



Peel Valley Congregation

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1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 (NIV)

³⁴ Then Samuel left for Ramah, but Saul went up to his home in Gibeath of Saul. ³⁵ Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again, though Samuel mourned for him. And the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king over Israel.

Samuel Anoints David

¹⁶ The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king."

² But Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me."

The LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate."

⁴ Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"

⁵ Samuel replied, "Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me." Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed stands here before the LORD."

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, "The LORD has not chosen this one either." ⁹ Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, "Nor has the LORD chosen this one."

¹⁰ Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, "The LORD has not chosen these."

¹¹ So he asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" "There is still the youngest," Jesse answered. "He is tending the sheep." Samuel said, "Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives."

¹² So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; this is the one."

¹³ So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Psalm 20 (NIV)

¹ May the LORD answer you when you are in distress; may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.

² May he send you help from the sanctuary and grant you support from Zion.

³ May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings.

⁴ May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

⁵ May we shout for joy over your victory and lift up our banners in the name of our God. May the LORD grant all your requests.

⁶ Now this I know:

The LORD gives victory to his anointed. He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.

⁷ Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.

⁸ They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.

⁹ LORD, give victory to the king! Answer us when we call!

2 Corinthians 5:6-17 (NIV)

⁶ Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. ⁷ For we live by faith, not by sight. ⁸ We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹ So we make it our goal to please him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. ¹⁰ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.

The Ministry of Reconciliation

¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

14 June ~ Elphie Lang

18 June ~ Heather Budden

19 June ~ Gillian Jarrett

May God shed his grace on you. Happy birthday.

Don't forget to smile!!!



"A bad day for your ego is a great day for your soul." ~ Jillian Michaels

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- Phyll Bylund is continuing to improve, and should be home again shortly
- We pray that the Emmaus Walks to take place at Goroka, in Papua New Guinea 18-21 June will help to spread God's love to many people.
- We pray that Patrick Johnston finds it a joy to participate, and finds the experience most fulfilling. We pray for safe travel and good health whilst he is away.
- Beulah Fenwick is in hospital at Coonabarabran. Her back is less painful, and she is feeling far more comfortable.
- We pray for all those who have been part of our congregation over the years, and are no longer able to attend, due to ill-health, or because they have moved elsewhere.

A wise man can learn more from a foolish question than a fool can learn from a wise answer. ~ Bruce Lee

Meg's Musings

Today's Gospel reading is about Jesus teaching the crowd with parables - interesting stories which they could readily relate to. Stories about seeds sprouting, and crops growing; about tiny mustard seeds producing large plants.

When Jesus was alone with his disciples, he explained the meanings behind the parables.

I guess that, in the busyness of the crowd, it would have been difficult to focus on the deeper meanings, as people would have been coming and going as the stories were told. People would have been asking, "how did the story start?", or "what have I missed out on?"

There must have been times when some of the disciples must have been bursting to ask "why", or "what do you mean", and tried to hold on to their questions until there was the time and space to ask.

Do you come to God with questions about "why" and "how"? God always welcomes our questions, and welcomes our quest to know more about him. No question is "dumb" in God's eyes. We are precious to him, and our questions are precious too.

Sometimes it may seem to us that the answers are a long time coming, but God does answer our questions in his own time.



Blessings from Meg

By doubting we are led to question, by questioning we arrive at the truth. ~ Peter Abelard

When the solution is simple, God is answering. ~ Einstein



Bible Readings ~ 21 June

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| 1 Samuel 17:1,4-11,19-23,32-49 or | Psalm 9:9-20 or |
| 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5,1016 | Psalm 133 |
| 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 | Mark 4:35-41 |

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."**

Pastoral Care: **Meg Mangan 0466 337 005**

Elders: Margaret Crowell	Doss Wark	Ross Davidson
Barbara Murray		Gillian & Bruce Jarrett



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|  1st Sunday of the month
~ Luncheon @ West | 4th Sunday of the month
~ Markets @ Hallsville |
| 3rd Sunday of the month
~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth |  |

Mark 4:26-34 (NIV)

The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. ²⁸ All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. ²⁹ As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come."

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. ³² Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade."

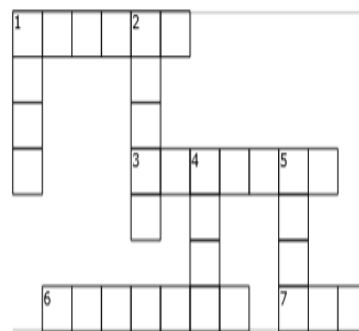
³³ With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. ³⁴ He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.



Planting Seeds - Watching Them Grow

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. Mark 4:26-27 (NIV)

Based on Mark 4:26-29 (NIV)



ACROSS

- The surface of the earth or of a piece of land
- The time when the crop is gathered
- To throw something in many directions
- The part of the day when the sun shines

DOWN

- To increase in size
- The part of the day when it is dark
- Fully grown; ready to be eaten
- A small, usually hard part of a plant from which a new plant can grow

CHURCH SERVICES

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| 19 June 6pm | Hallsville ~ |
| 21 June 8.30am | Gowrie ~ NO SERVICE |
| 21 June 9am | Hallsville ~ Meg Mangan HC |
| 21 June 11am | West ~ Rev Bill Fischer |

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