

MEDITATION

Fear or Fear Not?

Many are in fear these days, whether it be for their health, their safety, their jobs, or any number of other reasons.

Would it surprise you that the word fear is in the Bible over 500 times? Would it also surprise you that the word fear is frequently followed by the word not, as in "fear not" or "do not be afraid"?

It is very easy to have questions and concerns about many things. Be encouraged because of the assurances our salvation in lesus Christ gives us. It is comforting to know that He has our back so to speak. In that, it is important to not only know who you are but also whose you are. As a child of the King, it is said that God is Love. First John 4:18 says, "there is no fear in love, but perfect love drives out all fear". God has given us peace over every situation as long as we seek Him and follow His word. Hebrews 13:6 says, "So we can say with confidence, the Lord is my helper, so I will have no fear. What can mere people do to me"?

The world can be a scary place if we allow it to be. We all have things to deal with. I have undergone chemotherapy twice for a rare form of leukemia that is in my body. In 2017 I spent 6 weeks in the hospital, not knowing what would happen or when I would be able to go home. This situation

has hindered my employment options and caused much uncertainty. Once again in 2019 having to undergo treatment was difficult and challenging. Thankfully I am as well as I can be at this point and peace for me in dealing with this issue has come from the assurances of God's word. I also heard it said recently in a podcast that I listen to when discussing life's difficulties and death, "I can't be threatened by Heaven". This is an interesting statement because no matter how much I love my life and this world, it is only temporary. Heaven is my home and the glory that one day awaits in eternity.

Until that day, Matthew 6:34 says, "so do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today". Be encouraged going forward in the promises in Isaiah 41:10 that says, "Don't be afraid for I am with you. Don't be discouraged for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand".

So in conclusion, the world can be a dark place if you allow it to be. In John 8:12 it says, "When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life".

We all have a choice...Fear or Fear Not? I choose to fear not.

DeColores, Dan Harder, GMTD #49

March 2021

GMTD #86 Men's: September 2-5, 2021

Rector: Glen Nix Send-off: Thurs., Sept. 2nd • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade: Sat., Sept. 4th • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing: Sun., Sept. 5th • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #86 Women's: September 9-12, 2021

Rector: Eileen Payne

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Serenade: Sat., Sept. 11th • 6:30 p.m. Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

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Leader's Couple A



Randy and I attended GMTD #19 and are honored to serve this community as one of the "Leaders Couples." Our job is to assist the upcoming Rectors in assembling their teams and to train those team members for



their area of service on the weekend.

We are celebrating 35 years of marriage on March 1. We have 3 adult children. Chelsea is married to Ishmael Wellborn and they have 5 amazing children. Our daughter Caitlin is studying to be a Paleontologist and has the most precious son. We are newly reunited with our son Levi and we are enjoying having our family together

again. We also have several Goddaughters with children who call us Mimi and Poppy. We own a heating and air conditioning business and enjoy camping and travel. We have a heart for missions and have served on Tres Dias weekends in Cuba and Jamaica.

We love Tres Dias and treasure all of our brothers and sisters who have poured into our lives through prayer and doing life with us. In the ugly times and in the good times we knew this community would be there for us. We look forward to weekends beginning again and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve God through this Tres Dias community. DeColores, Marla Flake

In Memory Of....

Dayane Lewis, age 46 of Cumming, GA, transitioned to heaven on February 4, 2021 while at home with her family. She is survived by her loving husband Matthew Lewis and their two children, Isabella (16) and Dillan (13). Born in Recife, Brazil on December 24th, 1974, Dayane was the daughter of Lenice and Romildo Burgos. Dayane grew up on the beach and loved the sun and her friends and family. She graduated from Daytona Beach Community College and also attended Seminary. Her passion was always serving the Lord and pursuing music, her creative giftings, baking and her family. Dayane and Matthew attended GMTD #84. Those that knew her can attest to her radiant smile, her contagious laugh and her love for life. She was the life of every party and everyone loved her so much.

Tres Dias, Inc. 2021 Guidelines and Recommendations for Weekends

"As we all know, Covid-19 cases are surging throughout the country right now. Many of us and our families and friends have been affected by this virus. It's been a rough year as the pandemic has changed all our lives in ways we could never have imagined.

When it becomes appropriate and we can begin to make plans to resume our Tres Dias weekends after May 31, 2021, we will be faced with some challenges. The more people come together, especially indoors without proper social distancing and safety protocols, the greater the risk for transmitting the virus. While we won't allow fear to control our hearts, we all share a responsibility in limiting the spread because we want to honor God as we care for others through this ministry.

While the medical / health landscape is changing almost daily, we still must prepare for moving ahead when appropriate based on how things stand today while anticipating what the future holds. Taking wise steps to safeguard our candidates and team is the right thing to do.

Your International Secretariat of Tres Dias has been discussing this in-depth. What are the best ways to start up weekends again given what we know today and believe we will experience in the near future? Conditions are changing rapidly, and while it is each Community's responsibility to stay on top of these changes, we have come up with guidelines and recommendations as you begin planning for future activities this year.

We've organized the document in the three phases of Tres Dias; pre-weekend, weekend, and 4th day. There are both general and specific guidelines that apply to all three phases. We rely on the best currently available information from federal, state, and local sources, plus common sense and prayer.

The purpose of these guidelines and recommendations first and foremost is to assist communities in providing for the safety and security of all participants in all three phases of our Tres Dias ministry. The first line responsibility remains with each individual Community as it always has. These are some of the minimum actions which are appropriate to implement. Each Community will need to assess their local requirements/ situation and exceed these items, as necessary.

LINK TO THE GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS 2021:

https://u.pcloud.link/publink/show?code=XZfVRbXZ7wT9oxtYESk981yaRoXJ5SGOBTwk

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Let us not underestimate God's providence over the current circumstances. As Christian leaders in our local Communities, Lord help us to keep safety and security first for all our members.

De Colores!

Beau Bruce

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