



Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville & West Tamworth



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Genesis 45:1-15 (NLT)

Joseph Reveals His Identity

45 Joseph could stand it no longer. There were many people in the room, and he said to his attendants, "Out, all of you!" So he was alone with his brothers when he told them who he was.

² Then he broke down and wept. He wept so loudly the Egyptians could hear him, and word of it quickly carried to Pharaoh's palace.

³ "I am Joseph!" he said to his brothers. "Is my father still alive?" But his brothers were speechless! They were stunned to realize that Joseph was standing there in front of them.

⁴ "Please, come closer," he said to them. So they came closer. And he said again, "I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt."

⁵ But don't be upset, and don't be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives.

⁶ This famine that has ravaged the land for two years will last five more years, and there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.

⁷ God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors.

⁸ So it was God who sent me here, not you! And he is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.

⁹ "Now hurry back to my father and tell him, 'This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me master over all the land of Egypt. So come down to me immediately!'"

¹¹ I will take care of you there, for there are still five years of famine ahead of us.

Otherwise you, your household, and all your animals will starve."

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Genesis 45:12-15 (NLT)

¹² Then Joseph added, "Look! You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that I really am Joseph!"

¹³ Go tell my father of my honored position here in Egypt. Describe for him everything you have seen, and then bring my father here quickly."

¹⁴ Weeping with joy, he embraced Benjamin, and Benjamin did the same.

¹⁵ Then Joseph kissed each of his brothers and wept over them, and after that they began talking freely with him.

Matthew 15: 21-28 (NLT)

The Faith of a Gentile Woman

²¹ Then Jesus left Galilee and went north to the region of Tyre and Sidon.

²² A Gentile woman who lived there came to him, pleading, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! For my daughter is possessed by a demon that torments her severely."

²³ But Jesus gave her no reply, not even a word. Then his disciples urged him to send her away. "Tell her to go away," they said. "She is bothering us with all her begging."

²⁴ Then Jesus said to the woman, "I was sent only to help God's lost sheep—the people of Israel."

²⁵ But she came and worshiped him, pleading again, "Lord, help me!"

²⁶ Jesus responded, "It isn't right to take food from the children and throw it to the dogs."

²⁷ She replied, "That's true, Lord, but even dogs are allowed to eat the scraps that fall beneath their masters' table."

²⁸ "Dear woman," Jesus said to her, "your faith is great. Your request is granted." And her daughter was instantly healed.

Other Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 56:1,6-8 Psalms Ps 67 Psalms 133
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: 10-20





IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Lynne Bowd is safely home, and prayer for continued healing.
- We pray for Beulah, and for her family.
- We pray that the transitioning from 12 to 3 presbyteries goes smoothly.
- We thank God for our families, and our friends.
- We pray for all who are unwell, frail, or coping with ongoing health issues.

Meg's Musings

The 7:30 Report held an interview with Sussan Ley this week.

It was really interesting. She had recently been on a bus trip through the USA.

She wanted to "re-find herself" post-politics, and found it easier to do so away from people who would recognise her.

In the interview her compassion and warmth showed through - qualities which she probably hadn't felt that she could display as a woman in politics.

She saw the pain and disconnect plaguing many people in the USA, and was moved by it.

We don't need to travel to find ourselves. Prayer time with God, and time spent with Christian friends can help us to know who God made us to be, and what he calls us to do.

Blessings from Meg



CHURCH SERVICES 11am West

23 August ~ Meg Mangan

30 August ~Worsh & Get Togheter @ Southside followed by lunch



Just a reminder...

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** this Sunday after church.

The Synod Property section has approved the sale of Gowrie Church for \$205,000. We now need to get congregational approval.

My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style. ~ Maya Angelou



Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville
9:30 to 1:00pm Thursday, Friday & Saturday.
Cuppa and a chat always available.

Minister's Reflection

Joseph's Tears and the Work of Reconciliation

Genesis and Exodus are two of my favourite books in the bible. Every three years I enjoy the opportunity to preach on texts such as Genesis 45:1-15 because they are full of drama, family tension, unexpected twists, and moments of deep humanity. Without them, children's Sunday school would lose half its material: no Garden of Eden, no ark, no burning bush, no Ten Commandments. Yet beneath the famous scenes lies something very ordinary and very real: conflict. From Cain and Abel through Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau, and finally Joseph and his brothers, these stories trace the painful patterns of hurt within families.

Joseph's story stretches across many chapters, though the lectionary usually shows us only the beginning and the end. We remember the early part well: the favourite son, the colourful coat, the jealousy, the pit, the sale into slavery. What happens in between is just as important. Joseph's gift for interpreting dreams brings him into Pharaoh's court. His wisdom saves Egypt during a devastating famine. He becomes governor, second only to Pharaoh—an extraordinary rise for someone once discarded by his own brothers.

But Joseph's dreams were never simply ambition. They were glimpses of what God would do through him. When his brothers finally come seeking food, they do not recognise the man before them. Joseph, overwhelmed, sends everyone out of the room and weeps—so loudly that the whole household hears. Three times in Genesis Joseph breaks down in tears, and this moment is the most intense. It is the release of years of grief, anger, homesickness, and memory. What is striking is what Joseph does next. With all the power in the world to punish, he chooses forgiveness. He tells his brothers that God was at work even in their betrayal, using him to preserve life. Joseph does not pretend the past didn't hurt; he simply refuses to let hurt have the final word.

Genesis 45 invites us to imagine what reconciliation might look like in our own lives. Not easy, not tidy—but freeing. Joseph shows that forgiveness is not forgetting; it is trusting that God can weave grace even through the threads of our deepest wounds.

Rev Geoff

When you forgive, you heal. When you let go, you grow. ~ anon

The Panda and the Turtle



The turtle 🐢 and the Panda 🐼 were taking a walk....the turtle apologised for being too slow.

The Panda smiled 😊 and said " the journey was never more important than your company".

Some journies aren't remembered for the places we reach.....they are remembered for the hearts ❤️ that walk beside us. ~ Kimberly Martino

ONE DAY YOU WILL REALIZE:

1. No matter how much money you have, you still eat only a few meals a day.
2. No matter how big your house is, you still sleep on just one bed.
3. No matter how stunning beauty is, it will fade with time.
4. No matter how many people you know, only few will truly stay.
5. No matter how luxurious the car is, it can't replace healthy legs.
6. No matter how high your title is, it means nothing without inner peace.
7. Waking up each morning is already a gift.
8. Sleeping peacefully at night is real wealth.
9. Having your family by your side is the greatest fortune.

I would rather make mistakes in kindness and compassion than work miracles in unkindness and hardness. ~ Mother Teresa

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"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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In separateness lies the world's greatest misery; in compassion lies the world's true strength.~ Buddha

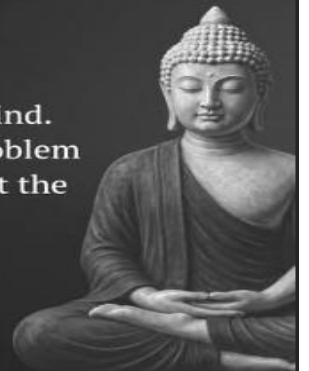
Buddha was once asked,
"What is worry?"

He simply answered,

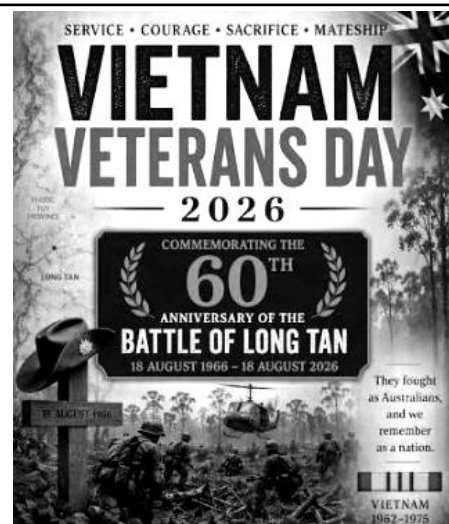
"Worry is the **pain** you choose to suffer before anything has happened.

It drains you first.
Then it exhausts your mind.
It lives longer than the problem and steals your **peace**, not the outcome."

fbjBuddha's Teaching



"Come you masters of war. You that build all the guns. You that build the death planes.
You that build all the big bombs.
You that hide behind walls.
You that hide behind desks.
I just want you to know I can see through your masks.
Let me ask you one question, Is your money that good?
Will it buy you forgiveness, do you think that it could?
I think you will find, when your death takes its toll, all the money you made, will never buy back your soul" ~Bob Dylan

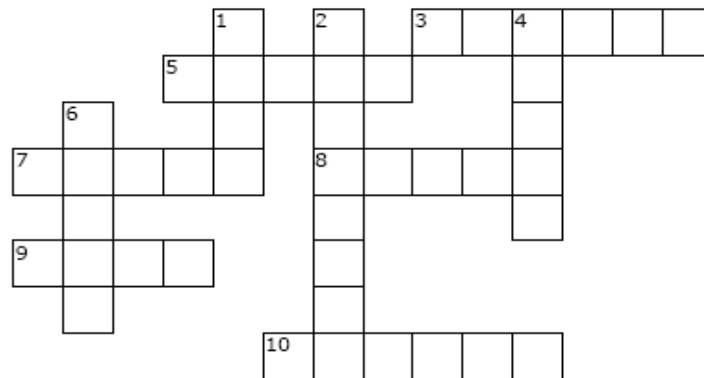


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Crumbs from the Table

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



ACROSS

3. To experience physical or mental pain
5. An adult female human being
7. The Son of God
8. An very large amount of something
9. Unable to be found
10. Small pieces of bread or cake

DOWN

1. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
2. A female child in relation to her parents
4. To have trust or confidence in something or someone
6. An evil spirit

JESUS WOMAN	DAUGHTER GREAT	SUFFER FAITH	CRUMBS DOGS	DEMON LOST
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