



The Weekly Jog

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

Opportunities

Yes, they surround us to do good or to do evil. “When the devil had ended every temptation [against Jesus], he departed from Him until an **opportune** time” (Luke 4:13). The devil is hard at work to create certain **opportunities** for us. The chief priests “counted out to [Judas] thirty pieces of silver. So from that time he sought **opportunity** to betray Him” (Matt. 26:16).

Opportunities surround us to do good or to do evil. Which opportunities will you take?

The book of Galatians focuses on the liberty in the Lord that is afforded in the faith. Yet, some of the brethren in Galatia were using that liberty “as an **opportunity** for the flesh” (Gal. 5:13), instead of using that liberty as an **opportunity** “through love [to] serve one another” (5:13). That’s why the apostle Paul calls upon us to have this mindset—“As we have **opportunity**, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith” (6:10).

Brethren, the devil is hard at work even today to create opportunities for the flesh. Will we allow ourselves to grow idle and fall into his opportunities, or will we seek and make opportunities to do good unto others? There is a phrase I like, “If it’s to be it’s up to me”

Allan’s Psalm Journal

Psalms.22.

- 1- This psalm, to me is the portrayal of God turning His back on the Son at Calvary because of the burden of the sin of the whole world. . Matt 27.
- 2- Psalm of the cross. (Verses 1, 7-8, 16-18.)

Psalms.23.

- 1- The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. The watch care that God has over His people in difficult circumstances.

Psalms.24.

- 1- Who is the King and Lord of Glory? God. He is the one that is holy; no one else can stand in such a place.
- 2- But we will one day be with Him in the heavenly citadel.

These are thoughts on Psalms that you may want to write into the side margin of your Bible for further study.

This Saturday night: 6pm.

Adult Mid- Winter Formal Dinner.

Get a baby sitter; be there for this great time of fellowship.

Special Collection this Sunday

For : James Cammock.

James will be attending for two years “Southwest School of Biblical Studies,” from August 2008. I believe that He is worthy of our support and involvement. James is to be admired for the commitment he is making to increase his knowledge in the Lord and to return to work with the Church in New Zealand. Let’s get behind this effort this Sunday.

Ask Allan for a resume hand out of James for your perusal. These will also be handed out on Sunday morning.

Luncheon on Sunday: Finger foods only.

Allan



He Took Them Off

By Teresa Hampton

King Saul was *trying* to help. He clothed young David with his own bronze helmet, coat of mail, and sword, thinking it was what he needed to face Goliath. David quickly realized he couldn't walk clothed in the king's armour. He hadn't practiced using the sword. So, what did he do, even at risk of offending the king?

With uncharacteristic wisdom for one so young, David took them off. He used the small defensive weapon he was familiar with when he protected sheep, but he recognized it was just a tool to display God's power and might, not his own. He shouted to the giant, "*You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand...Then all this assembly shall know that the Lord does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and He will give you into our hands*" (1 Samuel 17:45-47).

We need to be like David. There are things that weigh us down. We tend to rely on our own ingenuity or resources when we face life's struggles. In order to cope, survive, and prosper in this life we place our trust in popularity, knowledge, beauty, riches...whatever. The world tells us we *need* these things, when, in fact, our trust in them makes us fall.

Truthfully, we need to take them off, cease relying on them, even if we offend or puzzle our friends. The thing we need to rely on when we're engaged in a battle of any kind is what the young shepherd relied on. He trusted in the strength of his Lord. In this we, too, have great confidence. The source of our strength is the Commander of the Army of the Lord, Jesus Christ; and as it was with young David, the battle is not ours, but the Lord's.



Today's Verse: "*The Lord is my light and my salvation: Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident*"

(Psalm 27:1, 3).

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PERSONAL DATA

Age: 21 (17 June 1985) Height: 6 Ft Weight: 163 lb
Health: Excellent Status: Single

SOCIAL

I was born in the city of Palmerston North, New Zealand and was raised on my parents farm in the town of Dannevirke. My father is a sheep & beef farmer, and my mother is a homemaker. I also have a younger sister. They are at this time not members of the church.

My interests include, Bible study, Health & Fitness, Rugby League, spending time with brethren.

EDUCATION

2000 - 2004
Palmerston North Boys High School
- Attained National Certificate Of Educational Achievement
Level 1
2005 - 2006
Bible College of New Zealand INC
- Attained Certificate Of Biblical Studies
Denominational College. Attended prior to becoming a member
of the church Of Christ
2006
Telecom New Zealand
- Attained Directory Assistance Training

WORK EXPERIENCE

2002 - 2005 Sheep And Beef labourer for parents
2006 Telephone Directory Assistance for Telecom New Zealand
2006 - 2008 Retail Salesperson for Pedal Pushers Cyclery Limited

SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND

2002 - 2005 Attended Presbyterian church of Aotearoa
2006 Baptised into the church Of Christ
2006 - 2008 Led in aspects of worship; presented sermons and devotional lessons; participated in door - knocking campaigns; both assisted and led in Bible studies with non-Christians; active member of men's meetings

GOALS

- To mature as a Christian man
- To increase my Bible knowledge
- To develop my skills in preaching and teaching
- To become a full time preacher for the church Of Christ in New Zealand
- To both serve and to work as a full time preacher for the Hamilton church Of Christ in New Zealand
- To specialize within the area of Christian Cult Apologetics

BIBLICAL CONVICTIONS

I both strongly believe and contend that the Bible is the complete inspired word of God, and that it is our only source of religious authority (2 Timothy 3:16). I am committed to my obligation in answering any enquiries regarding the biblical positions in which I hold (1 Peter 3:15) I am committed to my responsibility to both preach and teach the word of God to the lost, and then to ground them in sound words (2 Timothy 1:13)

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