



10 Sunday aft. Pentecost-2 Aug 2026

St Matthew's-Holland Park

Wrestling, Grace, and God's Abundant Provision

These readings reveal people facing deep struggle-yet within every struggle, God is present: transforming, hearing, remaining faithful, and providing more than enough.

Genesis 32.22-31

What is happening: Jacob is alone beside the river Jabbok when a mysterious man wrestles with him until daybreak. Jacob refuses to let go without receiving a blessing. He is given a new name, Israel, meaning one who has struggled with God.

Main Point: Faith does not always remove struggle. Sometimes we meet God within the struggle and emerge changed.

What to Wonder: Why does God allow Jacob to carry a limp after blessing him? Could our wounds sometimes become reminders of God's transforming presence?

Psalms 17.1-7, 16

What is happening: The psalmist cries out to God for justice, protection, and vindication. He trusts that God hears sincere prayer and shows steadfast love.

Main Point: We may bring our deepest fears, needs, and sense of injustice honestly before God.

What to Wonder: What does it mean to be satisfied by seeing God's face rather than simply having every problem resolved?

Romans 9.1-8

What is happening: Paul expresses profound sorrow because many of his fellow Israelites have not accepted Christ. Yet he affirms that God's promises have not failed. Belonging to God is not merely about ancestry, but about God's gracious promise.

Main Point: God's faithfulness is greater than human failure, and God's family is formed through grace and promise.

What to Wonder: Do we carry genuine sorrow for those who feel distant from God, and does that sorrow lead us toward compassion rather than judgment?

Matthew 14.13-21

What is happening: Jesus withdraws after hearing of John the Baptist's death, but crowds follow him. Moved with compassion, he heals them and feeds more than five thousand people using five loaves and two fish. Everyone eats, twelve baskets remain.

Main Point: Jesus responds to human need with compassion and invites his disciples to participate in his abundant provision.

What to Wonder: What small gift, ability, or resource might Jesus be asking us to place in his hands? Do we take those big and little things to Jesus?

Takeaway: When we bring our struggles, sorrow, and limited resources to God, grace meets us, transforms us, and provides more than we imagined.

[Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21 NIV - Jacob Wrestles With God - That night - Bible Gateway](#); [10th Sunday After Pentecost. August 2nd, 2026. Sermon by Christopher Holdsworth, Genesis 32:22-31, Psalms 17:1-7, Psalms 17:15, Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalms 145:8-9, Psalms 145:14-21, Romans 9:1-5, Matthew 14:13-21 - SermonCentral.com](#)

MIB Mandolins of Brisbane Concert - 3 p.m 2nd August Tickets \$25

Theme: "Australian Echos and Landscapes" Mandolin and Guitar Ensemble

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Bible Study Lady Chapel Friday 10am The Bible Unpacked

Ladies Study Wednesday Night see Janice E or Heather W

Men's Breakfast 7am 1st Thursday of month

Pray for Street *Mulsanne Street*

Meditation 5 August Wednesday night 5pm

Behind the Scenes Thanks: Kitchen Angels

Next Sunday Pentecost 11 9am 9 August;

Matthew 14.22-36

Genesis 37.1-4, 12-28

Psalm 105.1-6, 16-22

Romans 10.4-15

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We acknowledge and pay respect to the Turrbal and Jagera Peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today. We acknowledge their continued spiritual connection to country and surrounding land, sky and water. We pay our respect to their Elders, past present and emerging and pray that we may continue to learn from and nurture one another in the spirit of Reconciliation.