



The Weekly Jog

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

‘Friends Day’ June 29th 2008.

Be bold, invite two to worship on friends day.

“The doing of Gods will.”

How do we make sure that we are among the few who are saved and not among the many who are lost (Matthew 7:13-14)? Jesus says in Matthew 7:21-23, "Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, and cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name? And then will I declare to them, I **never** knew you, depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness". If we believe and call Jesus, "Lord, Lord", we are still lost if we have not done God's will.

On Judgment Day **many** will be pleading with Jesus, calling him Lord, Lord, and reminding him of the many wonderful works that they had done in His name, but He will say unto them, "I **never** knew you, depart from Me you who practice lawlessness". Why? They had **not done the will of the Father** in heaven. The worst thing that will ever be said to an individual is when the Lord on Judgment Day says to the majority of people, "Depart from Me, I **never** knew you". There will be no appeal to this decision. We have to get it right the first time.

These people in the above scripture seemed to be honest, but they were honestly mistaken as the majority of people are today. Apparently they were good people, because they had "done many wonderful works". But they had not done the will of the Father, which is in heaven. No single condition, that God imposes, can be ignored. **God has no non-essential commands.** When we fail to obey a command of God,

we have just broken it. We must obey God by doing what God says to do, when God says to do it, how God says to do it, and for the reason God says to do it. Nothing is more important than pleasing God by doing His will so that we can go to Heaven. God's will is found right in our Bibles

Allan

Arising from the men's meeting.

Over the years this congregation has met on every Lords day, in accord with the scriptures, to come together as the church family to worship our Father in heaven and to remember the Lord on first day of the week. What a blessing we have as Gods children to participate in this time of worship set aside by the God for this express purpose. Again we meet on Wednesday night that we might, as a family, gather together mid week for fellowship and study in the word of God. This past Sunday night in the men's meeting; discussion ensued with regard to meeting on Sunday night for worship and study. It is our desire to know what the thoughts of the congregation are in regard to meeting on Sunday night for fellowship and study. If you wish to have input please inform any one of the men with your thoughts, in writing, so we can make a decision for the good of the congregation.

Also your thoughts and ideas for improvement of the FHU students would be appreciated. What improvements can be made? What ideas and suggestions do you have for the next time the students come? Hand these to Allan to bring to the men to be dealt with.



, A Strong Word

Teresa Hampton

There was never a dull moment in my childhood years. You see there were seven children in our family –three boys and four girls. We lived in a three-bedroom house with one bathroom. Yes . . . one bathroom. As you can imagine, there were occasional disagreements. However, Mom did not allow us to use certain words when we were in the heat of an angry moment, or for that matter, any other time. One of the words was ‘hate.’ In fact, I was just sure ‘hate’ was a four-letter dirty word!

When I read in scripture, *“There are six things the Lord hates. Yes, seven are an abomination to Him,”* it makes me pause. The Lord hates? How can that be? Our God is defined by love (1 John 4:16). What or who could be so detestable and disgusting they are even hated by God? These seven things are hated by God, *“a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that are swift in running to evil, a false witness who speaks lies, and one who sows discord among brethren”* (Proverbs 6:13). We could honestly say most of these actions are not part of our daily living. We’re not apt to shed innocent blood, to devise wicked plans, run to evil, or lie under oath. We have moderately controlled our pride and put lies away from our lips. But the real kicker may be the last in the list – one who sows discord among brethren.

A family reaches the Creator’s expectations when it is united in faith, love and common purpose. This is God’s desire for every home. In the blink of an eye, however, a family may be torn apart by one who draws them into sin, destroying the once blissful unity and love that defined their home. God hates one who would divide a family.

The church meets divine ideals when it is united by faith and tied together with cords of love, but is also vulnerable to discord when members engage in fault-finding, jealousy, gossip and the like. They divide and conquer the body of Christ for their own purposes, or gain, or political manoeuvring. Whatever the reason, God hates one who sows discord among brethren.

Mom was right. Hate is a strong word. When our God, who *is defined by love*, says he hates someone or something, it should make us pause and examine ourselves to see if we are that someone!

Today’s Verse: *“...Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”* (Ephesians 4:1-3)

Today’s Challenge: I will sow peace and unity in my home – I will not allow Satan to divide my family. I will sow peace and promote unity in the Church – I will not allow Satan to draw me into matters or actions that divide the Church.

Allan’s Psalm Journal:

Psalms .12.

- 1- David is overwhelmed with the prevalence of wickedness but, never the less, trusts in God and sings for joy.
- 2- David begs help of God, having no man whom he could trust, ver. 1, 2.
- 3- Describes the wicked and assures himself, that God would punish them, and preserve the just, ver. 3 - 8.

Allan.