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Mark 9:38-50 (NLT)

² Some Pharisees came and tried to trap him with this question: "Should a man be allowed to divorce his wife?"

³ Jesus answered them with a question: "What did Moses say in the law about divorce?"

⁴ "Well, he permitted it," they replied. "He said a man can give his wife a written notice of divorce and send her away."^[a]

⁵ But Jesus responded, "He wrote this commandment only as a concession to your hard hearts.

⁶ But 'God made them male and female' from the beginning of creation.

⁷ 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife,⁸ and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one,⁹ let no one split apart what God has joined together."

¹⁰ Later, when he was alone with his disciples in the house, they brought up the subject again.

¹¹ He told them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries someone else commits adultery against her."¹

² And if a woman divorces her husband and marries someone else, she commits adultery."

Jesus Blesses the Children

¹³ One day some parents brought their children to Jesus so he could touch and bless them. But the disciples scolded the parents for bothering him.

¹⁴ When Jesus saw what was happening, he was angry with his disciples. He said to them, "Let the children come to me. Don't stop them! For the Kingdom of God belongs to those who are like these children."¹⁵ I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."¹⁶ Then he took the children in his arms and placed his hands on their heads and blessed them.

When He cometh, when He cometh
To make up His jewels,
All His jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and His own.

Refrain

Like the stars of the morning,
His brightness adorning,
They shall shine in their beauty,
Bright gems for His crown.

He will gather, He will gather
The gems for His kingdom;
All the pure ones, all the bright ones,
His loved and His own.

Refrain

Little children, little children,
Who love their Redeemer,
Are the jewels, precious jewels,
His loved and His own.

Refrain

~ Words: William O. Cushing, 1856.

Music: Jewels George F. Root, 1866

Other Lectionary Readings:

Job 1:1; 2:1-10 Psalms 26

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12



Wise is the one who respects everyone. When others respect you, it is because of their generosity. When you respect others, it shows your magnanimity, greatness

Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Donna and her family as they mourn the loss of her son Kelvin.
- We pray for the safety of travellers this long weekend.
- We pray for everyone suffering from hay fever and sinus problems.
- We give thanks for pleasant spring days.
- We pray for everyone making decisions involving the Middle East.

Meg's Musings

I want to say a "Well Done" to the members of Southside who hosted the annual Ladies High Tea last Saturday.

They hosted over 100 women, and raised around \$4,000 for the Westpac Helicopter Service.

They catered, decorated, and provided lavender bags for each guest.

The room was beautifully decorated, with some fabulous floral arrangements, and other red and yellow themed decorations.

Beulah made a red and yellow bear for the occasion, which was a big hit.

Congratulations to everyone who contributed to the success of the day.

Blessings from Meg



"As all human beings are, in my view, creatures of God's design, we must respect all other human beings. That does not mean I have to agree with their choices or agree with their opinions, but indeed I respect them as human beings." ~ Stockwell Day

Buddha was asked - What is the difference between 'I like you' and 'I love you'? His answer was so beautiful - When you like a flower, you just pluck it. But when you love a flower, you water it daily!

4th Sunday Monthly Hallsville Markets

7:30am

22 September.



Words from Rev Sam Sadrata

Suffering is part of what we must expect in the Christian life. Even the most righteous individual will experience suffering. Also, there is no kind of suffering that we are exempt from experiencing. There is not a limitation on how bad life can get simply because we are Christians. Christ came and suffered on the cross for our sins, and as we hear.

Time and time again, Godly peoples are the ones who get it hard through life. We are not being realistic if we approach our service to God as a life that will be pain free if we remain righteous. Such thinking will render our faith in God weak. In fact, the righteous should accept that suffering will come. Further, the righteous do not receive less intense suffering because of their faith in God. Job experiences the most traumatic of trials.

We learn something about choices and endurance and how to have it. Endurance will be built into our faith when we recognize that everything we possess belongs to God, not us. We are not owed anything. God can give and God can take away. We may just have a miserable life from start to finish. We are not in control of this. **GOD IS IN CONTROL.** Endurance is built into faith when we choose to worship God no matter what happens, like Job.

We must have a mental capacity to be willing to live for God and continue to worship him, even if that means losing things dear to us, including our health. We will be ready to praise God no matter what. Therefore, endurance is submission to our sovereign God. Whatever God gives us, we will worship and serve the Lord. Even if we lose family support, we will worship and serve the Lord. Endurance is what we are called to have in Christ.

Are we going to happily receive God's blessings and good things that come in life but then curse God and die when those blessings are removed? Are we going to reject God when life does not go according to our plans? And sometimes it is easier said than done. This is an important truth that we must consider. How one sided our faith can be when we are so willing to receive good from the Lord but unwilling to praise God when we face adversity.

Through conversations here and there at morning tea at all three churches, I have observed how country folk/farmers are so steadfast in their choice to continue their faith in God - in the good times, but even more so in the bad. When their lands produce good crops, they give thanks, when they are injured on the field by a machine, they still give thanks to God. This is something that we, and for me personally, I could learn more and more.

Reverend Samuela Sadrata



There is no respect for others without humility in one's self. ~ Henri Frederic Amiel

Keanu Reeves

While shooting the movie "The Lake House", he overheard the conversation between two costume assistants, and a woman was crying because she would lose her house if she didn't pay a sum of 20 thousand dollars. He deposited it into her account.

On his birthday in 2010, he went into a bakery alone and bought a cupcake with a single candle. While he ate it outside, he offered free coffee and bread to all customers. This was his luxury birthday. With what he earned from the Matrix trilogy, he distributed 50 million dollars to the special effects personnel, because according to him, they were the real heroes of the films.

He almost never used stuntmen, except for very specific things like stunts, and for this reason he recognized the work of his stuntmen by giving each of them a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

To this day, he regularly uses the subway and other public transportation systems such as the bus when necessary because it is the most practical thing, and he is never ashamed.

A large number of hospitals say they have received tens of millions of dollars from him.

He donated 90% of his salary in some films so that the production could hire other stars.

In 1997, a paparazzo found him on the street sitting next to a homeless man, listening to the homeless man's life and having breakfast with him.

All the good we know about Keanu Reeves was not told to us by him, but by those who benefited from him.

~ unknown

Marcel Marceau

Marcel Marceau developed his craft while desperately trying to keep children quiet as he helped them escape the Nazis...

He was born Marcel Mangel on March 22, 1923 in Strasbourg, France, to a Jewish family. His parents were Ann Werzberg Mangel and Charles Mangel, a kosher butcher. The child discovered Charlie Chaplin at age five when his mother took him to the movies and he became an avid fan. He entertained his friends with Chaplin imitations, and dreamed of starring in silent movies.



The first time Marcel used mime was after France was invaded in World War II, in order to keep Jewish children quiet while he helped them escape to neutral Switzerland.

Masquerading as a boy scout, Marcel evacuated a Jewish orphanage in eastern France. He told the children he was taking them on a vacation in the Alps, and led them to safety in Switzerland. Marcel made the perilous journey three times, saving hundreds of Jewish orphans. He was able to avoid detection by entertaining the children with silent pantomime.~ Naveed Anjum

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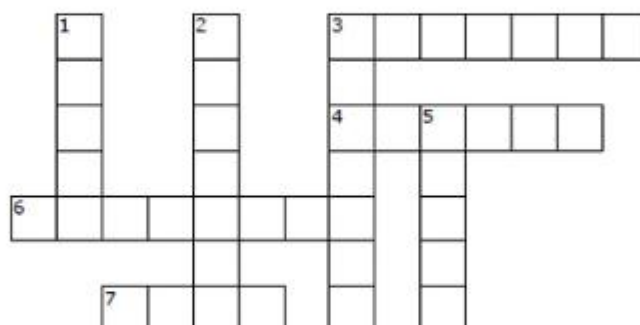
Daryl Lush



Let the Children Come



He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Mark 10:14b (NIV)



ACROSS

3. Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
4. Small in size
6. Sons and daughters, young people
7. The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders

DOWN

1. A statement accepted as fact
2. A country or territory ruled by a king or queen
3. To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
5. To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers

W B U Z E F L Z J L G M O W L
 I E S T E Y T C Y M I S Y A Q
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PEOPLE	JESUS	INDIGNANT	GOD	ENTER
BRINGING	TOUCH	COME	BELONGS	ARMS
LITTLE	DISCIPLES	HINDER	TRUTH	HANDS
CHILDREN	REBUKED	KINGDOM	ANYONE	BLESSED

~ Sermons 4 Kids

..... enjoy & share the gift of the friendship of Jesus