



LEA Weekly Devotion

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Let's Go!

Think cheerleader. No, not the fifth grade pre-cheerleader girls twitching through the hallway, gyrating spasmodically and making you wonder if you'll need to call 911 or just ignore it and maybe it will subside.

Do your own flailing and fluttering. Just don't hurt yourself. But do plan on cheerleading. Why? Consider the words from the prophet Isaiah:

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert (Isaiah 43:19).

Guess what. You—and all your students—are the “new things.” And the occasion is just right for some noisy cheerleading. You minister in a spiritual wilderness filled with enemies and obstacles. Some of your students may not yet know that Jesus saved them and all of your students need happy reminders about their Father God, Savior Jesus and Enabler Holy Spirit. God cleared the way and equipped you to spread the Word in your school and community. Especially the words of the Gospel. And remember to teach both Law and Gospel. The Gospel taught in isolation of the Law is almost as bad as the Law taught in isolation from the Gospel.

Effective cheerleaders use more than words. Their attitude is important, so take care in how you approach and execute your teaching and practicing of religion. Do it often—even integrating the faith into your whole day. All this takes prayer and planning. Why not take Paul's advice to the Philippians on this matter?

But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13–14).

What are you waiting for? Cheer loudly and with a smile and even some gyrations—if you dare. The wilderness lies before you. Remember, you are sharing the great Good News. Okay team, let's go!

Question for consideration and prayer: *Make time with your coworkers to create a unique cheer that you can try out with your students.*

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**A joyful heart is good medicine,
But a crushed spirit dries up the bones—Prov. 17:22 ESV**

