

Pescadores Progress



IS LOVE MY MOTIVATION?

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Spiritual Director -- GMTD Secretariat

“He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 1 John 4:8. I don’t know about you, but I was not drawn to be a Christian by church rites, rules, regulations, or even pageantry. I was drawn by the genuine love that I felt from those who carried His name. Now I realize that all who gather in the church walls aren’t genuine and that they have a tendency to use, rather than lovingly carry His name. We will just leave these in the “tare” category and let God deal with them. My focus here is myself.

My question is, how do I measure up to the ‘love standard’? I really desire to pursue, or follow Jesus, the quickest and most relevant measure is motivation. Scripture tells us that God is looking within our hearts more than at all the external trappings of what we consider Christianity to be. Our heart beliefs motivate us. If they are not pure and undefiled, then neither are we. So, the responsibility to self-check is required of us. 1 Cor. 11:31 states, “But if we judged ourselves, we would not come under judgement.” To me, this is just another affirmation that I need to watch myself so much more than I watch others.

I often find myself wary and even suspicious of new folks that just ‘pop-in’ to our services. The times we live in, play a large role in our suspicion of strangers. New safety procedures for churches require our astute observation of strangers. My son operates a camera for his church services, so is required to move about some within the sanctuary. One Sunday, a stranger wearing a long military style coat walked in, looked around and sat toward the back. My son saw him come in and He couldn’t help watching the guy and said, “he expected him to go ‘postal’ at any second. Of course he never did, but it’s hard to be relaxed in a society that shows more and more hostility towards Christian teachings and less and less tolerance for our values. Jesus taught us “in the world you will have trouble. It’s the fact that in the church we have trouble that causes so many to stumble.

Jesus commands us to love one another. Those who don’t follow Jesus really know nothing about this command, as this type love (Agape), is spiritually discerned and put into practice. This command is to those who follow Him. It must first be an intentional action toward our brothers and sisters in the faith and overflow from us to the world. Until we come to the “Royal Law” the world will not be effected by us. The gospel is encapsulated in the fact that God is love and the world so desperately needs to see and hear this ‘good news’ from we who are His.

I am writing this meditation for all of us who attend, serve, or perform any function within the body of Christ. Go back to the beginning of every act and apply my initial

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November 2016

GMTD #76 Men’s:

Feb 2-5, 2017

Rector: Steven Dacus

Send-off:

Thurs., Feb 2 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., Feb 4 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., Feb 5 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #76 Women’s:

Feb 9-12, 2017

Rector: Mickey Hill

Send-off:

Thurs., Feb 9 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., Feb 11 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., Feb 12 • 5:00 p.m.

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question. Is love my motivation? The 'love-test' will help our motives be pure and the reward sweeter. God's people should not operate with hidden agendas or manipulation. We are called to the 'love standard'. We are getting closer to this standard when our desire for Him to be seen is greater than our desire to be seen.

The world needs to hear what the Lord has done for us and these testimonies are to lift Jesus up and draw people to Him. His love from us to the world will change lives. Did it not change yours? Oswald Chambers said, love is not just an attribute of God, it's who God is. The love of God is the gift of grace to the graceless. 1 John 3:1, "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God"! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him." I close with these familiar words from the great old hymn, Love Lifted Me.



I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I
Love lifted Me
Love lifted me
When nothing else could help
LOVE LIFTED ME

Let LOVE be our motivation.

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Ron Glaze - Spiritual Director - GMTD Secretariat

Tres Dias Teams



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

Go to www.gmttd.org or come
to the next Secuela to sign up!



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM - GMTD SECRETARIAT

The GMTD Secretariat has voted and agreed that Secuelas can be open. What does this mean?

If you have invited someone to attend a GMTD weekend and they seem hesitant, invite them to a Secuela. This will give them a glimpse of Tres Dias by hearing the testimonies and seeing the results of what God can do through a Tres Dias weekend. We do not want to miss an opportunity that God has given us to show others the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ. If one person changes their mind and attends because of what they were shown by coming to a secuela - IT IS WORTH IT!

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 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

I can say with confidence that God has worked in and through the men of GMTD 75. He has shown us the meaning to the words of the song, Chain Breaker. "If you have pain, He's a pain taker. If you are lost, He's a way maker. If you need freedom or saving, He's a prison shaking Savior. If you've got chains, He's a chain breaker."

I can say with confidence that God sent the 74 team members

and the 37 new Pescadores that He wanted on that mountain on the weekend. He has removed many things there including pain, shame, chains, and not the least sin, as 12 men confessed receiving Christ into their lives.

He has given freedom, direction and clear vision. When we had a gap, God would send the right man to fill it. The way God has worked through us is an amazing testament to our weekend theme,

"Greater Love" (John 15:13).

Thanks to everyone who had any part of this unbelievable experience of GMTD 75 for men.

Remember men, "Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends".

To God be the glory forever!

Nick Waldon



The Men of GMTD #75 - Welcome!

<u>Table of Luke</u>	<u>Table of Peter</u>	<u>Table of Mark</u>	<u>Table of Matthew</u>	<u>Table of John</u>	<u>Table of Paul</u>
Chad Ferenc	Herman Smith	Earnest Pickelsimer	Michael Kinzie	Justin Rogers	James Simpson
Michael Clayton	Mark Hopkins	Michael Mack	Brian Locke	Benny Stansel	Dale Jones
Caleb Brown	Nick Boone Garner	Bryan Humphries	Clayton Smith	Barry McDaniels	Marvin Roach
Ronnie Cooper	Marvin Huggins	Jeremy Johnson	Kurt Palmer	Ricardo Zuniga	John Mock
Billy Woodall, Jr.	Brandon Bowers	Greg Veach	Richard Stief	Jim Thomas	Chris Casey
Avery Stone	Josh Lord	Samuel Corcimiglia	Joseph Chabayta	Jeff Spencer	Jonathan Flores
			Jason Parker		

GMTD #75 Women's
September 29 - October 2, 2016
Rector: Gina Brazinski

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



GMTD 75 for women was a beautiful 75 for women!!

prayer warrior weekend from beginning to end. God showed up and showed out to these beautiful candidates and brought healing and restoration in an amazing way. Not only for the candidates but for the team as well as we prepared for the weekend.

God truly brought heaven to earth in and through Georgia Mountains Tres Dias

Thank you so much to our community and team for all you poured out on us!!

Love you more!!

Gina Brazinski

Rector for Women's GMTD 75!!

The Women of GMTD #75 - Welcome!

<u>Table of Ruth</u>	<u>Table of Elizabeth</u>	<u>Table of Rachel</u>	<u>Table of Sarah</u>	<u>Table of Rebekah</u>	<u>Table of Esther</u>
Ginny Smith	Kathleen Massey	Suzanne Simpson	Tessa Rose Annis	Patty Pickelsimer	Maghan Kinzie
Beverly Baum	Jennifer Clayton	Tina Locke	Sharlene Rogers	Jennifer Mack	Mary Warren
Brooke Smith	Sandy Martin	Ginger Roach	Blaire Burris	Felicia Hensley	Shakira Boone Garner
Gail Palmer	Sarah Woodall	Linda Mock	Lisa Thomas	Hollie McDaniel	Mindy Huggins
Karen Cooper	Robin Stone	Dusti Casey	Marie Patterson	Kayla Waller	Stefanie Bowden
Katie Chabayta	Nicole Zuniga	Dawn Lewis	Danielle Tucker	Mia Corcimiglia	Lindsay Lord
Contessa Parker		Jessica Johnson	Darlene Holmes	Kathy Turner	Gwendolyn Wiley

Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for the Friday, January 6, 2017 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at United Community Bank in Dahlonga, GA

GMTD APPLICATIONS

GMTD applications may be downloaded at 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 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. 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.

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, sere-nade, 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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Leaders-B.....	Randall & Cindy Hallford.....	706-768-4599
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Weekend	Trey & Kenia Smith	678-936-0213

Find e-mail contact info at 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.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=8DNU99f2Hko. 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.