



Peel Valley Congregation

Hallsville & West Tamworth



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Exodus 33:12-23 (NRSV)

Moses's Intercession

¹² Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.'"

¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people."

¹⁴ He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here."

¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name."

¹⁸ Moses said, "Please show me your glory."

¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy."

²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live."

²¹ And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, ²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 (NRSV)

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

The Thessalonians' Faith and Example

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you,

⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake.

⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.

⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it.

⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for all hay fever and asthma sufferers at the moment.
- We give thanks for the rain.
- We are thankful for the wonderful outcome surgeons have achieved for Anthony.
- We pray for the children who will receive Operation Christmas Child boxes.
- We pray for the people of Ukraine who are coming under increasing bombing attacks.

Meg's Musings

Like most other people around Tamworth, my home has recently been invaded by Bogong Moths.

As they are said to be an endangered species, I've attempted to set them free whenever I can.

However, very few of the moths are keen to co-operate!

I've tried to brush them towards open doors or windows, but they choose to fly in any other direction. It seems that they would prefer to fly around banging into walls than to fly out an open door.

I've tried to catch them in my hands and then take them outside to release them. They try with all their might to get free before I make it to the open doorway.

All I want to do is help them, but they have their own agenda.

Sometimes I'm a bit like those Bogong Moths. God has a plan for me, and gently tries to shepherd me towards what He knows will be to my benefit.

But I can't see the big picture, and stubbornly cling to my plan. The results are less than ideal.

Listening to God, and His plans for us is important for each of us - all the time.

Blessings from Meg



Challenges are what make life interesting and overcoming them is what makes life meaningful. ~ Joshua J. Marine

CHURCH SERVICES 11am West Tan

18 October ~ **Rev Geoff**

25 October ~ **Rev Sam**

1 November ~ **Rev Geoff**

8 November ~ **Meg**

15 November ~ **Rev Sam**

22 November ~ **Meg**

29 November ~ **Combined service Fijians City**



Minister's Reflection

Show Me Your Glory

For the past nine weeks we have been reading through the book of Exodus. With 40 chapters you can appreciate that there is a lot that gets skipped over that is why it is important that members of the Uniting Church to read their bible each day to fill in the gaps

Our journey through Exodus concludes with Moses and the people facing an uncertain future.

(Ex 33:12-23) . The people have failed, the journey ahead is difficult, and Moses knows that leadership alone will not be enough. So he turns to God with three bold requests: teach me your ways, go with us, and show me your glory.

First, Moses asks for guidance. He does not pretend to know every step across the wilderness. His prayer reminds us that faith is not having a complete map; it is trusting the One who leads. As a pilgrim people, the Church also depends upon the Spirit of Christ to guide us when the way is unfamiliar.

Second, Moses asks for God's presence: "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here." What distinguishes God's people is not their strength, success, or certainty, but God's gracious companionship. God is not confined to a sacred object, powerful leader, or holy mountain. The living God goes with the people and promises rest.

Finally, Moses dares to ask, "Show me your glory." God places him in a cleft of the rock and passes by, allowing only a glimpse. Moses cannot possess or control the mystery of God. He can receive only what God graciously reveals. Often this is true in our own lives: we recognise God's presence most clearly in retrospect, when prayerful reflection reveals that grace was carrying us all along.

For Christians, this longing to see the glory of God finds its answer in Jesus Christ. John's Gospel declares that the Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. In Jesus, God's glory comes near—not as spectacle, but as self-giving love.

Where do you need God's guidance today? Where are you longing for reassurance that God is with you? May we have the courage of Moses to ask, the patience to wait, and the attentiveness to glimpse God's glory in the journey.

Rev Geoff



THE STORY ABOUT THE MANY WAYS GOD IS REVEALED TO US:

The man whispered, "God, speak to me."

And the meadowlark sang.

But the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "God, speak to me."

And thunder and lightning rolled across the sky. But the man did not listen. The man looked around and said, "God, let me see you,"

And a star shone brightly. But the man did not see. And the man shouted, "God, show me a miracle."

And a life was born. But the man did not notice. So the man cried out in despair, "Touch me, God, and let me know you are here."

Whereupon God reached down and touched the man. But the man brushed the butterfly away and walked on.



How often we miss the subtle butterfly...a gentle smile of an aged person, the supportive words of a friend, a gracious compliment of a co-worker or the good wishes of a colleague.

If we could only teach ourselves to live in the moment instead of thinking about what we have to do next or what we forgot to do or what we wished we have done!

Everyone needs someone to help us see the beauty and the joy in the moment.

When we touch another's life or another touches ours. We are never the same---we carry all those people in our heart. We are forever connected. And whatever we give away, always comes back. ~ Ann Bryan

You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. And YOU are the one who'll decide where to go. ~ Dr. Seuss

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES:



We have packed 23 boxes this year.

They will be blessed on Sunday before being sent to children surrounded by poverty.

These boxes are an easy, and enjoyable, way to reach out to children we will never meet.

It helps them to know that God loves them, and cares for them.

If you are able to knit, sew or build small items for next years boxes, we would be thrilled to receive all contributions.



What would happen
in our lives if we
shifted our thinking
from "God, help!" to
"God, show me who
You are in this
situation."

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Life is good when you are happy; but much better when others are happy because of you. ~ unknown

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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A New Loyalty - 1st Thessalonians 1: 1-10

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affliction	Holy Ghost	delivered	Macedonia	followers
Timotheus	patience	brethren	Silvanus	prayers
epistle	loyalty	raised	Achaia	peace
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