



Ballarat Central Uniting Church

19th October 2025

Pentecost 19

***“Harvest
Thanksgiving:
Sharing what we
have!”***



PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD:

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Life

Food, air, water

Family

Friendship

Community

Being loved ...

Would you like to show gratitude? How?

“
YOUR TALENT IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.
*What you do with it is your gift
back to GOD.*

-Leo Buscaglia

HARVEST THANKSGIVING – Sharing ...

Can we share those gifts/talents?

We have been given many gifts/talents!

WHO World Food Day – 16th October!



Shocking facts about food waste!

1. Every year, approximately 25-30% of all food produced worldwide – some 1.6 billion tons – is wasted. This amounts to one billion meals a day, according to the UN.

2. Of the total food wasted in 2022 – some 1.05 billion tons – households were responsible for 631 million tonnes (60%), the food service sector for 290 million tons and the retail sector for 131 million tons.

3. Households waste over 1 billion meals worth of edible food daily. This equals to approximately 1.3 meals every day for everyone in the world facing hunger.

4. In 2019, the US generated 66 million tons of wasted food in the food retail, food service, and residential sectors. That's almost 40% of the country's entire food supply. Some 60% of this waste was sent to landfills.

5. Agriculture is a huge consumer of water, accounting for nearly 92% of the global water footprint. UN figures indicate that the water used to produce discarded food constituted 24% of the total water volume used for production.

6. Taking into account all the resources used to grow food, scientists have calculated that food waste in the US uses up to 21% of freshwater, 19% of fertilizer, 18% of cropland, and 21% of landfill volume.

7. The food currently wasted in Europe could feed 200 million people, in Latin America 300 million people, and in Africa 300 million people.

8. Developed and developing countries waste or lose roughly the same amount of food every year, at 670 and 630 million tons, respectively.

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JEREMIAH

The “Weeping” Prophet

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³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. (*Jeremiah 31*)

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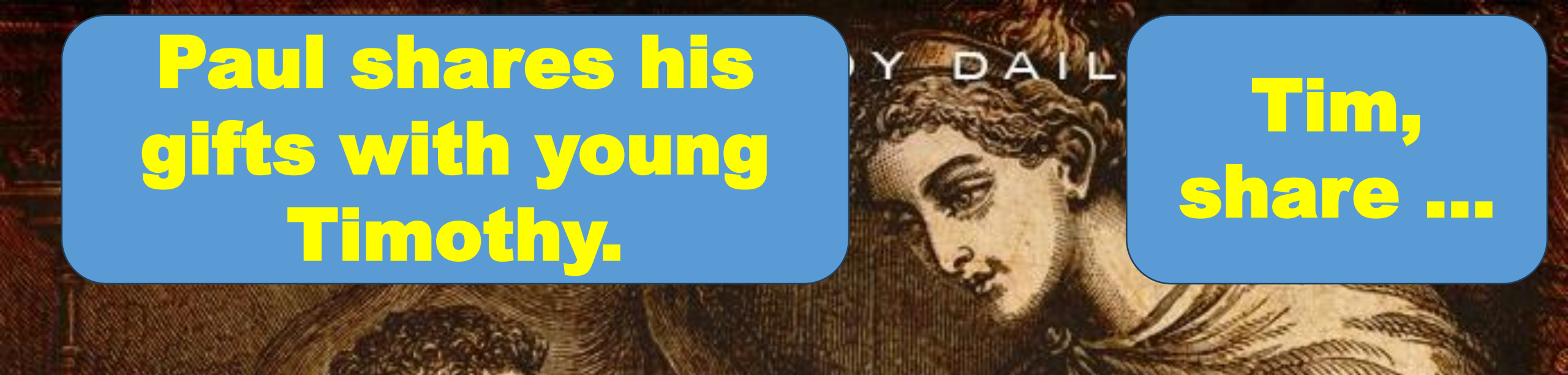


**I will forgive their iniquity and
remember their sin no more.**



Can we share God's grace and mercy?

God shares God's grace and mercy!



**Paul shares his
gifts with young
Timothy.**

**Tim,
share ...**

**I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the
message; be persistent whether the
time is favourable or unfavourable;
convince, rebuke, and encourage with
the utmost patience in teaching.**

(2 Timothy 4:2)

The widow shares her gifts!



Pray always, not to lose heart ...



Jesus and Spirit embody God's being ...

God shares with humans in Jesus/Spirit!

The background of the top half of the image is a photograph of a rocky coastline at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, orange glow over the water and the dark, jagged rocks in the foreground. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue.

Smile ...

Pray ...

Advocate ...

Friendship ...

Survival of the world depends on our sharing what we have, and working together. If we don't the whole world will die. First the planet, and next the people.

Frank Fools Crow

**HARVEST THANKSGIVING:
Sharing what we have!**