



The Weekly Jog

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Jog: to nudge, to give a reminder, *jog* the memory

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

Consider yourself Warned.

Life is filled with warning signs like, Bridge Out Ahead . . . Poison . . . Do Not Operate Machinery After Taking This Medication . . . Rip Currents . . . Soft Shoulders . . . Road Narrows . . . Do Not Pass . . . Detour . . . Travel Advisory . . . etc. We are wise to heed them. Have you ever considered the four places God placed a “Be Not Deceived” warning sign in the New Testament?

Jesus warned, “Take heed that you not be deceived. For many will come in My name...” (Luke 21:8). It is ironic that this warning about false teachers was given to four disciples whom we think could never be deceived—Peter, Andrew, James and John. Now, if those men who had traveled with Him for three-and-a-half years could be deceived, shouldn't we “Consider Yourself Warned”?

The second time the expression is found in the New Testament is in 1 Corinthians 6:9. “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.” In an age of increasing immorality, America should heed this warning sign from God. “Consider Yourself Warned.”

In this same letter, Paul gives the “Be Not Deceived” warning the third time. “Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits” (1 Cor. 15:33). We often give this warning about how evil companions corrupt good morals to young people, but older ones need to heed it just as much. If you think that your ungodly friends could never pull you down, *you have already been deceived!* “Consider Yourself Warned.”

The fourth time the expression is found is in Galatians 6:7-8. “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

Every person is either sowing to the Spirit or he is sowing to the flesh. Your life is either focused on this world and all of its deceptive appeal, or it's focused on your spiritual side. If you think you can live in both of these worlds at the same time, you have already ignored the heavenly danger sign.

Wise individuals read and heed warning signs. Wiser individuals read and heed heavenly ones. Are you wise?

***Special Guest Speaker
Kevin Key from the U.S.A***

Take this opportunity to invite a friend or family member to listen to the two great lessons he will present to us.

Worship 10 am. Bible study 11:15am.

Allan's Psalm's Journal:

Psalms. 42.

- 1- This is a psalm that I love. The image of the deer panting for the water to me shows man's intense longing for and a yearning for a taste of God's presence. The soul's longing is for God, the living God and finally the face of God.
- 2- David, in the face of taunting, wants to meet with God in His temple. He asks a lot of questions of himself with regard to; where is my God, especially as his enemies taunt him.
- 3- My absolute longing is to see God face to face and to be with Him in the heavenly home set aside for me. This is the hope that I have stored up within me.

Psalms.43.

- 1- This is an intensified prayer for redemption and should be attached as a part of Psalm 42.
- 2- Surely this is a thirst for the house of God.

Psalms.44.

- 1- A cry of despair in a time of national disaster, when their army, it seems, had been overwhelmingly defeated.
- 2- This is a cry of despair and a call to God to redeem. Why? Because of His unfailing love.

Close to the Edge
By Teresa Hampton

Volcanoes are fascinating. Once, when my husband and I toured an active volcano, we inched as close as possible until we reached a sign nearby advising tourists to go no further. I was stunned to observe the steam vents very near my feet. There was the strong sulphuric smell of volcanic activity and I secretly questioned, "Are there sane individuals who actually ignore the sign and proceed onward?" Frankly, I didn't need a sign to tell me to keep my distance! A few days later, my husband and I visited a local church on the Lord's Day and learned that a young photographer had recently gone beyond the caution sign in order to get a great shot of the lava flow. He inadvertently stepped on ground that gave way and slipped into the lava, he and his camera. Ignoring the rules was a costly mistake.

As the world increasingly blurs the lines between right and wrong, we may be tempted to see how close to the edge we can get. We may see how near we can manoeuvre to sin and not be burned. Ignoring the laws of God may even seem daring or alluring. It is quite possible, however, that like the young photographer, we could find out too late about the dangers of disobedience, a costly eternal mistake. James said, *each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown, brings forth death* (James 1:14-15).

As children of God, let us not wander from God's rules, or venture beyond His boundaries. And let us resist the temptation to get close to the alluring edge of sin.

Today's verse: *With my whole heart I have sought You, Oh, let me not wander from Your commandments* (Psalm 119:10).



Our Congregational Sunday
School Programme.

The new curriculum has been prepared and ready to go.

First education meeting will be **Sunday afternoon on the 16th November, 3p.m. till 4 pm.**

The **new curriculum** is very good and covers both the Old and New Testament over two years which is 8 quarters. **BUT:** we need teachers. Get excited in serving the Lord by teaching our children for they are the way forward for the future of the Church.