



The Weekly Jog

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“The New Plymouth Church Family Experiencing and Sharing the Transforming Power of Jesus.”

“You Can Do God’s Work!”

Matthew 10:26—33.

You can do it...Here’s how.

With Godly confidence-Vs 27.

With Godly fear- Vs 28.

With Godly protection-Vs 29-33.

**Friends Day
Sunday 29th June 2008.**

Yes! Once more we have the opportunity to invite friends and family to worship with us again and to be involved in reaching out for the Lord. Take advantage of the opportunity and invite one or, even bolder, two friends to FRIENDS DAY.

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature...”

(Mark 16: 15-16)

“Let Him have is way with thee”

It is hard for many to believe what is happening in this land. On every hand there is evidence of just how far we have moved from the principles on which our country was founded. Look at the evidence.

Every fifteen seconds a woman is beaten by the man with whom she is living. Relationships which began with pledges of lasting devotion now are characterized by hate, and the vile language that accompanies it.

Every day many automobiles are stolen in this county. Our daily newspapers are filled with reports of muggings, burglaries, rape, robberies, and murders. Drug addiction and problems caused by this evil have touched the lives of almost every person in our area. Is there no solution? How can God let this happen?

In the midst of all of this we simply must not lose sight of this one fact---**Christianity works.** Put the teachings of Jesus in the homes and lives of those about us and look at the change. The phrase "battered wives" would become archaic; locksmiths and burglary alarm salesmen would have to find new jobs; many attorneys and judges would be forced to change the course of their lives; and children could again play safely in the parks. All of this could come about simply by putting Christ in the hearts of the people of this land!

God is not responsible for the evil in our land. How different it would be if He had His way with thee!

Allan: *(Thoughts taken from a Dan Jenkins article)*



Purple Hands
Teresa Hampton

One of my favourite summertime activities as a child was going to the woods to find blackberries. We would put on long pants and long sleeved shirts to keep the chiggers from feasting on us. It was amazing how many berries grew in one thicket. We picked and ate, then picked and ate some more. Before we knew it, briars snagged a pant leg or two. We would help each other detangle and nurse a few of the stinging scratches. Then we would continue picking until our pails were full and we were exhausted. It was time to leave the briar patch and head home! A bathtub was drawn, the clothes were shed, and the scrubbing began. The scratches on our legs stung again and the blackberries left a stained mark on our fingers. We had purple hands, but, truth is, we were just relieved to be out of the briar patch. It also helped that we knew something good was coming. It wasn't long before we smelled the aroma. Nothing compares to Mom's fresh-out-the-oven blackberry cobbler topped with a scoop of vanilla ice cream!

Though it's not a true analogy (berry picking isn't sinful), the pains and stains of picking blackberries remind me of a young man in scripture. He ventured far away from home. The world was exciting. Before he knew it, he was caught in Satan's thicket and his soul was stained with sin. The scratches and stain of sin left their mark on him. He must have felt as if the whole world saw his failings (Luke 15:11-24).

The wayward son finally came to his senses. Scripture says, *"He came to himself."* Regardless of the pains and stains, he just wanted to go home. He said, *"I will arise and go to my father and will say to him, 'I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"* The hunger driven, sin-stained young man went home. When he came to his father, he repeated the words he had earlier rehearsed. The father received him back, not as a servant, but as a son. In other words, the father took his son's pains and stains and turned them into something very, very good, something beyond his dreams. Even though he was not worthy, with grace and love the father accepted him as a son.

Our Father in heaven does the same for us, and truth is, nothing...not one thing...compares to that kind of grace and love!

Today's verse: *"...Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be a white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."* (Isaiah 1:18)

Allan's Psalm Journal:

Psalms.11.

We must have faith in the righteousness of God. 11:7ff God rejoices in righteousness. Here we see the security of the believer and the sovereignty of the lord. (11:1-3, 11:4-7).