Control by Kevin Salisbury - GMTD Secretariat PreWeekend

I was very nervous about doing this meditation. I have never done this sort of thing. So, I did what I normally do to 'figure' something out. I went back to basics and I looked up the terms. What does "Meditation" mean? Well, the answer is that it means different things to different religions or practices. In Christianity, in a nutshell, meditation involves focusing our attention on God's word and applying it to our lives. In the eastern religions, it involves emptying of the mind and contemplation. So, since I am nervous, I thought that we could simply take the eastern method and apply it here. For the next seven minutes, be silent and clear your mind.

Just kidding.

No, what I felt led to talk about was something that is unfortunately very near and dear to my heart, and I am sure, many of yours. Anyone here, besides me have control issues?

Driving

Children - Guilt Trip

Money - this is ridiculous. Anyone who makes more than \$9733/year is in the top 50% of income earners in the WORLD!

What does God tell us about money?

Hebrews 13:5 - Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." Matthew 6:24 - "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

I Timothy 6:10 - For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Mark 10:25 - "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

Why Control? Fear

What do I fear about Driving? Holly's driving; Fear that my kids won't behave and will embarrass me perhaps; fear of insecurities about money. I can control my surroundings if I have money. At the heart of my attempts to control is fear of something.

FEAR THAT GOD DOESN'T HAVE THINGS IN MY LIFE UNDER CONTROL.

The good news is that there is hope for me (and you).

There are folks in the Bible who had control/fear issues as well

You may know of Samuel and Saul. Samuel was a prophet. God had instructed Samuel to appoint Saul the first king of Israel. Saul was sent by Samuel to fight the Philistines at Gilgal, but he had been instructed by Samuel to wait for 7 days. Samuel would meet him there and make the burnt offerings to God on behalf of the people of Israel. Well, the Philistines got there first, and the pressure on Saul began to mount. Saul's army began to scatter. The morning of the seventh day arrived, and still, no Samuel. So, because he FEARED the impending attack, tried to control matters (control God?), he made the offering himself. After he had done this, Samuel showed up. Samuel was not pleased.

I Samuel 13:13-14 - You have not kept the command the Lord your God gave you; if you had, He would have established your kingdom over Israel for all time. But now your kingdom will not endure; the Lord has sought out a man after His own heart and appointed him leader of His people, because you have not kept the Lord's command. So, that was that.

The next guy, everyone recognizes. Jonah. That guy tried his best to get away and control his situation. He was afraid of the Ninevites, got on a ship and sailed in the OP-POSITE direction from where God wanted him to go. He gets thrown overboard, and swallowed by a large fish which vomits him up on the shore of the location where God wants him to be. Then, he goes into town and gets slapped in the face with fish...oh wait, that is VeggieTales. But seriously, he was trying to control his situation because he was so afraid.

We all have fears. Fear of death. I am going into Las Vegas for a wedding next week. I am going to be looking up at the hotels a lot. Other fears: spiders, snakes, heights, losing loved ones, being without sustenance, we all have them; we just have to Trust in HIM to get rid of that fear. God tells us to relinquish control to Him: Jesus, says in John 14:25; Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

De Colores.

October 2017

GMTD #79 Men's: February 15-18, 2018

Rector: Ben Brantley

Send-off:

Thurs., Feb 15 • 6:30 p.m. **Serenade:**

Sat., Feb 17 • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. Closing:

Sun., Feb 18 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #79 Women's: February 22-25, 2018

Rector: Saresa Garrett

Send-off:

Thurs., Feb 22 • 6:30 p.m. **Serenade:**

Sat., Feb 24 • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. Closing:

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GMTD #78 - MEN'S

SEPT 21-24, 2017 - JON NEWCOMER, RECTOR

"Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly." - Micah 6:8

Micah 6:8New International Version (NIV)

⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

As with all GMTD weekends that I have worked, GMTD \$\psi 8\$ once again was a true blessing from our Lord. It just keeps getting better. The entire process of selecting the team, the team meetings, and the weekend itself was a manifestation of God's love and care for this movement and this community of people. As stated in my oral report to the secretariat, the armor of God as described in Ephesians 6 contains nothing to protect your back. As demonstrated by GMTD \$\psi 78\$, Gods got your back. He had my back through this weekend by putting together a team of God loving and God serving men who out of their love for their brother brought Glory to God. What an awesome team!

The weekend was also a great demonstration of how the policies and procedures of Georgia Mountain Tres Dias work to foster the love of the Father. By putting our faith in the Lord and working under the authority that he has placed over us we can serve in this community knowing that God will show up and change lives.

Jesus wraps it all up in John 13: 34, 35:

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

To God be the Glory, Jon W. Newcomer, Rector – GMTD #78



The Men of GMTD #78 - Welcome!

Table of Luke		
Jeff Hart		
Tim Arrowood		
Adam Biesterfeld Brandon Bower		

Table of Peter Cameron Youngblood Jeremy Scott Karl Funderburg Michael Williams Leo Molina Michael Campbell

Table of Mark Shannon McCallister Michael Quesnel Jamey Dobson Eric Smith Stacy Bryant John Holbrook

Table of Matthew			
Casey Crowe			
Donnie Brock			
Daniel Turner			
Chuck Howard			
Jamie Mayes			
Michael Evans			

Table of John			
Danny Evans			
Matthew Plewa			
Marcus Dobbs			
Jay Smith			
Kenneth Johnson			
Nick Rubio			

Table of Paul Dayton Sosebee Eric Atkins Justin Sanford Dennis Smith

GMTD #78 - WOMEN'S

SEPT 28-OCT 1, 2017 - PATI DOBSON, RECTOR

I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength. -Philippians 4:13
Behold the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. -John 1:29

There are not enough words to express how wonderful GMTD #78 for women was. God really showed off. Nineteen women came forward to either give their life to Christ or to rededicate it to Him. Lives were changed forever. When you get out of HIS way and let him be in control all there is, is perfection. God, the team and I are grateful for every single minute of an amazing weekend.

Blessings Always,

Pati Dobson - Rector GMTD #78



The Women of GMTD #78 - Welcome!

Table of Ruth		
Megan Gorman		
Shauna Blevens		
Michelle Arrowwood		
Tina Quesnel		
Janelle Biesterfield		
Jessica Nichols		
Sophie Som-Cardona		

Table of Elizabeth
Jessica Bise
Jennifer Grooms
Andie Chamberlain
Rebecca Evans
Patti Dobbs
Bobbie Atkins

Table of Rachel
Kaitlin McBride
Terri Brock
Tiffany Campbell
Brooke Frost
Kim Funderburg
Judie Fogle

Table of Esther
Samantha Sosebee
Lauren Anderson
Susan Short
Jessica Dodd
Krystal Youngblood
Veronica Bower
Brittany Tyner

Table of Rebekah
Shellie Evans
Denise Guy
Kim Bryant
Lynn Jacob
Joyce Ledford
Helyn Johnson
Janet Hart

Table of Sarah Summer Mayes Lynn Bailey Tara Black Cindy Smith Magen Smith Bethany Strickland

Upcoming weekends

GMTD #79

Men: Feb 15-18, 2018 **Women:** Feb 22-25, 2018

GMTD #80

Men: May 24-27, 2018 Women: May 31-June 3, 2018



Tres Dias Teams Interested in serving on a Tres Dias team? Go to years gotto are on some to the

Go to <u>www.gmtd.org</u> or come to the next Secuela to sign up!



Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Friday, Nov 3, 2017 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held at United Community Bank in Dahlonega, GA.

GMTD APPLICATIONS

GMTD applications may be downloaded at <u>www.gmtd.org</u>. *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:

Monica Epps 241 Arbor Hills Road North 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, serenade, or secuelas. We appreciate your understanding and compliance with these Tres Dias requirements.

GMTD Secretariat Members

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Fourth Day	.Dave & Wilna Vinke	678-612-9901
Fourth Day (In Training)	.Raymond & Donna Posey	770-654-7348
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Leaders-B	.Randall & Cindy Hallford	706-768-4599
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Palanca	.Glen & Donna Nix	770-654-7611
Pre-Weekend	.Kevin & Holly Salisbury	770-235-6619
Secretary	.Layne Frantz	706-692-6267
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Treasurer	.Jon & Debbie Newcomer	770-490-5755
Webmaster	.Brad Whitener	706-499-2790
Weekend	.Trey & Kenia Smith	678-936-0213
Weekend (In Traning)	.Chris & Chrissy Owenby	706-968-5151

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

Georgia Mountains 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=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 2-5, 2017 for the Young Women and November 9-12, 2016 for the Young Men.





GMTD AUTUMN SECUELA

Saturday, October 21, 2017 6:00 P.M.

Fellowship Church 5573 Cleveland Hwy Clermont, GA 30527

The Secuela will begin promptly at 6:00 p.m.

Come and get a HUGE blessing!

Bring your favorite covered dish, enough to feed 10 people SPONSORS: If you have sponsored candidates, please bring them to the Secuela. If you are unable to bring them, please make other arrangements to get them there.

****CHILDCARE NOT PROVIDED*****

Please make other arrangements for your children. Thank you!