



The Weekly Jog

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

We Need More Dorcas in the Body.

The early church loved each other dearly and showed considerable compassion towards each other. The story of Dorcas in Acts 9 is just one illustration showing this to be the case. For the first time in the New Testament, the city of Joppa is mentioned, and the first Christian to be mentioned in Joppa was a woman named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This commemorative statement is God’s inspired evaluation of this woman—“This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did” (Acts 9:36). When she died, the whole church was affected and life seemed to stop for everyone until she was raised from the dead.

The life of Dorcas could not have had the tremendous impact on others that it did if she had not been focused on serving others and doing unto others instead of doing unto herself. Think about your life. If God were to evaluate you, could He say, “This one is full of good works and charitable deeds”? Think about it. The church today needs more Dorcas!



We Need More Barnabases in the Body.

Nearly everybody you meet today is discouraged about something. Some are discouraged about the economy, about the government, about the political situation, about their jobs, about their health, about their homes, about their kids, about their parents, about their friends, about their personal finances, about “church problems,” about their favorite sports team, about gas prices coming down but not enough, about the cost of living in general, etc., etc. Even Christians do not seem immune to this discouragement wave. But what can we do about it?

There are lots of things we can do, but let’s just focus on one. When Saul became a Christian in Acts 9, the resistance he faced from his new family in Christ would have discouraged the average person. But Barnabas, “Son of Encouragement” (Acts 4:36), “took him and brought him to the apostles” (Acts 9:27). Here was a brother whose discouragement might have swallowed him up (cf. 2 Cor. 2:7), but he had an encourager there to pick him up. *Brethren, we need more Barnabases/encouragers in the church? Will you be there for your brethren?*

Teach Our Kid's **BE INVOLVED IN THE** **TEACHING** **PROGRAMME**

Teachers Meeting:
Sunday 16th Nov /3-4pm.

- ✓ **New Curriculum.**
- ✓ **New Material**
- ✓ **New format**

Allan's Psalm Journal:

Psalm. 45.

- 1- This is a psalm for the royal wedding. It has, I think, a deeper meaning with regard to Christ and the Church as the bride of Christ.
- 2- . 7-9; The glory of the bridegroom
- 3- . 10-15: The royal groom addresses the King
- 4- 13-15; The glory of the Bride.

Psalm.46.

- 1- These are the words we sing in the song, "a mighty fortress is our God." The psalm celebrates the presence of God. This is Zion's battle song.
- 2- It was the basis for Martin Luther's hymn as stated and was the hymn of the reformation.

Psalm.47.

- 1- This is all about the Kingship and sovereignty of God. Note Ps 100.

Psalm .48.

- 1- The greatness of God is seen and shared with His people.
- 2- God is King. Zion is the city of God. This God is our God forever. God is on the throne—let the earth rejoice

Fruit of the Spirit - Visible Growth in Jesus Christ

"Fruit of the Spirit" is a biblical term that sums up the nine visible attributes of a true Christian life. Using the King James Version of Galatians 5:22-23, these attributes are: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. We learn from scripture that these are not individual "fruits" from which we pick and choose. Rather, the fruit of the Spirit is one nine fold "fruit" that characterizes all who truly walk in the Holy Spirit. Collectively, these are the fruits that all Christians should be producing in their new lives with Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday Roster: 9th
Service Leader: Rod.
1st Prayer: Peter
Scripture: Noel
Song Leader: Rod
Communion: Steve
Assist: Tony
Message: Peter
Close Prayer: ken
Clean Building: Pipers

Prayer List:

Sick:

Ann VanKuyk, Gaye.

Other:

Jaracz away on Rig. Allan and Venna travelling to Auckland this coming weekend. Work in New Plymouth. Those who are new in the faith.