



The Weekly Jog

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

Twenty Reasons to be at Bible Classes

- 1- . To obey the command of God to study the Bible.(2Tim. 2:15; 2 Pet. 1:5)
- 2- To grow in knowledge (1 Pet. 2:2; 2 Pet. 3:18).
- 3- To grow closer to God and increase faith (Rom. 10:17).
- 4- To follow my shepherds' guidance (Heb. 13:17).
- 5- To become a more effective teacher.(Heb. 5:13-6:1).
- 6- To be with Jesus and let Jesus be your teacher. (John 6:45; Eph. 4:20-21).
- 7- To be with and associate with the best people on earth (1 John 4:7-8; Heb. 10:24-25).
- 8- To become stronger (Psa. 119:165; 2 Pet. 1:5-11).
- 9- To feed my soul (Jer. 15:16; Psa. 119:103).
- 10- To find answers (Psa. 119:99; John 7:17).
- 11- To overcome sin (1 John 5:4; Matt. 4:4).
- 12- To gain wisdom (2 Tim. 3:15; Psa. 119:130).
- 13- To follow the example of the godly (Heb. 13:7).
- 14- To set a good example for others. (Matt. 5:13-16; 1 Tim. 4:12).
- 15- To satisfy my love and desire to learn the Word of God. (Psa. 1:2; 19:7-10; 119:72, 97).
- 16- To prepare to give an answer and defend the faith. (1 Pet. 3:15; Jude 3).
- 17- To prepare for and quench the fiery darts of the devil (Eph. 6:10-18).
- 18- To become better equipped to serve others (2 Tim. 3:16-17).
- 19- To keep my priorities properly balanced (Matt. 6:33).

- 20- To get ready for the final test (John 12:48; Rev. 20:12).

Allan's Psalm's Journal:

Psalms .30.

- 1- The dedication of the Palace. David had often been so close to death but the Lord had delivered him, thus he would sit and sing praises to God.

Psalms. 31.

- 1- Seek God in those times of extreme crises and know the strength of having a deep trust in God.

Psalms.32.

- 1- Blessed is the one whose sin is forgiven. Yes a good man can sin, and in his remorse can find forgiveness and start again.

Bit's and Pieces

- 1- Thank you all for another great friends and family day. We did have several visitors worship with us and enjoy the fellowship afterwards. Let's keep inviting even when there is no friends day.
- 2- Please remember those who are unwell in the congregation and pray for their speedy return to good health.
- 3- Keep Al and Venna in your prayers as we travel to Papamoa to teach and preach this coming Sunday.
- 4- Changes to roster. Steve teaching Life of Christ for Allan as well as leading the singing. Thanks Steve.
- 5- Men's Meeting this Sunday night. To the ladies; if you have anything you want brought up please give it to one of the men to bring along to the meeting to be discussed.
- 6- Ryan and Andrea baptized into Christ last Saturday. What a time of rejoicing. We love you both and are here to serve and help you in your new life. Amen.



Small but Mighty

Pa and Ma left a vivid impression on us children. We would visit our great grandparents and just chuckle when we saw them together. You see, Pa was a tall man, about six feet four. Mammie was small, almost five feet, and that's stretching it. However, looks can be deceiving.

Do you remember Gideon's story in the book of Judges? He was the weakest man in his father's house. His tribe was the weakest of all the tribes (Judges 6:14-16). Despite how others viewed him and how he viewed himself, the Angel of the Lord told him to save Israel from the oppressive Midianites. He asked, "*How can I save Israel?*" The Angel said *God would be with him.*

Do you remember the small shepherd boy who challenged the nine-foot giant? No one believed David could defeat this seasoned warrior (1 Sam. 17:1-50). His brothers ridiculed him. Despite their ridicule, he made his case before the king. With only a staff and five smooth stones, he met the champion of the Philistines. One stone in his sling was all it took to bring down Goliath and send the enemy running. How could a small boy do this? *God was with him.*

Do you see yourself as a small or insignificant child of God? Do others see you as unable to accomplish anything worthwhile for the Lord? Looks can be deceiving. Gideon and David are reminders that God can take the small and make it mighty. "*He will bless those who fear the Lord, both small and great*" (Psalm 115:13). God can take what you perceive as inadequate abilities and use them to encourage weary souls or reach the lost. He can take your physical weaknesses and allow his great strength to be magnified in your life. Remember, *God is with you!*

Today's Verse: "*And He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me...For when I am weak, and then I am strong*" (2 Cor. 12:9-10).

A Willing Heart

There are so many people in the kingdom of God who have a willing heart, that they are willing to do whatever is necessary for the work of the Lord. I'm reminded of C.M. Pullias, who was a very effective preacher in the early 20th century. In 1922, churches in Nashville put together the ultimate gospel meeting in the Ryman Auditorium. They approached Brother Pullias, but he was not asked to preach in the meeting. (N.B. Hardeman had been asked to preach). Brother Pullias was asked to lead the congregational singing. His response was classic, and one that should be characteristic of every Christian today. C.M. Pullias answered that he would be willing to sweep the floors in order to make the meeting a success. (His book I have in my Library)

Some tasks in the kingdom of God are not as "glamorous" as others, and many tasks will not even get you noticed for doing them. Those who have the willing heart—ready to do whatever is asked and whatever is needed—recognize that the work of *the Lord* is not about us. *It's about the Lord!* I'm blessed to be surrounded by willing hearts!