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Ruth 1:1-18 (NIV)

Naomi Loses Her Husband and Sons

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. ² The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

³ Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴ They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, ⁵ both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

Naomi and Ruth Return to Bethlehem

⁶ When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. ⁷ With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

⁸ Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. ⁹ May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud ¹⁰ and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

¹¹ But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husband's? ¹² Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons— ¹³ would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

¹⁴ At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵ "Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

¹⁶ But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. ¹⁷ Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." ¹⁸ When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

Psalms 146 (NIV)

¹ Praise the LORD.

Praise the LORD, my soul.

² I will praise the LORD all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

³ Do not put your trust in princes,

in human beings, who cannot save.

⁴ When their spirit departs, they return to the ground; on that very day their plans come to nothing.

⁵ Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God.

⁶ He is the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—he remains faithful forever.

⁷ He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free,

⁸ the LORD gives sight to the blind, the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹ The LORD watches over the foreigner and sustains the fatherless and the widow, but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰ The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

Hebrews 9:11-14 (NIV)

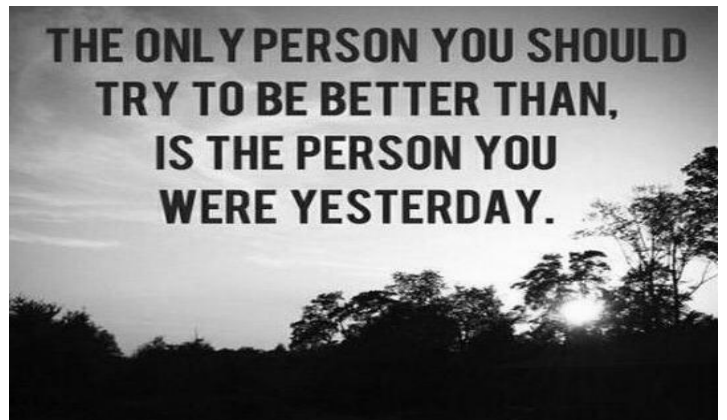
The Blood of Christ

¹¹ But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation.

¹² He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.

¹³ The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

THE ONLY PERSON YOU SHOULD TRY TO BE BETTER THAN, IS THE PERSON YOU WERE YESTERDAY.



Every day is an opportunity, to be a better version of who you were yesterday!~ Nikhil Saluja

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks that Viv Chaffey is able to use her motorised wheelchair at MacKay House. It has given her lots more freedom and independence.
- We thank God for the rain we have had this week. The gardens are looking much fresher and happier.
- Thanks to God too that the Kairos Outside for Women weekend at Lake Keepit went well last weekend. It was a very special time for everyone there.
- Last weekend was also a special weekend for Shirley and Max Whitten. Thank-you to God that their 50th wedding anniversary was such a happy occasion.
- We pray for Nancye Forrester who suffered quite a severe stroke last week. Nancye has shown some improvement, but still has a long way to go.

Meg's Musings

I was playing with my grand-daughter Emma. She showed me some Babushka dolls which she was given. One was the traditional woman, another was bears and a third was spotty dogs. Emma enjoyed opening them up, and then putting them back together again.

There were five dolls to each set. Each was identical, but slightly smaller than the doll encasing it.

Unlike the Babushka dolls, we are better when, instead of having identical copies inside us, we instead have God dwelling inside us. When that happens, it is possible for us to become better versions of ourselves.

Blessings from Meg



We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees, flowers, grass- grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls. ~ Mother Teresa

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

8 November ~ Doss Wark

May God grant you many years to live,
For sure he must be knowing.
The earth has angels all too few.
And heaven is overflowing.



"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself. I am the LORD. ~ Leviticus 19:18

Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. ~ 1 John 4:11

And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. ~ Luke 10:27

CHURCH SERVICES

6 November 6pm	Hallsville	~ Patrick Johnston
8 November 8.30am	Gowrie	~Patrick Johnston
8 November 11am	West	~ Patrick Johnston

Mark 12:28-34 (NIV)

The Greatest Commandment

²⁸ One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"

²⁹ "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

³⁰ Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

³¹ The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."

³² "Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him.

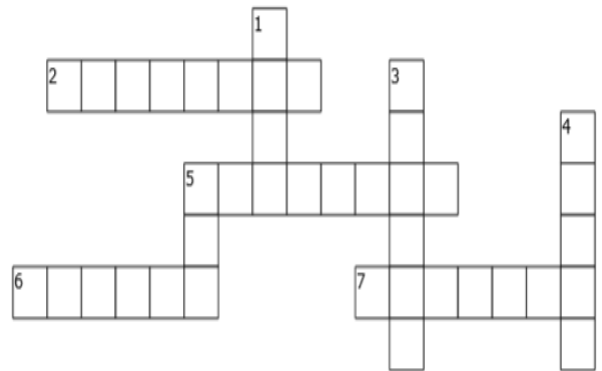
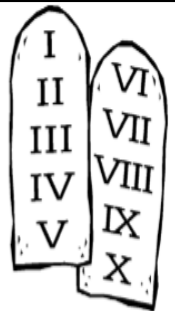
³³ To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 12:28-34



ACROSS

2. A person who lives near or next to another
5. The most important; better than all others of the same kind
6. Coming next in order after the first one
7. Someone who educates or trains others

DOWN

1. To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
3. A spoken or written reply to a question
4. The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings
5. The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship



1st Sunday of the month

~ Luncheon @ West

3rd Sunday of the month

~ Trading Table @ West Tamworth

4th Sunday of the month

~ Markets @ Hallsville



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