



Peel Valley Congregation

Gowrie, Hallsville & West Tamworth

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Mark 6:1-13 (NLT)

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

6 Jesus left that part of the country and returned with his disciples to Nazareth, his hometown.

2 The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?"

3 Then they scoffed, "He's just a carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon. And his sisters live right here among us." They were deeply offended and refused to believe in him.

4 Then Jesus told them, "A prophet is honored everywhere except in his own hometown and among his relatives and his own family."

5 And because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them except to place his hands on a few sick people and heal them. **6** And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Disciples

Then Jesus went from village to village, teaching the people.

7 And he called his twelve disciples together and began sending them out two by two, giving them authority to cast out evil spirits.

8 He told them to take nothing for their journey except a walking stick—no food, no traveller's bag, no money.

9 He allowed them to wear sandals but not to take a change of clothes.

10 "Wherever you go," he said, "stay in the same house until you leave town."

11 But if any place refuses to welcome you or listen to you, shake its dust from your feet as you leave to show that you have abandoned those people to their fate."

12 So the disciples went out, telling everyone they met to repent of their sins and turn to God.

13 And they cast out many demons and healed many sick people, anointing them with olive oil.

Sent out in Jesus' name,
our hands are ready now
to make the earth the place
in which the kingdom comes.

The angels cannot change
a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love,
of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do,
to set it really free.

O help us to obey
and carry out your will.

~ENVIADO Anon



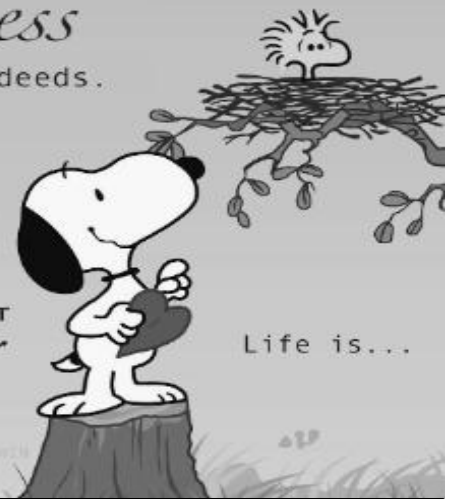
Kindness

is more than deeds.

It is an
Attitude,
a Look,
a Touch.

IT IS
ANYTHING THAT
**Lifts Another
Person!**

-Plato-




Life is...

CHURCH SERVICES

14 July	11:00am	West	~ Rev Geoff	
21 July	8:30am	Gowrie	~ Meg Mangan	
21 July	11:00am	West	~ Meg Mangan	
28 July	11:00am	West	~ Graham Barwick	

Lectionary Readings:

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Psalm 48	
2 Corinthians 12:2-10		

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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Geoff Flynn whose recovery from Covid has been slower than he would like.
- We pray for Nicolette who had knee surgery a few weeks ago.
- We give thanks for the combined service last weekend. It was wonderful to catch up, and worship with, so many friends.
- We pray for safe travel for Marg, who is attending a funeral at Swan Hill.
- Please continue to pray for Ashley and Claire - Beulah's grandson, and his wife.
- We also continue to uphold Bob Riek, Lynne Bowd's brother.
- We pray for Evelyn and Tony who have extended their time in Canada.

Meg's Musings

When I looked at the number of people on our prayer list, I was surprised.

We have reached an age when illness and frailty may hold a greater sway over our lives.

We can allow that to get us down, and to feel that life is getting more difficult.

OR, we can choose to realise that we are at a stage of life where we have more time for prayer - when we can choose to pray for each other, and for our broken world.

Every stage of life has it's good points and it's downsides; I am so pleased to be a part of Peel Valley, where so many people see the positives.

Blessings from Meg



Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall. ~ Confucius

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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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Elders: **Margaret Crowell Darvl Lush**



Words from Rev Geoff

Let the Weak say I am Strong Both Sharon and I have been out of circulation this past week due to testing positive for COVID. I don't like feeling weak and unwell and I was disappointed to have missed our combined service at Hallsville. For most of us, the idea of strength in weakness makes no sense. Weakness is bad, and to be avoided at all costs. Strength is good, and something we all want. Which explains why most of us do everything we can to avoid or overcome or conceal our weaknesses. Weaknesses make us feel vulnerable and that can leave us feeling frighten. Consequently, we adopt various strategies to try to hide our weaknesses We try to control our lives. We hide our true thoughts and feelings for fear of betrayal. From our human perspective, "When I am weak, then I am strong," makes no sense.

But with all that protecting, controlling, and hiding going on we close ourselves off from life. Yet most spiritual leaders recommend the opposite approach. They attest to finding peace, happiness, and strength through the full experience of their weakness. The Wounded Healer by Henri Nouwen is a good example.

This Sunday the Apostle Paul adds his personal testimony to this truth in 2 Corinthians 12:2-10. Paul writes to counter the attack at Corinth by so-called "super-apostles." They claimed to be better speakers, and to have supernatural visions and powers far superior to those of Paul. Rather than engage in one-upmanship, Paul takes the opposite approach. He claims that his ministry followed the model of the suffering Saviour and backed it up by listing all the hardships he had endured in the service of Christ.

Paul refers to his "thorn in the flesh" that weakened him and prevented him from boasting about his achievements. In reply to his fervent prayer for the thorn to be removed, the answer he received was "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." This is a theme that runs throughout the New Testament, beginning with Jesus himself. In the apparent "weakness" of his humiliating death on the cross, Jesus demonstrated the true power of God's love to change everything and everyone.

Similarly, St. Paul consistently "boasts" in his weaknesses by insisting that is how the transforming power of faith in Jesus Christ shines most dramatically. Do we as the UCA have the faith to embrace our weaknesses and discover the truth in Paul's affirmation that "when I am weak, then am I strong.?" *Rev Geoff*



Singing Group - West Tamworth

2nd & 4th Monday 10am

Beginning with morning tea



Old Ed came strolling along the beach to his favourite pier. Clutched in his bony hand was a bucket of shrimp. Ed walks out to the end of the pier, where it seems he almost has the world to himself. The glow of the sun is a golden bronze now.

Everybody's gone, except for a few joggers on the beach. Standing out on the end of the pier, Ed is alone with his thoughts...and his bucket of shrimp.

Before long, however, he is no longer alone. Up in the sky a thousand white dots come screeching and squawking, winging their way toward that lanky frame standing there on the end of the pier. Dozens of seagulls have enveloped him, their wings fluttering and flapping wildly. Ed stands there tossing shrimp to the hungry birds. As he does, if you listen closely, you can hear him say with a smile, 'Thank you. Thank you.'

In a few short minutes the bucket is empty. But Ed doesn't leave. He stands there lost in thought, as though transported to another time and place .

When he finally turns around and begins to walk back toward the beach, a few of the birds hop along the pier with him until he gets to the stairs, and then they, too, fly away. And old Ed quietly makes his way down to the end of the beach and on home.

If you were sitting there on the pier with your fishing line in the water, Ed might seem like 'a funny old duck'. Or, to onlookers, he's just another old codger, lost in his own weird world, feeding seagulls.


To the onlooker, rituals can look either very . Old folks often do strange things. They'd do well to know him better.

His full name: Eddie Rickenbacker. He was a famous hero in World War I, and then he was in WWII.

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Eddie Rickenbacker On one of his flying missions across the Pacific, he and his seven-member crew went down. Miraculously, all of the men survived, crawled out of their plane, and climbed into a life raft.

Captain Rickenbacker and his crew floated for days on the rough waters of the Pacific. They fought the sun. They fought sharks. Most of all, they fought hunger and thirst. By the eighth day their rations ran out. No food. No water. They were hundreds of miles from land and no one knew where they were or even if they were alive.

One afternoon they had a simple  devotional service and prayed for a miracle. They tried to nap. Eddie leaned back and pulled his military cap over his nose. Time dragged on. All he could hear was the slap of the waves against the raft...suddenly Eddie felt something land on the top of his cap. It was a seagull!

Old Ed would later describe how he sat perfectly still, planning his next move. With a flash of his hand and a squawk from the gull, he managed to grab it and wring its neck. He and his starving crew had meal of it - a very slight meal for eight men. Then they used the intestines for bait. With it, they caught fish, which gave them food and more bait...and the cycle continued. With that simple survival technique, they were able to endure the rigors of the sea until they were found and rescued after 24 days at sea.

Eddie Rickenbacker lived many years beyond that ordeal, but he never forgot the sacrifice of that first life-saving seagull... And he never stopped saying, 'Thank you.' That's why almost every Friday night he would walk to the end of the pier with a bucket full of shrimp and a heart full of gratitude.

~ from (Max Lucado, "In the Eye of the Storm")

Remember to thank those that helped pull us through even if it was as something seemingly meaningless as a seagull and to pay it forward. ~ anon

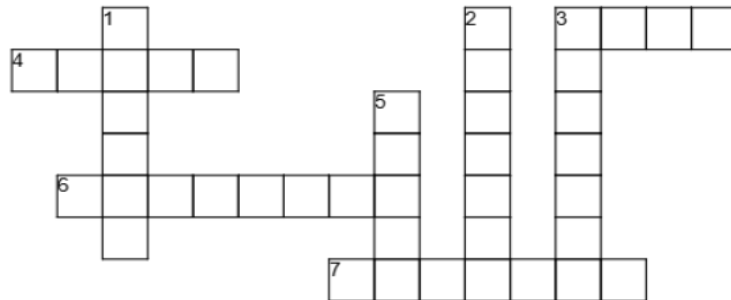
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Jesus Is Rejected in Nazareth

Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." Mark 6:4 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 6:1-6.



HORIZONTAL

3. The mother of Jesus
4. To have great trust or belief in something or someone
6. The town or city where a person was born or grew up
7. A man or boy with the same parents as another person

VERTICAL

1. The ability to judge what is true or right
2. One who is a spokesman for God to man
3. An event that can only be done through the power of God
5. To treat with great respect

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