



# The Weekly Jog

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

## Worship: Preaching, study and passivity.

When we are in worship and bible study how are we to engage. It is to be remembered that preaching/teaching/listening is worship. Jesus said, “*And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men*” (Matt. 15:9). If teaching error is vain worship, what is true worship?

However, worship always involves actions, and there are two distinct, but related, responsibilities at times like this. There is the responsibility God has placed on the speaker. Paul said, “Preach the word” (2 Tim. 4:2)! Peter said, “If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God” (1 Pet. 4:11). The implication is plain. If one is not going to preach the word, *he must not speak*. Because of this, every teacher should remember that he will come under stricter judgment on the final day (James 3:1).

Then there is the responsibility we have as we listen. First, I should remember that my responsibility does not change because a lesson deals with first principles or things I already know. Jesus showed that teachers should proclaim both *old* and *new* (Matt. 13:52). The lost, babes in Christ and immature Christians need such things, and I should rejoice that this food is being provided. I need to listen in order to “try the spirits” (1 John 4:1), to search again to see if truth is being taught (Acts 17:11), and to come with an open heart to let God’s spirit change my life (2 Cor. 3:18).

On a practical level and to change passive worship into active worship, let me suggest the following. Try to “see the speaker’s outline.” Then take notes as you “outline the outline.” Open your Bible and write notes in the margin. Highlight those cross references that are appropriate. Make your own cross references. Write definitions of words there. Find thoughts to mediate on later in the week. Talk to others later about what was taught. Preaching was never designed to be passive!

Remember, it was God who made us and knows us, who made preaching part of our growth and worship! I believe with all my heart that the most wonderful part of my worship is that fellowship with God in his word and I will make no apology for it!

Allan

### Allan’s Psalms Journal:

#### Psalms.35.

- 1- David’s cry for God to avenge His enemies. Verse 19 shows that His enemies hate him without cause. The cry is almost, “Lord how long,” with the attitude that it will happen. The day of vindication will come upon His enemies.

#### Psalms.36.

- 1- A contrast is shown between the sinfulness of the wicked and the goodness of God.
- 2- The Lord will bless the Godly and pull down the wicked and the proud.



## Attention Please!

By Teresa Hampton

What you give attention to, gives it power to grow." Attention feeds or fuels it. The opposite is also true. What we fail to give attention to causes it to deteriorate or decline. Our lack of attention starves it, or takes away its fuel. This is actually a Biblical principle.

When God's people had forsaken Him, He said through Isaiah, "*Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river and your righteousness like the waves of the sea*" (Isaiah 48:18). If they had given attention to knowing and obeying His law, it would have grown into peace and righteousness.

However, due to neglect, God's law was eventually forgotten. Unfortunately, the same thing can happen today to God's children. Paul told Timothy, "*Give attention to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all*" (1 Tim. 4:13, 15-16).

Our undivided attention is necessary to plant the Word in our hearts. That kind of attention feeds our faith, grows mature children of God, and fuels Christian service. What we give attention to, gives it power to grow.

**Today's Verse:** "*Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?*" (Hebrews 2:1-3).

### Sick:

Hazel Collinsen  
Miss Shirley  
Anne VanKuyk  
Ruth  
Deidre  
Vanessa's Family  
Gaye Kyle  
Christi Jensens Grandfather, Bill.(Cancer)  
Christi and her pregnancy.

### Travelling

Jason Fox in the U.S.A -

### Other

Palmerston North campaign.

Ladies Retreat in October.

### Next Sunday Roster: 21<sup>st</sup> Sept, 08

Service Leader:	Allan.
1 <sup>st</sup> Prayer:	Steve.
Scripture:	Noel.
Song Leader:	Allan.
Communion:	Glenn.
Assist:	Ken.
Message:	Rod.
Close Prayer:	Rob.
Clean Building:	Jensens.