
9 No, I will not unleash my fierce anger.
I will not completely destroy Israel,
for I am God and not a mere mortal.
I am the Holy One living among you,
and I will not come to destroy.
10 For someday the people will follow me.
I, the LORD, will roar like a lion.
And when I roar,
my people will return trembling from the
west.continued

Hosea 11:11

- 11 Like a flock of birds, they will come from
Egypt.
Trembling like doves, they will return from
Assyria.
And I will bring them home again,"
says the LORD.

Luke 12:13-21 (NLT)

Parable of the Rich Fool

- 13 Then someone called from the crowd,
"Teacher, please tell my brother to divide
our father's estate with me."
14 Jesus replied, "Friend, who made me a
judge over you to decide such things as
that?"
15 Then he said, "Beware! Guard against
every kind of greed. Life is not measured
by how much you own."
16 Then he told them a story: "A rich man
had a fertile farm that produced fine crops.
17 He said to himself, 'What should I do? I
don't have room for all my crops.'
18 Then he said, 'I know! I'll tear down my
barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll have
room enough to store all my wheat and
other goods.
19 And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My
friend, you have enough stored away for
years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink,
and be merry!"
20 "But God said to him, 'You fool! You will
die this very night. Then who will get
everything you worked for?'
21 "Yes, a person is a fool to store up
earthly wealth but not have a rich
relationship with God."

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 107:1-9, 43
Colossians 3:1-11





IN OUR PRAYERS

- We thank God for his provision throughout our lives.
- We pray that sufficient food and medical aid will get through to the people of Gaza.
- We pray for peace to return to Ukraine, the Middle East, and to Thailand-Cambodia.
- We pray for people in hospitals and nursing homes in Tamworth.
- We give thanks that spring is "just around the corner".

Meg's Musings

This morning I saw a magpie chase a pee-wee away from our backyard.

When magpies start their testosterone-fuelled chasing, swooping and snapping at almost anything that moves, it's a sure sign that spring is not too far away.

Their behaviour seems almost beyond their control - it's instinctive as they begin the process of readying their nest for eggs, and magpie chicks.

There are moments when we can react badly too, to the situations we are faced with.

However, we have an advantage over the magpies. We can ask God for wisdom to understand what's going on around us.

We can also ask for the strength to respond in a loving and caring way - to rise above our initial reactions, and to do things in a Christ-like way.

That truly is a gift beyond measure!

Blessing from Meg



CHURCH SERVICES

- 3 August 11am West ~ Rev Geoff**
 - 10 August 11am West ~ Rev Geoff**
 - 17 August 11am West ~ Sharon Flynn**
 - 24 August 11am West ~Jennifer Battle**
 - 31 August 11am Hallsville Combined**
- Tamworth Regional Churches worship**




Ministers Weekly Reflection

Beware of All Kinds of Greed

The Gospel reading for this Sunday Luke 12:13-21 is a collection of Jesus' wise sayings and stories related to the dangers of possessions. A couple of brothers are feuding over the family inheritance and want Jesus to adjudicate between their claims. Do you know families who have been divided by such disputes?

My grandfather must have known families that split up arguing over an inheritance because he made it clear in his will that after he died all his possessions were to be divided equally into five piles and that each of the five children were to draw lots to determine who got first pick.

It was a different story on the other side of my family. My great grandmother died in childbirth before her father died and consequently my great grandfather and his five children received no inheritance at all.

We in the church are not immune from disputing inheritances when it comes to bequests and property sales procedures. Even when legal advice is sought different parties will question the advice if they feel it disadvantages them financially. It will be interesting to see whether the allocation of money will be a sticking point in the formation of three new presbyteries in the Synod

The man addresses Jesus as "Teacher," presumably because he wanted instruction, but in the next breath he demands that Jesus "tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." The man knows what ought to be done in this situation and instruct Jesus accordingly.

Jesus' response "guard yourself against all kinds of greed" is the response of a teacher rather than a pastor. The matters in my life that I consider to be my biggest, most pressing problems may not interest Jesus in the least. It's always a shock to have a conversation with Jesus and to find that he is more than the answer to my questions and the solution to my problems.

Jesus must be about more important matters even than meeting my needs. He is also judge of my need. What a challenge to worship a friend and saviour who is also the true and living God!

Reverend Geoff



Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's needs, but not every man's greed.~ Mahatma Gandhi

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

"Be grateful for the kindly friends that walk along your way,
 Be grateful for the skies of blue that smile from day to day,
 Be grateful for the health you own, the work you find to do,
 For round about you there are those less fortunate than you.
 Be grateful for the growing trees, the roses soon to bloom,
 The tenderness of kindly hearts that shared your days of gloom,
 Be grateful for the morning dew, the grass beneath your feet,
 The soft caresses of your babes and all their laughter sweet.
 Acquire the grateful habit, learn to see how blessed you are,
 How much there is to gladden life, how little life to mar!
 And what if rain shall fall to-day and you with grief are sad,
 Be grateful that you can recall the joys that you have had." ~ Edgar Albert Guest

When you think about it, there's a quiet magic in saying "thank you."
 While it's a super simple phrase, it also holds immense power and can transform an ordinary moment into something special.~anon

Believe that life is worth living and your belief will help create the fact. ~ William James

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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What Is the Diderot Effect - and Why It's Quietly Draining Your Wallet
 Denis Diderot was a French philosopher - brilliant, but broke. When his daughter was about to get married he couldn't afford the dowry, Empress Catherine the Great of Russia stepped in. Out of respect for his genius, she bought his entire library and gave him a generous pension as its "keeper."

Overjoyed, Diderot bought himself a luxurious red robe. That's when the trouble began.



Once he put it on, everything around him - his old chairs, desk, curtains looked shabby.

So he upgraded the chairs. Then the desk. Then the décor. Then came statues, gilded frames, and extravagance galore. In the end, he spent all the money and ended up poorer than before.

But he wrote a brilliant essay about it: "Regrets on Parting with My Old Dressing Gown."

And thus, the "Diderot Effect" was born: We buy one new thing and suddenly feel the urge to upgrade everything else to match.



Bought a new phone? Now your old case looks lame. Signed up for a cheap gym membership? Hello, \$200 worth of workout gear. Got a stylish couch? Now you "need" new curtains, pillows, and a lamp.

Lesson?: We don't just spend money on things. We spend to maintain an identity — one that shifts the moment we introduce something new.

So next time you buy something "small"... ask yourself: what spiral might this start?



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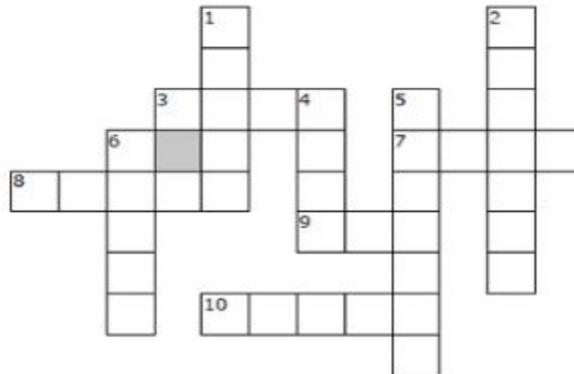
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The Parable of the Rich Fool

Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." Luke 12:15 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. One who acts unwisely
7. Having great material wealth
8. Large farm buildings used for storing farm products and sheltering livestock
9. To take food into the body through the mouth
10. An official who decides cases brought before a court of law

DOWN

1. Agricultural products, such as grain, vegetables, or fruit
2. A person who educates or gives instruction
4. The period of time between birth and death
5. A male having the same parent or parents as another
6. To take liquid into the mouth and swallow

rich	judge	crops	brother	barns
life	eat	fool	teacher	drink

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JUDGE	CROWD	THINGS	BARNs	GUARD
STORE	EAT	BIGGER	LIFE	GREED
RICH	FOOL	DIVIDE	GROUND	DRINK
GOOD	CROP	WATCH	GRAIN	MERRY