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Ruth 1:1-18 (NRSV)

Elimelech's Family Goes to Moab

1 In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon^[a] and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. 3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, 5 both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

Naomi and Her Moabite Daughters-in-Law

6 Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. 7 So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. 8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. 10 They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." 11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands?"

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Ruth 1:12-18 (NRSV)

12 Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, 13 would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." 14 Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

15 So she said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said,

"Do not press me to leave you,
to turn back from following you!
Where you go, I will go;
where you lodge, I will lodge;
your people shall be my people
and your God my God.

17 Where you die, I will die,
and there will I be buried.

May the LORD do thus to me,
and more as well,

if even death parts me from you!"

18 When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

Other Lectionary Readings:

Psalms 146

Hebrews 9:11-14



CHURCH SERVICES

10 November 11am West

~ Rev Sam Sadrata

17 November 8.30am Gowrie

~ Meg Mangan

11am West

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24 November 11am West

~ Jennifer Battle





IN OUR PRAYERS

- We continue to hold the people of Ukraine, and the people of the Middle East in our prayers.
- We pray for peace in the USA during the election process this coming week.
- We pray for Laurie Mangan, who has broken his left hip in a fall.
- We give thanks for friends.
- We give thanks for the patient and competent staff in our hospitals.
- We pray for everyone with hay-fever and end-of-winter flu's and colds

Mark 12:28-34 (NRSV)

The First Commandment

²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?"

²⁹ Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰ you shall 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, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

³² Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; ³³ and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

³⁴ When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

The best portion of a good man's life is his little, nameless unremembered acts of kindness and love.

– William Wordsworth



Words from Rev Sam Sadrata

Love is something that is beautiful. Love is something that we try to explain but for some strange reason cannot put it into words. Love is something that we often relate to the heart with words like "I gave you my heart..." implying the intimate love one has for another.

The music industry has done a lot to try to express this word 'Love' in a secular light with hits from bands like Air supply who sang 'I'm all out of love, I'm so lost without you; to Bee-Gees 'How deep is your love'; Agent Provocateur 'I want to know what love is'; to the greatest hit of all time – 'Love is in the air' (just to name a few).

In the faith lens, talking about love is something relating to God's love for us. John 3:16 perhaps places it better that God LOVED the world that he sent his son – Jesus. So much so often, the saying 'God is love' is something that we all have heard many times over; and it is true. GOD IS LOVE! We see this love embodied in Jesus Christ and his ministry on earth up to the cross. We have been journeying alongside Jesus and the disciples, witnessing and learning what it means to love; doing things in humility, serving others and welcoming those who are among the lowly and, or, marginalized.

The Lawyer in our Gospel reading from Mark, presents himself, although eavesdropping, as someone who is seeking to know more about the important commandment of all. Christ responds fundamentally that it is 'Love'. Love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself. The lawyer agrees with Jesus and Jesus tells him that he is not too far off from the kingdom of God.

In some ways, the lawyer shows himself to be a better disciple than Christ's own disciples. As we have seen in previous weeks, the disciples time and time again only sought out honour and prestige for themselves. And Christ time and time again shows them that the kingdom of God is not about honour and prestige, but about humility and service rooted in these, the most important commandment of all - Love. GOD IS LOVE.

For many of us nowadays, love for our neighbour is something that we hold deeply. To sacrifice our own comfort for the sake of others; and that is ok. Christ here reminds us that the same love we show our neighbours, that we hold ourselves to that same love for ourselves, not in a selfish way, but in a self-aware/self-conscience way. Where there is time for service to others, we must also be gentle with ourselves

When we love ourselves, when we care for ourselves, then we can be more resourceful and efficient in our support our neighbours. Loving our neighbours coincides with a respect of our neighbour's belief's etc. By this respect for our neighbour, we carry out the mission of human dignity, which, in turn, points to the love of God.

As we head into another month, drawing near to the end of another year with all the business that comes with end of year things, may you continue to Love God with your whole being, and love and care for self as you do others.

Rev Sam Sadrata



Prayer is the pulse of life. ~ Andrew Murray

Meg's Musings

It's good to realise that, no matter what we are facing, God is part of our life.

There are times when life seems predictable, and to follow a set routine.

God is in that space.

At other times, the simplest of things cause our lives to be overwhelmed.

God is in that space.

Slowly, we adapt to new circumstances, and life falls into place - not always in the same pattern as before.

God is in that space, too.

God is there for us, playing as big a part in our lives as we allow him to.

Blessings from Meg



You never really know the true impact you have on those around you. You never know how much someone needed that smile you gave them. You never know how much your kindness turned someone's entire life around. You never know how much someone needed that long hug or deep talk. So don't wait to be kind. Don't wait for someone else to be kind first. Don't wait for better circumstances or for someone to change. Just be kind, because you never know how much someone needs it.

@mindsets

Be Happy.

It really annoys negative people.

~ Ricky Gervais

4th Sunday Monthly Hallsville Markets

7:30am 24 November



Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

Cuppa & chat always available.



A man was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. The plane had a layover in Sacramento. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft, the plane would re-board in one hour.

Everybody got off the plane except one gentleman who was blind.

Another man had noticed him as he walked by and could tell the gentleman was blind because his Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of him. He could also tell he had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached him, and calling him by name, said, "Keith, we're in Sacramento for an hour, would you like to get off and stretch your legs? "

The blind man replied, "No thanks, but maybe my dog would like to stretch his legs."



Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines! True story....Have a great day and remember... Things aren't always as they appear ~Becky Hemsley

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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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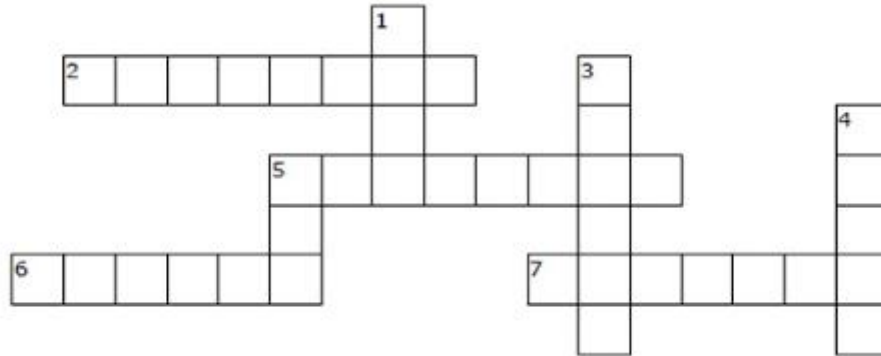


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The Greatest Commandment

"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

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MIND	SOUL	YOURSELF	ANSWER	QUESTIONS
NEIGHBOR	IMPORTANT	STRENGTH	TEACHER	KINGDOM
GREATEST	LOVE	LAW	SECOND	HEART

~ Sermons 4 Kids

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