



# Peel Valley Congregation

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## Psalm 138 (NIV)

- 1 I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart; before the "gods" I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your name for your unfailing love and your faithfulness, for you have so exalted your solemn decree that it surpasses your fame.
- 3 When I called, you answered me; you greatly emboldened me.
- 4 May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD, when they hear what you have decreed.
- 5 May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great.
- 6 Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly; though lofty, he sees them from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes; with your right hand you save me.
- 8 The LORD will vindicate me; your love, LORD, endures forever— do not abandon the works of your hands.



## 1 Samuel 8:4-11 (NIV)

- 4 So all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah. 5 They said to him, "You are old, and your sons do not follow your ways; now appoint a king to lead us, such as all the other nations have."
- 6 But when they said, "Give us a king to lead us," this displeased Samuel; so he prayed to the LORD.
- 7 And the LORD told him: "Listen to all that the people are saying to you; it is not you they have rejected, but they have rejected me as their king. 8 As they have done from the day I brought them up out of Egypt until this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so they are doing to you. 9 Now listen to them; but warn them solemnly and let them know what the king who will reign over them will claim as his rights."
- 10 Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. 11 He said, "This is what the king who will reign over you will claim as his rights: He will take your sons and make them serve with his chariots and horses, and they will run in front of his chariots. 12 Some he will assign to be commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and others to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and still others to make weapons of war and equipment for his chariots. 13 He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. 14 He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive groves and give them to his attendants. 15 He will take a tenth of your grain and of your vintage and give it to his officials and attendants. 16 Your male and female servants and the best of your cattle and donkeys he will take for his own use. 17 He will take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves will become his slaves."

**Cherokee Teaching.** "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil - he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego."

He continued, "The other is good - he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you - and inside every other person, too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."



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| 6 June  | ~ Meg Mangan     |
| 7 June  | ~ Simon Hansford |
| 8 June  | ~ Kevin Hicks    |
| 11 June | ~ Glenda Whitten |
| 7 June  | ~ Elphie Lang    |
| 18 June | ~ Heather Budden |



## CHURCH SERVICES

13 June 11 am **West** ~ PRAISE SERVICE 

## 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 0476 375 989**

Elders: Marqaret Crowell Ross Davidson Bruce Jarrett



Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

1 Samuel 8:20 (11:14-15) 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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### IN OUR PRAYERS

- We give thanks for a well-attended combined service, and a big thanks to all of the kitchen helpers, and the people from other congregations who assisted us.
- We pray for Karen, from the Lutheran congregation. She is having ongoing treatment for cancer.
- We give thanks for Kevin's successful operation. He no longer has a screw loose.
- We pray for the people of Victoria.
- We thank God for each other



### Meg's Musings

The North West Cancer Treatment Centre is a very friendly place.

The staff are friendly, using first the names of patients, instead of "Mr." or "Mrs."

Staff members are all gentle and considerate.

The patients recognise each other after a while, and exchange greetings.

The focus of some questions is, "How many more treatments do you have to go?"

People also want to know how each other is feeling, and how they are coping with side-effects. They care, and can empathise.

They are all walking the same path; their cancers may be different, but they understand one another's pain.

We have a Loving Father who understands our pain too. He is always ready to walk the path beside us, no matter what we are facing.

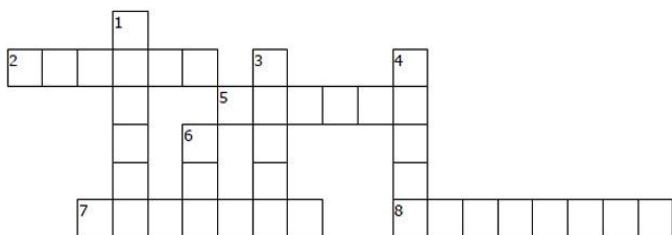
Blessing from Meg



### We Are Family

"Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."  
Mark 3:35(NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 3:20-35



#### ACROSS

2. Parents and children; people descended from a common ancestor
5. A woman who has given birth to a child
7. A male with the same parents as someone else
8. A follower of Jesus

#### DOWN

1. A female with the same parents as someone else
3. A dwelling that serves as living quarters for one or more families
4. A large number people gathered together
6. To take in food

If you tell the truth you don't have to remember anything. ~ Mark Twain

### Mark 3:20-35 (NIV)

#### Jesus Accused by His Family and by Teachers of the Law

<sup>20</sup> Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat.

<sup>21</sup> When his family<sup>[a]</sup> heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind."

<sup>22</sup> And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons."

<sup>23</sup> So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan?"

<sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

<sup>25</sup> If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

<sup>26</sup> And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.

<sup>27</sup> In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house.

<sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, <sup>29</sup> but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin."

<sup>30</sup> He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit."

<sup>31</sup> Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him.

<sup>32</sup> A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you."

<sup>33</sup> "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked.

<sup>34</sup> Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!

<sup>35</sup> Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."



If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them. If you see someone being ignored, find a way to include them. If someone has been knocked down, lift them up. Always remind people of their worth. One small act could mean the world to them.