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Mark 10:35-45 (NLT)

Jesus Teaches about Serving Others

³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor."

³⁶ "What is your request?" he asked.

³⁷ They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."

³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?"

³⁹ "Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!"

Then Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering.

⁴⁰ But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."

⁴¹ When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant.

⁴² So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them.

⁴³ But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else.

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

The Servant Song

Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too

We are pilgrims on a journey
Fellow travelers on the road
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the nighttime of your fear
I will hold my hand out to you
Speak the peace you long to hear

I will weep when you are weeping
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through

When we sing to God in heaven
We will find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony

Will you let me be your servant
Let me be as Christ to you
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

~ Richard Gillard

Other Lectionary Readings:

Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Hebrews 5:1-10
Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35c



You cannot get through a single day
without having an impact on the world
around you.

What you do makes a difference, and you
have to decide what kind of difference
you want to make.

~Dr. Jane Goodall

4th Sunday Monthly Hallsville Markets

7:30am

27 October



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



IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the people of the Middle East, and all of the people throughout the world who are related to them.
- We pray for, and give thanks for the volunteers and shoppers at Fabulous Finds.
- We give thanks for sunshine, and for rain.
- We give thanks that Beulah is continuing to progress after her stay in hospital.
- We pray for the friends and relatives of each of our members.

Meg's Musings

For several days over the past week, our phone and internet weren't working.

First we thought that our phone was the problem - but we couldn't get calls when we installed a different phone.

Next, we suspected our modem, and we contacted Telstra.

They were able to conduct a few tests on the line, and decided that the fault probably lay with the phone line.

An NBN "tech" was booked - and failed to arrive. We contacted Telstra again, and they re-booked the "tech".

The next day the "tech" rang, then came, and then fixed some components, both inside and outside our home.

The result - a phone and internet which work again.

When communications with God and me break down, the solution is far simpler. I know that the fault lies at my end - I've forgotten to stay in touch.

No "tech's" required - just a willingness to spend time in God's company

Blessings from Meg



Words from Rev Geoff

This Sunday we have the Gospel in miniature. Mark 10:35-45 is the only place in his gospel where Jesus speaks about his purpose in life. "For the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark's entire Gospel centres on this teaching.

Jesus reorders power structures among those who wish to follow him. He has been preaching and teaching and living this all along. Had James and John understood, they would never have asked to sit at his right and left hand, places that would ultimately be taken by criminals on either side of Jesus' cross.

We know what the disciples don't know. The road that Jesus is walking is a road that leads to torture, to death on a cross. The "cup" that Jesus is to drink is the cup of his horrible death. The "baptism" that will drown him is the baptism of his death as he suffocates to death on a cross.

The disciples show that they are clueless when they respond, "Sure! We can do that! We are able to drink your cup and be baptized with your baptism! No problem!"

Often, we too are blind to the gruesome reality of what it means to follow Jesus. We continue to be surprised when tragedy strikes us, friends in the church betray us and our dreams for the future turn out to be a nightmare. But the One who healed the blind person motivates us to keep on going. Those of us who continue to follow will find our purpose in life and the power to live in Jesus' teaching: "Whoever wants to be first must become the servant of all"

Take heart, for you will have the power to do it because Jesus is the one who first did it for you.

Reverend Geoff



Telephone to glory, oh, what joy divine
I can feel the current moving on the line
Made by God the Father for His very own
You may talk to Jesus on this royal
telephone



Central's never busy, always on the line
You can hear from heaven almost any time
'Tis a royal service, built for one and all
When you get in trouble, give this royal line
a call.

~ Jimmy Little

CHURCH SERVICES

27 October 11am West

~ Rev Samuela Sadrata



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."

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RETARDED GRANDPARENTS---

After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils to write an essay on how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following:

We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa.

They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Batemans Bay where everyone lives in nice little houses, and so they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.

They go to a building called a wreck centre, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now.

They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.



There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape.

Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts!

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked center for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren. ~ a child's wisdom (unknown)



A Jewish family named Karnofsky, who immigrated from Lithuania to the United States, took

pity on the 7-year-old boy and brought him to their home. There he stayed and spent the night in this Jewish family home, where for the first time in his life he was treated with kindness and tenderness.

When he went to bed, Mrs. Karnofski sang him Russian lullabies, which he sang with her.

Later he learned to sing and play several Russian and Jewish songs.

Over time, this boy became the adopted son of this family.

Mr. Karnofsky gave him money to buy his first musical instrument, as was the custom in Jewish families.

Later, when he became a professional musician and composer, he used these Jewish melodies in compositions such as St. James's Hospital and Go Down Moses.

The little boy grew up and wrote a book about this Jewish family, who adopted him in 1907.

In memory of this family and until the end of his life, he wore the Star of David and said that in this family he learned "how to live a real life and self-determination."

This little boy's name was Louis Armstrong. This little boy was called **Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong**. Louis Armstrong proudly spoke fluent Yiddish and "Satchmo" is Yiddish for "big cheeks, a nickname some say was given to him by Mrs. Karnofsky! ~ Sid Miller

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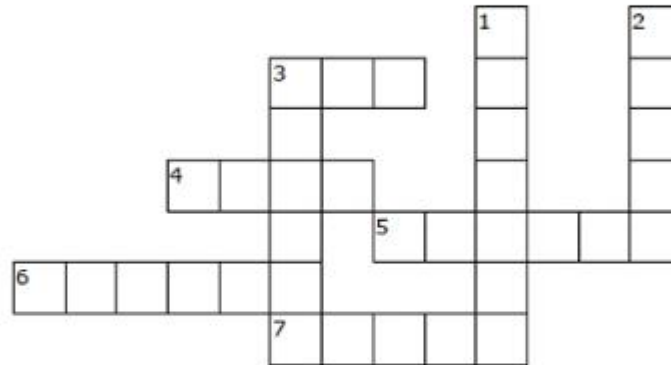
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To Be Like Jesus

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 (NIV)

Puzzle is based on Mark 10:35-45



ACROSS

3. To occupy a chair
4. The direction that is the opposite of right
5. to be in front; to be first
6. A special chair used by a king or queen
7. The direction that is the opposite of left

DOWN

1. A person who works for another person
2. To do something to help someone, often after they ask you to do it
3. To feel physical or mental pain

F I R S T E A R M O S B Q L A
 F D H I L Q E F W H K W K M W
 S E S H E F D Y F A V O R U V
 G Q L P F W L R G L P U G X E
 R N Y U T L X U I R D M U S Y
 E L S K W F E L W R G O B E R
 A T H H A C O E A X L M R R Y
 T J H O S L L R M K O V L V L
 Z D T R N D I E W K R Z T A I
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 A I Y Y K A E Q X L E T J N A
 O G T B J X B R H Y A R Q Y R
 M H J D H J P X Q O P C L T F
 Y T S L A V E R M B O S E Y A

SERVANT	SUFFER	THRONE	RULER	HONOR
FAVOR	SLAVE	GREAT	GLORY	LEADER
FIRST	SIT	RIGHT	LEFT	PLACE

~ Sermons 4 Kids

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