

Pescadores Progress

Georgia  Mountains Tres Dias

March 2013

Meditation

Sow More Good

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I have always been fascinated with the principles of sowing and reaping. So when our Redemptive Arts pastor, Dave Ronne, began to talk about the five laws of the harvest at the 12Stone Night of Worship in February, I was all ears. One of the five laws especially grabbed my attention – “You reap what others sow”. Dave told the story of a farmer who explained to his son how to help the wheat crop overcome weeds carried by the wind from a careless neighbor’s field. The neighbor had failed to take good care of his own crop, which allowed the wind to carry weeds into the wheat farmer’s field. When his son complained of the weeds, the farmer told his son that the answer was to sow more good wheat the following year to overcome the negligence of his neighbor. The theme of that night was “I am a farmer”. You may remember the Super Bowl commercial about the American farmer. The thing that stuck with me about that commercial is how hard the farmer works with no time off and very little reward. According to Paul Harvey it is because a good farmer is willing

to do what the average person will not do.

Jesus told a similar story in the parable of the tares in Matthew 13:24-30. In that parable, the farmer’s enemy had sown weeds in the wheat field. The farmer wisely told his servants not to pull up the weeds because it might damage the wheat crop. Each one of us has been impacted by someone else who has sown weeds into our spiritual field either maliciously or by negligence. These weeds have a cost, and if we allow it, our good seed can be damaged and our crops destroyed by what we do with the weeds. The weeds may be a circumstance that you cannot control, such as death of a close loved one or life altering separation and alienation in your family. The weeds may be unkind words or gossip that takes root in your spiritual ground. The weeds may be long struggles with your health or finances that occurred through no fault of your own. The weeds may even come in the form of people that the enemy has planted in your life to deceive or harm you. Whatever the weeds are, they will try to choke out the good crop that the Father wants to grow in your life.

It is hard to do the wise thing and

allow the weeds to grow alongside your wheat without yanking them out, and it costs something to sow more good seed in the next season to overcome the weeds. For a farmer, that means buying more seed and spending more time sowing his field.

I began to seek the Father’s wisdom after the message on the laws of the harvest about what this means for me. How do I sow more good seed in my spiritual field, especially after someone has sent weeds into my crop? I began to think about where my harvest goes and what it really means to sow more good. I have a field too. It is the people that God has placed in my life – friends and family, co-workers, the kids that I serve every Sunday, and even the people I have casual contact with. Where am I sowing more good into my field? You see, I know that when I allow weeds to spring up a bitter root in me, I cannot do any good for Jesus. I become toxic to my field even when I am trying to serve the Lord.

My answer to the question of sowing more good came from a surprising place – from Proverbs 31.

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GMTD #65 Men’s:

May 30 - June 2, 2013

Rector:

Ricky Castleberry

Send-off:

Thurs., May 30 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., June 1 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., June 2 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #65 Women’s:

June 6 - 9, 2013

Rector:

Marla Flake

Send-off:

Thurs., June 6 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., June 8 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., June 9 • 5:00 p.m.

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But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 KJV

Our verse for GMTD #64 for men was Isaiah 40:31. As we waited on the Lord, He did renew our strength. We were able to run the race he called us for. We were able to soar above all the evil one tried to throw our way.

When the candidates came to the camp on Thursday night, they were eager to gain all God had for them. They were ready to soar on there own. God's amazing love was so

real, even the rain stopped when we went to chapel then, it would continue as we were in the chapel, then stop again when we would return to the rollo room.

This group of candidates was a blessing to the team because they were so eager to learn more about Jesus, and so willing to participate in everything. God put together the most amazing team I have worked with, and I want to say thank

you to each and every one that had a part in GMTD #64 for men, God's team. Thanks to all the ladies for a awesome serenade and to the community for all the Palanca especially the prayers. The new Pescadores will never be the same.

Tony Sewell
Rector - GMTD #64

Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #64

Women's: February 28 - March 3, 2013

Rector: Jamie Dunkerly

Fellow Travelers Seeking the Savior,

From the first call when asked to lead the team of GMTD #64 to the writing of this letter, our Abba Father has shown me over and over in His word and my life that "He Will" ... give a crown of Beauty to all whom come and trade in their ashes so that they too may wear forgiveness like a crown. That is exactly what He has done for me, the team, and the Pescadores of GMTD #64. He restored everything the locust has taken from each of our lives. The ladies embraced all that God had for them during their time on the mountain. God is just

so Faithful!!! God won our hearts and made us complete at the foot of the cross. We saw miracle signs and wonders during our worship to the King of Kings. What an amazing time in His presence to see freedom received by all. Every one of us left with an abundance of God's power in knowing we were chosen, set apart, and a Princess Daughter Loved by our Father God.

The team that served on GMTD #64 showed the Love of our Father to each other and the Pescadores. Each of us were filled with excitement to just be called and allowed to serve, more than one stated it felt like Christmas morning

as a child and they couldn't wait to see what God had in store for them. We all started as a diamond in the rough, and by the time the weekend got here we all shined like new. The Father filled and refreshed us so that we could pour out His love like a sweet fragrance. It was humbling to see God's mighty hand at work, healing and mending of hearts, the restoration of marriages, and the freedom from sin and hurt. To God be all the glory & honor. De Colores Brothers & Sisters in Christ.

Trading my ashes for His Beauty,

Jamie Dunkerly
Rector - GMTD #64



He will give a crown of beauty for ashes, a joyous blessing instead of mourning, festive praise instead of despair. In their righteousness, they will be like great oaks that the LORD has planted for his own glory.

Isaiah 61:3b NLT

Welcome New Pescadores!

Table of Luke

David Peardon
Michael Daniels
Gordon Lonsberry
Brandon Esparza
Jonathon (JJ) Koch
Ryan McHugh
Gregory Blackwell

Table of Peter

Mark Wiese
Matthew Hardeman
Dennis Swick
Joshua Satterfield
Scott Morris
Steve Taylor
Mark Brown

Table of Mark

Mark Davis
James Davis
Josh Collett
Greg Morrow
Jeffery Bell
David Weaver

Table of Matthew

Adam Brymer
John Workman
Mark Caudell
Keith Boger
Joe Parker
Ty Overmyer
Lawrence Lee

Table of John

Jim Copland
Ron Stockel
Dave Garton
Russell Cowart
John Forman
Mark Stapler
Justin Coleman

Table of Paul

Brian Carter
Michael Atkins
Dewayne Whitehead
Larry Weaver
Virgil Stanfield
Wade Ledbetter
Darryl Tallent

Table of Ruth

Shana Collett
Melissa Blackwell
Rebecca Smith
Alice Rudolph
Gill Morris
Tesela Dutton

Table of Elizabeth

Tracy Copland
Miki Yancey
Nancy Boger
Tamie Roper
Pam McKinnie
Tracy Lee
Linda Brown

Table of Rachel

Gail Garton
Doris Foster
Ruth Mew
Peggy Castleberry
Lila Wiese
Denise Morrow
Tracie Stanfield

Table of Sarah

Gaylon Lonsberry
Ruth Nichols
Kim Tallent
Christy Daniels
Teresa Swick
Christy Stockel

Table of Rebekah

Jennifer Workman
TeAnna Satterfield
Paula Sloan
Stephanie Peardon
Nicole Brymer
Brenda Parker
Rachel McHugh

Table of Esther

Joyce Rimes
Chantel Weaver
Caroline Hardeman
Leslie Atkins
Tanya Bell
Erica Carter
Kayla Esparza

Meditation Continued

Now before I lose all of the men in the room, let me remind you that as a member of the church you are called the Bride of Christ. Compared to Him even the most masculine man is a “girly man”.

The verses that jumped out at me during my study time were Proverbs 31:11-12 “Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life”. I believe that is the harvest that the Lord is seeking from His Bride. He wants to be able to safely trust in us. It is the only way He will be able to bless us and it is what will cause Him to say “Well done, good and faithful servant”. If we are the Bride of Christ, we should be working every day to bring Him good and not harm. And that means sowing more good!

So what does it look like for the Bride of Christ to sow more good? It looks a lot like verses 13 and 15 of Proverbs 31, where the bride rises early, being diligent to provide for her own family. Am I diligent in caring for the family of God, not growing weary in well

doing, but being always willing to meet the needs in my church? Sowing more good also looks like verses 16, 24, and 27, where the bride wisely uses her resources, being a good steward and a good investor. Am I a good steward of the resources God has given me? Do I use time and money wisely for His glory? Do I protect these resources by “considering a field” before I buy it? Do I keep myself physically fit as the bride does in verse 17 by “strengthening her arms”? Am I content with what I have (as in verse 18) instead of coveting more? Do I reserve the corners of my field for the poor (as the bride does in verse 20) or do I spend every penny I have on my needs and wants? Is anyone in my house of worship in need of basics like clothing that I could provide (v21)? Am I wise when I speak as the virtuous bride is in verse 26? Is the “law of kindness” on my tongue? Do I make my world a better place just by being there as the bride does in verses 22 and 25?

You see, the more I look at Proverbs 31 the more it looks like what the church should be doing.

It looks like what a good farmer does when he sows more good seed to overcome the weeds. The question is –are we willing to go beyond what the average person will do so that the heart of our Ishi will safely trust in us to do Him good and not harm all the days of our lives?

You see, I still keep the packet of wheat seeds that I filled during our February Night of Worship on my dresser. I see them every morning as I am preparing to begin my day. It is a reminder of what the Father brought to my attention that night. These words are written on the packet - “I am a farmer. I reap what others have sown. Sow more good.”



Spring Secuela

Saturday, April 20th 2013

6:00 PM

East Ellijay Baptist Church

672 Yukon Rd.
Ellijay, GA 30536

* Bring your favorite covered dish to share,
enough to serve at least 10 people.

* Childcare will NOT be provided.



Sponsors, if you have sponsored candidates, please plan to bring them to the Secuela or make arrangements for another GMTD Community member to bring them.

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Find e-mail contact info at www.gmt.org

Upcoming Tres Dias Weekends

Georgia Mountain Tres Dias #66

Men's:

Sept. 26 - 29, 2013

Women's:

Oct. 3 - 6, 2013

Georgia Mountain Tres Dias #67

Men's:

Feb. 20 - 23, 2014

Women's:

Feb. 27 - Mar. 2, 2014

It Only Gets Better...



Moses' first and last day as a lifeguard.

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Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT: The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2013 at 7 p.m.

GMTD Applications may be downloaded at www.gmt.org. Please mail to:

GMTD Pre-Weekend Couple
George & Gail Drake
2638 Waters Edge Drive
Gainesville, GA 30534

When sending, please include \$10.00 application fee. Please call Gail at 770-318-4851 C or 770-718-1052 H.

GMTD weekend fees are \$110.

PALANCA GUIDELINES – (Burning CDs of copyrighted music is a violation of copyright laws, and burned CD's of copyrighted music cannot be accepted as palanca.)

Table Palanca – 6 tables, minimum of 65 individual items.

Bed Palanca – 45 for candidates, 75-77 for team. Team members may receive individual bed palanca. Palanca for specific candidates will be placed in their Sunday bags.

Kitchen Palanca – 117 place settings.

Oven Palanca – Please drop off at the Palanca room, not the kitchen.

Palanca Letters – Write the candidate's name on the letter and in the left upper corner write who the letter is from: sponsor, husband, wife, friend, etc. Letters from family and friends need to be at the camp no later than Saturday night. The earlier the better.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE PESCADORE'S

PROGRESS at www.gmt.org. To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name and address to the return address at the top of this page.

SPONSORS Please remember to stay with your candidate until they have been completely checked in during their weekend and all information and fees have been provided.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFO!

If your address, phone number or e-mail has changed, please notify GMTD Database Manager, Lisa Mitchell at:

records-database-manager@gmt.org, or 770-842-5423, or go to

www.gmt.org/PescadoreUpdateForm. The database is confidential and for GMTD use only to contact sponsors, team members, rector nominees, secretariat nominees, and for general GMTD purposes.

REMINDERS FROM THE SECRE-

TARIAT: Weekend rosters are confidential and are not to be used for solicitations or anything other than Tres Dias. The Secretariat would also like to remind you that it is inappropriate to bring children to send-off, closing, serenade or secuelas. Further, only those that have attended a recognized 3-day weekend may attend Tres Dias functions. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these Tres Dias requirements.

Vida Nueva



Vida Nueva is a weekend retreat for young men and women ages 15-20. Vida Nueva is Spanish for "New Life" and like the Tres Dias, VN weekends are intended as an encounter with Jesus Christ. The weekends are similar to the structure of a Tres Dias weekend with certain changes to make it more relevant for teens. VN weekends begin on Friday evening and end on Sunday evening. The cost to sponsor someone on a VN weekend is \$80. If you have a teenager who you would like to sponsor, you can download an application at the web-site www.gmvn.net. A group of teens who have made a Vida Nueva weekend recently put together a video to tell what VN has meant to them. The video can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=8D9V99f2Hko. Georgia Mountains VN currently holds two sets of weekends a year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The next set of weekends are April 5 - 7, 2013 for the Young Women and April 12 - 14, 2013 for the Young Men.