



# The Weekly Jog

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

## “God would have all men saved”

The Bible teaches that God “desires all men to be saved” (1 Tim. 2:4). A diligent reader will learn that not only does God want the reader to be saved, but God wants the reader to want others to be saved also. Salvation is the message of the Bible and we are the messengers who have been sent.

**We have been sent to save the lost.** Millions of accountable people are living who have *never obeyed the gospel*. In God’s eyes, they are lost (cf. 2 Thess. 1:8-9). They are dying in their sins. Our responsibility, as Christians, is to do all we can to take the saving message of the gospel “to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

**We have been sent to save the wayward.** There are many folks who once were saved but have fallen away and allowed themselves to become entangled again in the affairs of this world. In God’s eyes, they are lost (cf. 2 Pet. 2:20-22). They, too, are dying in their sins. Our responsibility, as faithful Christians, is to do all we can to turn back anyone who “wanders from the truth...[to] save a soul from death...” (James 5:19-20).

**We have been sent to save our neighbors.** The example of the early church was a church that went to “every house” (Acts 5:42), going “house to house” (Acts 20:20), teaching Jesus as the Christ. Our responsibility, as Christians, is to love our neighbor, seeking their greatest need—i.e., their salvation.

**We have been sent to save our children.** Our children are not toys to play with; they are “a heritage from the Lord” (Psa. 127:3). The responsibility of parents is to aim these little “arrows” (127:4) back to the Lord by teaching them the Word and the way of God (Deut. 11:19) and setting a godly example before them that they may “glorify your Father in heaven” and be saved (Matt. 5:16).

**We have been sent to save the unbelieving spouse.** When the New Testament speaks of the one who is married to an unbeliever, it emphasizes the possibility of the unbelieving spouse being “sanctified” or “saved” by the Christian spouse (1 Cor. 7:14, 16), even if by the Christian’s conduct “without a word” being spoken (1 Pet. 3:1). Salvation is always to be our emphasis.

Add our family members, friends, government leaders,

Co workers, enemies, etc., etc. God wants all of them to be saved. Do our actions show that we do, too?

## FRIENDS DAY

**Worship – 10am: followed by a luncheon.**

**Just imagine if everyone extended an invitation to one or even maybe two.**

**“But sanctify the Lord God in your heart, and always be ready to give a defence to every one who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you.” (1 Peter 3:15)**

## FRIENDS DAY THIS SUNDAY



**(Ephesians 4:16)**

**“...from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”**



## **My Tears in a Bottle**

By Teresa Hampton

It was a typical after-worship scene. Children were playfully expending energy that had been harnessed during the past hour of quiet, reverent worship. A young father was talking to me when suddenly he heard the cry of his little boy. His son and another child had collided. Knowing his dad was near; the five-year old ran quickly to him. He was holding his head, telling quickly and tearfully what happened. The young dad put his arms around the little guy while he shed big crocodile tears. He cried until he had cried the hurt away. Soon, he dried his face and ran off to expend more energy.

Though it was a typical scene, it struck me as a beautiful image of what God, our Father, does for us, his children. When life seems to knock us down, we go to him with our tears and our hurts. David knew the comfort of taking his sorrows and fears to the Lord. He said, *"You number my wanderings; put my tears into Your bottle..."* (56:8). Life dealt him a strong blow. He was hated and hunted for years. But through it all he called to God, received comfort, and trusted in divine deliverance, not just once, but on many occasions. *"In You, O Lord, I put my trust... Deliver me... and cause me to escape... Be my strong refuge, to which I may resort continually... for You are my rock and my fortress"* (71:1-3).

When we sorrow, God will collect our tears in His bottle and give us comfort. When we're fearful, He will wrap arms of hope and trust around us. When we seemingly collide with the world, He will be an avenue of escape and deliverance. Let us run to Him, casting all our care on Him, because He cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). We can be assured ... our Father is always near!

**Today's challenge:** Read Psalm 70 – Give my thoughts of anguish and alarm to the Lord.

**Today's verse:** *"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away"* (Rev. 21:4).

### **Allan Psalm Journal:**

#### **Psalms.28.**

- 1- I lift up my heart to God and supplicate in prayer and thanksgiving and deliverance. What a blessing in knowing that God will answer my petition as He did David's.
- 2- David was without hope, except for God. He depended on Him and rejoiced in Him.

#### **Psalms.29.**

- 1- The towering nature of God is seen and we, as David, give praise and glory to him because he is the one who will give strength and salvation. (Note Ps 19)

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