

# Pescadores Progress



## Meditation

September 2016

**By: Pam Layfield**  
**GMTD Secretariat - Newsletter**

My life group has been watching, studying and discussing a series called 'NOT A FAN' by Kyle Idleman. He begins by saying:

Twenty times in the New Testament, Jesus Christ issued a compelling and challenging invitation: "Follow Me.: Jesus is not interested in mere fans. He doesn't want enthusiastic admirers. He wants completely committed followers.

The first video shows a man and his family gathering with friends in their home and he has a heart attack and dies. The rest of the videos show how this man went from being a fan to becoming a follower of Jesus Christ.

The fourth week of the study is titled "Bury the Dead". During the videos Kyle shows up in the videos and began to take this man's life apart. This study really made me stop and examine my heart and my own life.

Kyle says this - "Sometimes in an effort to get as many people as possible to follow Jesus I have, with good intentions, made following Him sound as attractive and appealing as possible. I realized that I have been guilty of selling Jesus. And in emphasizing only the parts about Jesus that I thought people would like, and begging people to follow Him, I have unintentionally belittled Him. I'm sorry if I've ever cheapened Jesus or made it sound like we're doing Him a favor by choosing to follow Him.

He uses an example of his daughter. My grown daughter is in college, who is not married, but really wants to be. So I help the process along. I buy an ad in the newspaper and a billboard sign begging someone to choose her. But wouldn't that cheapen who she is? Make it look like they were doing her a favor?

When Jesus invites people to follow Him it wasn't a sells pitch where He emphasizes all the positive or skip over anything that might be looked over as unappealing or negative.

In Luke 9:23 - Jesus said - If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your own cross daily and follow me.

For us, taking up the cross might sound poetic. After all we hang them on our walls and wear them around our necks as a piece of jewelry, but for those living in the first century, the idea of taking up a cross - NOTHING could have been more repulsive. So really it's the cross that separates fans from followers. No fan would ever choose to take up the cross. It represented defeat and disappointment, but more than anything else it represented death and who would want to be associated with that?

Jesus takes the most despised symbol of His time and He says, if you want to follow me, you will need to carry this.

We do everything we can to avoid death. We don't like to talk about it; we don't even like the word. How often have we said of someone - He passed on, He passed away, He's in a better place. We don't want to say it - It's too final - complete.

Yet we learned that following Jesus means dying every day. Every day we take up our cross.

We die to ourselves

We die to our plans

We die to our pleasures

We die to our goals

We die to our sins

We die to our bitterness

We die to our sense of entitlement

At the end of Luke Chapter 9, there are some examples of people who want to follow Jesus. Perhaps some of the same things that kept them from following Jesus are the same things that keeps us from following Jesus.

The First Fan - He comes to Jesus in verse 57 as Jesus was walking along with His disciples. This man said to Jesus - I will follow you wherever you go. Wherever - anytime, anyplace, I will follow You- Sounds good doesn't it??

But Jesus knows this man's heart and replied in verse 58 - Foxes have dens to live in and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to live, not even to lay His head.

Jesus is saying to the man - If you are going to follow me you will not be staying the Ritz Carlton, or even a Motel 6, no one is going to leave the light on for us, matter a fact, I'm homeless. Jesus draws attention to the fact that this man loved comfort more than following Him.

Jesus puts this man at a crossroad. You can pursue comfort or you can pursue me, but you can't pursue both.

We are by nature comfort seekers, a culture of hot tubes and country clubs, day spa's and lazy boys. Most of us spend our time and our resources making our lives as comfortable as possible.

Thomas a' Kempes writes - Jesus has many who love the kingdom of God, but few who bear a cross. He has many who desire His comfort, but few who desire His suffering. All want to rejoice with Him, but few are willing to suffer with Him. He writes, there are many who admire His miracles, but there are few who follow in the humiliation of the cross.

In Verse 59 - We meet Fan #2.

Jesus said to another person - Come follow Me. The man agreed, but he said, "Lord, first let me return home and bury my father. Jesus said to Him, Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom.

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### GMTD #75 Men's:

**Sept 22 - Sept 25, 2016**

**Rector:**

**Nick Waldon**

**Send-off:**

Thurs., Sept 22 • 6:30 p.m.

**Serenade:**

Sat., Sept 24 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

**Closing:**

Sun., Sept 25 • 5:00 p.m.

### GMTD #75 Women's:

**Sept 29 - Oct 2, 2016**

**Rector:**

**Gina Brazinski**

**Send-off:**

Thurs., Sept 29 • 6:30 p.m.

**Serenade:**

Sat., Oct 1 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

**Closing:**

Sun., Oct 2 • 5:00 p.m.

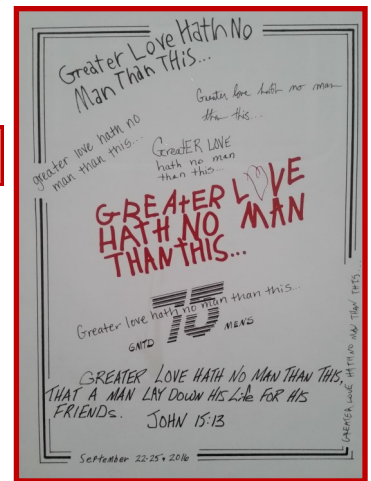
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**GMTD #75 Men's**  
**September 22 - September 25, 2016**  
**Rector: Nick Waldon**

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. John 15:13

Rector.....	Nick Waldon	Prof. Silent.....	Thomas Merritt	Table .....	Seth Patton
Head Cha.....	Greg Morrow	Prof. Silent.....	Hinson Reeder	Table .....	John Herrin
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Spir. Director.....	Ronnie Lingerfelt	Prayer.....	Bill Cain	Storeroom .....	Charles Parker
Spir. Director.....	Sam Snider	Prayer.....	Roger Doering	Floater/Supply .....	Les Brinson
BUR.....	Ernie Garrett	Prayer.....	Charles Dorman	Head Gopher .....	James Maynard
Rover.....	Steven Dacus	Prayer.....	David Cameron	Gopher .....	Randy Garrett
Support Cha.....	Fletcher Holliday	Prayer.....	Ricky Young	Head Chapel.....	Jeff Pruitt
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Prof. CCA.....	Donny Warcop	Table.....	Mark Behrens	Kitchen .....	Matt Tolbert
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Prof. Silent.....	Mike Dailey	Table.....	Terry English	Kitchen .....	James Smith



Kitchen.....	Lee Cantrell
Kitchen.....	Joe Swing
Kitchen.....	James Cunningham
Kitchen.....	Ted Stearnhart
Kitchen.....	Anthony Pruitt
Kitchen.....	Seth Flores
Kitchen.....	David Robeson
Kitchen.....	Steven Yorkey
Kitchen.....	Kendall Holmes
Kitchen.....	David Sellers
Kitchen.....	Jason Back

**GMTD #75 Women's**  
**September 29 - October 2, 2016**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

**Matthew 6:9-13**

Rector.....	Gina Brazinski	Prof. Reunion.....	Pam Layfield	Table.....	Christi Cooper
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Prof. Study.....	Billie Cameron	Dorm .....	Heather Mullins	Kitchen.....	Sarah Bell
Prof. Action.....	Kenia Smith	Dorm .....	Bootsie Johnston	Kitchen.....	Amber Youngblood
Prof. Leaders.....	Debbie Newcomer	Dorm .....	Denise Morrow	Kitchen.....	Evelyn Hernandez
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Prof. CCA.....	Kristy Brantley	Table.....	Layne Frantz	Kitchen.....	Kelly Usher



Kitchen.....	Sandy Frias
Kitchen.....	Amy Smith
Kitchen.....	Kelly Moody
Kitchen.....	Angie Sellers
Kitchen.....	Angela Griffin
Kitchen.....	Brenda Sisk
Kitchen.....	Shelia Swing
Kitchen.....	Tori Bauder
Kitchen.....	Heidi Pittman
Kitchen.....	Chelsey Cantrell
Kitchen.....	Katherine Beras
Kitchen.....	Kathy McIntyre
Kitchen.....	Lou Fishburn

## Meditation Continued

I don't know about you, but when I read this I thought - But Jesus??

But in reality the man is putting Jesus off. He is saying but first let me

How often do we do that? We treat our relationship with Jesus like the diet we keep meaning to start. I am going to start eating healthy right...Right after I finish this Fried Chicken and this piece of cheesecake. Or -

The Holy Spirit is trying to get our attention but we keep hitting the snooze button- 10 more minutes, 10 more minutes.

Jesus calls us to take up a cross and die. Not someday when we take our last physical breath, but to die to ourselves today...

Kyle tells a story about how a friend of his became a Christian. The story was unusual; a stranger came up to his friend and asks him this question, if you were to die today do you know where you would go? His friend was a little put off by the question but he continued to talk to this guy and by the end of the evening his buddy has accepted Jesus as his Savior. Kyle was thinking it was great but his friend said the problem was he didn't die that night. He spent the next decade of his life thinking that he was all right, and living like he wanted too. He didn't understand that he was called to follow Jesus and die to himself daily. His friend said, I wish the man had said that death starts now.

This is what Tres Dias opened my eyes too. I was baptized at age 9 and thought I had my fire insurance. So my adult years were spent searching for the "right man" and living life for my own comfort. Like the old song said - I was looking for love in all the wrong places.

At Tres Dias I heard about the mercy and grace of Jesus Christ. The forgiveness of sins and my debt had been paid through Jesus and He loved me unconditionally. It changed my life and I died to self and became a follower of Jesus Christ, not just a fan.

For the past three weeks the Holy Spirit would not leave me alone, I continuously thought about this study and I kept saying Lord, I am a follower. But I felt that I was missing something. So I study, watched the video over and when I was preparing this meditation, it became clear -

I am still a sinner; I still lay down that cross and run to things that make my life comfortable. And then there was this -

The most challenging thing about dying is that Jesus calls us to do it daily. It is not a one-time event, it is a daily decision and following Jesus doesn't work unless we die EVERYDAY. When we attempt to follow Jesus without dying to ourselves, we find we are frustrated with our own failures and we get tired of trying. I have been so tired of trying lately.

Following Jesus is not about trying, it's about dying every day.

Each morning by the grace of Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit we are invited to take up the cross and die to self. In doing so, we truly find life. That is what Jesus promised us. In Luke 9:24 Jesus says - If you try to hang on to your life - you will lose it, but if you **give up your life for my sake** you will save it.

De Colorus!

Pam Layfield

## Tres Dias Teams

**Interested in serving on a  
Tres Dias team?**



**Go to [www.gmttd.org](http://www.gmttd.org) or  
come to the next Secuela to**

## Upcoming Weekends

### **GMTD #76**

**Men:** Feb 2- 5, 2017

**Women:** Feb 9 - 12, 2017

### **GMTD #77**

**Men:** May 18 - 21, 2017

**Women:** May 25 - 28, 2017

### **GMSW #10**

Jul 27 - Jul 30, 2017

### **GMTD #78**

**Men:** Sept 21 - 24, 2017

**Women:** Sept. 28 - Oct. 1, 2017

## GMTD #75

### Women's Set-Up Team

Head - Joe Johnston

Chad Cooper  
Roger Doering  
Joel Fincher  
Ron Frantz  
Shawn Gregg  
Randall Hallford  
Kevin Hill  
Greg Morrow  
Jon Newcomer  
Charles Parker

Raymond Posey  
Earl Swain  
Matt Tolbert  
Larry Towns  
George Tyner  
Benny Vatrano  
Erick Wilkins  
Jim Williams  
Stephen Yorky  
Scott Youngblood

# Thank You!





## Announcements & Reminders

### GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, October 7, 2016 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at United Community Bank in Dahlonaga, GA

### GMTD APPLICATIONS

GMTD applications may be downloaded at [www.gmtd.org](http://www.gmtd.org). Please mail to:

GMTD Pre-Weekend Couple  
Kevin & Holly Salisbury  
3910 Argentite Way  
Cumming, GA 30040

When sending, please include \$10.00 application fee. Please call Holly at 770-876-4059 or email at [hksalisbury@gmail.com](mailto:hksalisbury@gmail.com) with any questions.

**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, 80 for team. Team members may receive

individual bed palanca. Palanca for specific candidates will be placed in their Sunday bags.

**Kitchen Palanca** – 125 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.

### PESCADORE'S PROGRESS

Subscribe to the Pescadore's Progress at [www.gmtd.org](http://www.gmtd.org). To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name, address and weekend attended to:

Pam Layfield  
1688 Antioch Church Road  
Talking Rock, GA 30175

### 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, Anthony Franklin at:

[www.gmtd.org/PescadoreUpdateForm](http://www.gmtd.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 SECRETARIAT

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.

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Webmaster (In Training) .....	Brad Whitener .....	706-499-2790
Weekend .....	Trey & Kenia Smith.....	678-936-0213

Find e-mail contact info at [www.gmtd.org](http://www.gmtd.org)

### 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.gmtnet.net](http://www.gmtnet.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=8DnV99f2Hko](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DnV99f2Hko). Georgia Mountains VN currently holds two sets of weekends a year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The next set of weekends are November 4-6, 2016 for the Young Women and November 10-12, 2016 for the Young Men.

