

## Pep Talks Before the Game?!



During most of the week, High School cycled between boredom and fear...mindless mental meanderings punctuated by unscheduled test-induced panic. Friday afternoon was different. Friday was rally day. Usually beginning at 3:30 in the afternoon, we all gathered in the gymnasium for a school rally. It was the functional equivalent of an adolescent battle assembly. Seating was first-come first-served, but most of us had a claim of one sort or another to a favored place or among a favored group.

There were exhibitions by the cheerleading squad, spirited group singing, and most importantly, a grand pep talk, usually given by the coach, but sometimes by visiting dignitaries of the sort that frequent high school sporting events. The boring parts, such as announcements and warnings about expecting good sportsmanship, were purposefully kept to a minimum, and nothing too heavy or mentally burdensome was allowed to interfere with our unbounded enthusiasm. Another important component...it was LOUD...REALLY LOUD! On special occasions, we even took up a collection, students making significant sacrifices of lunch money or movie fare. We all left feeling exhilarated and full confidence. Fridays made the rest of the week bearable.

Lately, I've noticed a remarkable similarity between another important weekly event and the good-old-days of high school rallies. I suppose it's because they both have so much in common...so much, and seem to be achieving about the same results. Fan participation is great, the

level of enthusiasm runs about as high, and because of my four years of experience in high school, it's easy to fit in, and like the man said, "Hey, this I can understand!" So, how about a loud "Hey, hey, wadaya say, worship day, Sunday, Sunday, Sunday!" *MJ*

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