

Pescadores Progress



Freedom vs Being Free

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How many times in our lives have we cried out to God for freedom from some trap of the enemy? In the moment that we recognize there is nothing that we can do to solve our own problem, we realize just how desperate that we are to receive God's divine intervention. It is my belief that GMTD specializes in providing that opportunity between our candidates and God. The question then becomes, what happens when we receive that divine intervention?

I was pondering this question one time when I watched a You Tube video of some hikers out in the woods. They began their day with excitement as they set out on a chilly morning just as the sun was coming up. They had been walking for a few hours when they heard a desperate, ear shattering wail. It was piercing, full of fear and sounded like a human baby being tortured. They immediately began searching to find the source of this cry as they were compelled in their very souls to help.

Upon cresting a ridge, they located the source of the cries. There was a bobcat caught in a hunter's cage. Like most people would, the hikers probably misjudged the poor beast based on its appearance. After all, it looks like a slightly larger than normal house cat, colored like a miniature lion with pronounced ears, a bobbed tail and protruding fangs. Probably some pet that went rouge and decided to forge its own way in the wilderness.

Being compassionate for the cat's plight, two of the hikers decided it was their moral responsibility to set it free. We will call these two Genius #1 and Genius #2. This is the point that the video started.

With the bobcat letting out a menacing growl and striking at the sides of the cage, the two men worked cautiously to release the lock on the door. Deciding that it was probably safest to stand behind the cage, they were finally able to free the bars at the entrance to the trap.

Stop for a moment and consider the bobcat's perspective. It knows that it is surely trapped. There is nothing within its power that can free it from its current prison. It is desperate, crying out from the fear of unknown consequences up to and including death, preternaturally aware of every sound and movement surrounding it. It has no way to determine if the people who have showed up are there to help or harm it. This is how I picture us when we finally reach the point where we know that Only God. Only God can save us; Only God can free us from our prison. But what happens next with the bobcat is what happens too often between us and God.

The two geniuses are able to raise the door of the cage and set the captive free. Only the bobcat does not come out. It is still agitated, menacing and looking for a fight. The hikers look at each other as they try and decide what to do now.

Genius #1 picks up a stick and decides that he could motivate the bobcat out by poking it from the rear of the cage. Word of advice, never poke a wild animal that is in fear of its life whose every sense is trained to defend itself. The bobcat bit the branch in half and stayed in the cage.

Genius #2 decided that a better plan would be to lure the bobcat out of the cage with something to eat. He took out a yogurt covered

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June 2020

GMTD #86 Men's:

Sept 17-20

Rector: Glenn Nix
Send-off:
Thurs., Sept 17 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., Sept 19 • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., Sept 20 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #86 Women's:

Sept 24-27

Rector: Eileen Payne
Send-off:
Thurs., Sept 24 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:
Sat., Sept 26 • 6:30 p.m.
Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:
Sun., Sept 27 • 5:00 p.m.

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granola bar and cautiously and gingerly reached around to the front of the cage to dangle the treat in front of the now enraged animal. With a speed that neither man could anticipate, the bobcat swatted the granola bar out of Genius #2's hand and stayed in the cage. Probably lactose intolerant.

Not to be deterred, the two Geniuses decided on one last tactic to free the bobcat. They decided that they would stand at the rear of the cage and each lift one side of the cage at the same time. Gravity would be their champion.

As they each lifted the cage, only inches from the angry, hippie, ex-housecat, gravity began to work. The bobcat clawed at the floor and sides of the cage as it slid backwards toward freedom, fighting against it every inch. When it could hold on no more, the bobcat fell out of the cage. It immediately took off run-

ning away from the men and away from the its prison. Having finally experienced the freedom it cried out for, it never looked back.

I looked at this video with amusement and revelation. I wondered how many times in my life that I had been desperate enough to cry out to God for freedom, only to fight against that freedom when it was graciously granted. I realized that the distance from prison to freedom was not the issue, it was my willingness to cooperate with the divine intervention from God that set me free.

I also noted that even when you are surrounded by geniuses, no amount of prodding or coaxing or sound reasoning from others can substitute for cooperating with God. Freedom can be granted, but the decision to live in that freedom is what gets us out of our prisons.

Des Colores!

Secretariat Spotlight-Database!!!

The Constitution and By-laws state the following in regards to the Database/Documents role: that it can be filled by a single or married person.

The database person is responsible for receiving and recording all information pertaining to attendance or service on a GMTD weekend as well as all updates that are received through the GMTD website. This would include the training of the communications cha and to assist in the training of the assistant head cha pertaining to accurate recording of attendance and use of spreadsheet. This training would occur during the heads and professors team training prior to the weekend. It also includes maintaining the computers for the communication chas. provide the sign in credentials to the other members of the Secretariat for the OneDrive when passwords are changed and printing hard copies of service records, positions needed, script, time line, and material as needed for the leaders couple to provide to the upcoming rectors. The Database person also participates in overall guidance and planning of Tres Dias activities.



Your Current Database-Greg Purcell

Greg lives with his wife, Shona, and daughter, Hannah, in Cornelia, GA. Their son and daughter-in-law, Jacob and Casey Purcell, live in El Paso, TX where Jacob is stationed in the Army. Greg and Shona both went through on weekend GMTD #67. It truly was an amazing weekend, and interesting how God works. Greg's favorite verse is Romans 5:8, and that was his weekend verse.

Greg really enjoys working the weekends in a technical capacity, as that is his gift from God. Greg has been in technology for over 30 years and still enjoys working with it and learning something new every day.

Greg and Shona worship at Canaan Baptist in Alto, GA where Greg is the pastor. They have been blessed to serve there for almost 3 years. While there they have been able to sponsor one couple and hope to sponsor more when time allows.

As it is said many times on the weekends, it just gets better, if we will let our Lord have His way.

Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT

The next secretariat meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13th at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held via Zoom Video Conferencing.

Be a SPONSOR!!!

Sponsoring a candidate is easy. Visit the web-site gmtd.org, click on the application tab, and click Online Application. Fill out the application and submit. It's that easy! If you can't do an online application, you can also download an application to print using the same links from gmtd.org. After you fill out the application, you can scan it or take a picture of it and email to gmtdapps@gmail.com. And, if all else fails, you can put the application in an envelope and mail USPS to:

Stephen and Beth Dacus
ATTN: GMTD
8340 Waldrip Rd
Gainesville, GA 30506

Please call Stephen at 678-469-1035 or email at gmtdapps@gmail.com with any questions.

GMTD weekend fee is **\$130** per person.

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 and 81 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.gmt.org. To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name, address and weekend attended to:

Kim Echols
95 Crystal Creek Way
Jasper, GA 30143

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, Greg Purcell at gregcpurcell@gmail.com

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.

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Find e-mail contact info at www.gmt.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 \$100 and is \$100 for team members. If you have a teenager who you would like to sponsor, you can download an application at the web-site www.gmvm.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 October 30-Nov 1 2020, for the Young Women (Director Chrissy Owenby) and Nov 6-8, 2020 (Director Preston Fowler) for the Young Men.

