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February 2011

Meditation

by Greg Ryan

GMTD Webmaster

Spiritual Distraction

Last month my wife, Carrie, noticed that I was becoming increasingly focused on my work and spending more and more hours devoted to my business. She was concerned that I was too focused on work and becoming distracted from my time with the Lord. That same week as I was trying to think of what I would prepare for the monthly meditation, I received this devotional from a long-time friend from my childhood on that very same topic:

"SPIRITUAL DISTRACTION"

And this I say for your own profit, not that I may put a leash on you, but for what is proper, and that you may serve the Lord without distraction. I Corinthians, 7:35

Driver distraction has become epidemic, as drivers focus on calling, texting, selecting stations and the like. Maybe you are just engaged in deep conversation with someone else in the car or just looking at a beautiful sunset. Whatever the reason, driver distraction was cited as the cause in sixteen percent of all traffic fatalities last year, which killed more than five thousand people. Webster's Dictionary describes

distraction as an act of separation or drawing apart and something that diverts attention. It is a process when our focus or attention is called in different ways.

In First Corinthians, Paul admonishes us "attend upon the Lord without distraction." Like focusing on our driving, Christians need to be spiritually focused. And like driving where when we are distracted we can have an automobile wreck, when we are spiritually distracted, we are in danger of having a spiritual wreck.

The opposite of distraction is focus. We must focus to keep from being distracted. While it is inevitable that we will become distracted in life, it is most important that we remember to stay focused on God and His ways. I love to see people wearing the WWJD reminder wrist bands, because that identifies them as someone who approaches life's decisions based on what would Jesus do. As Christians, there are a number of ways to counter inevitable distraction. Be daily in His Word and pray when you wake up, as you pray when you lie down and at times in between. Steer clear of the areas and ways that lead us to distraction. It's not always easy, but we can always have God's help. He is but a prayer away.

First, recognize your distractions. What typically distracts

you? Do you get caught in power struggles, control games, worrying, caretaking others, complaining, people pleasing, or solving problems that don't yet exist? When you bring awareness to your common distractions they will have less power over you.

Second, focus on your higher purpose. As you go through your day, ask yourself what's most important. Define your purpose for the day and stay focused on that. Let distractions move into the background from your higher purpose. In writing to the Philippians, Paul says to think about whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable--if anything is excellent or praiseworthy.

Put your time and energy into spending time with the Lord every day. Listen to and learn from Him. If you will do this, your life will produce incredible spiritual fruit. Don't have a spiritual crash because you are spiritually distracted. (a thought on life from John Grant)"

I don't believe it was a coincidence that my wife and a good friend were telling me the same thing at the same time. The Lord was using people around me to gently remind me to get my priorities in line.

Blessings, Greg Ryan

GMTD #59 Men's:

June 2 - 5, 2011

Rector:

Dwayne Watkins

Send-off:

Thurs., June 2 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., June 4 • 6:30 p.m.

Arrive at 5:30 p.m.

Closing:

Sun., June 5 • 5:00 p.m.

GMTD #59 Women's:

June 9 - 12, 2011

Rector:

Gail Drake

Send-off:

Thurs., June 9 • 6:30 p.m.

Serenade:

Sat., June 11 • 6:30 p.m.

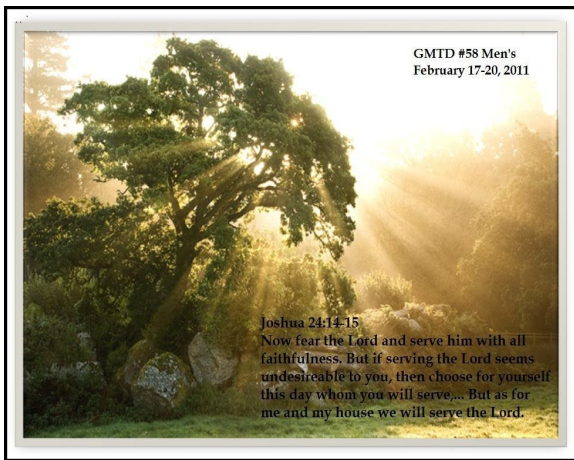
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Sun., June 12 • 5:00 p.m.

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Georgia Mountains Tres Dias #58

Men's: February 17 - 20, 2011

Rector: Fletcher Holliday

Joshua 24:14-15

Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourself this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

Rector..... Fletcher Holliday
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Spiritual Dir..... Dale Underwood
Spiritual Dir..... Dave Wehrstein
Spiritual Dir..... Doug Sprunt
Rover Cha..... Dwayne Watkins
BUR..... Ron Gailey
Asst. Head Cha..... David Boron
Worship..... John Spillers
Communication..... Brad Whitener
Tech Cha..... Jamie Wetherton
Floater/Supply..... Robert Chambless
Head Gopher..... Clint Shurtleff
Gopher..... David Crouch
Head Storeroom..... Brien Thompson
Storeroom..... Ritchie Ward
Prof. Action..... Ronnie Crocker
Prof. Layman..... Randall Hallford
Prof. Leaders..... Ricky Ward

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Prof. Environment..... Ben Brantley
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Prof. Piety..... Todd Fricks
Prof. Study..... Todd Burke
Silent..... Mike Underwood
Silent..... Hal Dowdy
Silent..... Alan Thompson
Silent..... Donnie Collins
Head Prayer..... Keith Ivester
Prayer..... Ricky Pruitt
Prayer..... Patrick Shurtleff
Prayer..... Russell Collins
Prayer..... Ralph Crouch
Prayer..... Dave Vinke
Head Chapel..... Kevin Barrett
Chapel..... Jason Jones
Chapel..... Anthony Teasley
Chapel..... Brent Edwards

Head Dorm..... Randy Flake
Dorm..... Tim Greene
Dorm..... Charlie Thomas
Dorm..... Jerry Pruitt
Dorm..... Scott Clackum
Head Palanca..... Kenny Miller
Palanca..... Joey Terrell
Palanca..... Kevin Salisbury
Palanca..... Gabe Grant
Head Table..... Keith Andrews
Table..... Kern Parks
Table..... Trent Fricks
Table..... Dennis Hood
Table..... Paul Dau
Table..... Casey Caine
Head Kitchen..... Dan Harder
Asst. Hd Kitchen..... Steve Housman
Kitchen..... Greg Addison
Kitchen..... Stanley Hicks

Kitchen..... Eddie Hitt
Kitchen..... Howard McCafferty
Kitchen..... Jeff Pearson
Kitchen..... Kobey Dean
Kitchen..... Duane Browning
Kitchen..... Willie Miller
Kitchen..... Gary Rolston
Kitchen..... Glen Nix
Kitchen..... Richard Edwards
Kitchen..... Larry Jones
Kitchen..... Chris Berry
Kitchen..... Jimmy Oakley
Kitchen..... Paul Almoyan
Kitchen..... Charles Parker
Kitchen..... John Bryant
Kitchen..... Chris Henson
Kitchen..... Michael Clackum

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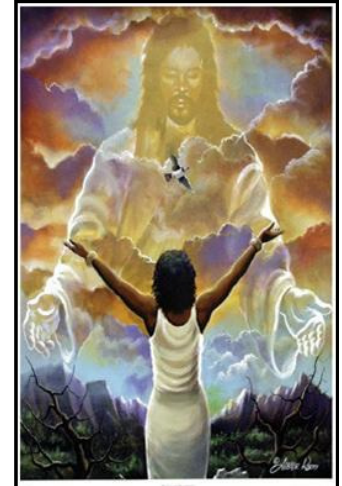
Women's: February 24 - 27, 2011

Rector: Tammy Teasley

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Spiritual Dir..... Robbie Bailey
Spiritual Dir..... Joel Fincher
Rover Cha..... Gail Drake
BUR..... Tammy Avery
Asst. Head Cha..... Wilma Vinke
Worship..... Lisa Long
Communication..... Mary Martinez
Tech Cha..... Nancy Holliday
Floater/Supply..... Maria Becker
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Prof. Layman..... August Edwards
Prof. Leaders..... Denise Hudson
Prof. CCIA..... Jamie Dunkerly
Prof. Environment..... Cindy Stavely
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Prof. Piety..... Donna Adams
Prof. Study..... Suzy Griswold
Silent..... June Bozeman

Silent..... Stephanie Pitts
Silent..... Kerry Edwards
Silent..... Natalie Fricks
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Prayer..... Paula Roach
Prayer..... Patti Turpin
Prayer..... Dale Glaze
Prayer..... Chandelle Lawrence
Prayer..... Wendy Hood
Head Chapel..... Judy Ratliff
Chapel..... Nancy Bailey
Chapel..... Donna Porado
Chapel..... PK Adams
Chapel..... Melissa Fincher
Head Dorm..... Barbara Green
Dorm..... Kathy Hendrix
Dorm..... Mary Aaron
Dorm..... Debra Franklin
Dorm..... Ann Humphries
Head Palanca..... Courtney Morgan
Palanca..... Kathy Miller
Palanca..... Crystal Cannon
Palanca..... Amy Edwards
Head Table..... Halle Cobb
Table..... Barbara Cain

Table..... Marlo Mulligan
Table..... Elesha Frantz
Table..... Alisha Summerour
Table..... Pam Nix
Head Kitchen..... Tracie Terrell
Asst. Head Kitchen..... Mary Coker
Kitchen..... Jill Arrowood
Kitchen..... Debra Branson
Kitchen..... Melissa Cochran
Kitchen..... Brianne Lusk
Kitchen..... Brandi Gilreath
Kitchen..... Janice McGraw
Kitchen..... Stacy McKinley
Kitchen..... Holly Salisbury
Kitchen..... Christi Simpson
Kitchen..... Eileen Payne
Kitchen..... Shana Taminga
Kitchen..... Susan Whitt
Kitchen..... Misty Barnes
Kitchen..... Gloria Martin
Kitchen..... Caitlin Flake
Kitchen..... Bootsie Johnson
Kitchen..... Valerie Richmond
Kitchen..... Stacy Parks
Kitchen..... Shannon Smith



Galatians 2:20

*I am crucified with Christ:
nevertheless I live; yet not I,
but Christ liveth in me: and
the life which I now live in
the flesh I live by the faith of
the Son of God, who loved
me, and gave himself for me.*

From the Secretariat

The role of the local secretariat is to guide the local Tres Dias movement, foster its growth, initiate policy and assure adherence to the Essentials as outlined by Tres Dias International. One of the duties of the GMTD Secretariat is to protect the GMTD or Georgia Mountains Tres Dias name from unauthorized use. With that in mind, the GMTD Secretariat respectfully requests that the GMTD name not be used for any purpose not authorized by the GMTD Secretariat. Specifically, the Secretariat requests that members not author any printed materials or create any web-sites or social media sites under the GMTD name without the consent of the Secretariat.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Decolores!

December Secuela

The December Secuela was hosted on Saturday, December 4, 2010 at Freedom Tabernacle in Cumming, GA. Freedom Tabernacle was a gracious host as the church welcomed perhaps a record number of attendees for the Christmas Secuela.

Michael and Jennifer Waldrip served as the host couple, and the program included anointed praise and worship led by Morris Wood and Crystal Hall. Dan and Jerilyn Harder presented a humorous but thoughtful skit, and Darryl and Eileen Payne blessed the group with a heart-felt dramatic dance.

Pastor Robbie Mathis led the

group in communion, and Melissa and Joel Fincher served as the Fourth Day Couple, blessing all with their exalting testimonies. As a result, many new Pescadores were inspired to share their Fourth Day experience.

Many from the GMTD community were instrumental in making the evening a success, including Camilla Watson, Jeff and Amy Bennett, Cindy Padgett, Alisa Green, David and Brenda Waldrip, Wanda Wood, Connie Hitt, Julie Anderson, Stephen Dacus, David Delay and Jerry and Chris Pruitt to name a few.

A good time was had by all!

Mark Your Calendar! April Secuela



GMTD April Secuela

Saturday, April 2, 2011

Please arrive early. The Secuela will begin promptly at 6:30 pm.

Bring your favorite covered dish, enough to serve at least 10 people.

No childcare will be provided.

The Torch

800 Cannon Bridge Road

Demorest, GA 30535

Sponsors:

If you have sponsored candidates, please plan to bring them to the Secuela or make arrangements for another GMTD Community member to bring them.

GMTD Secretariat Members

Chairman.....	John Rhodes.....	770-904-3144
Spiritual Director.....	Dale Underwood.....	706-499-3841
Leaders-A.....	Brien & Gloria Thompson.....	706-865-3176
Leaders-B.....	Marie Underwood.....	706-778-5180
Leaders-B.....	Charles Holcomb.....	706-778-9180
Pre-Weekend.....	Ricky & Kathy Pruitt.....	706-499-4850
Fourth Day.....	Rollie & Merlyn Bevers.....	770-888-0835
Palanca.....	Don & Melanie Pruitt.....	706-864-0374
Weekend.....	Keith & Rhonda Andrews.....	706-776-6607
Food.....	Pam Layfield.....	678-313-0832
Database.....	Linda Alexander.....	678-201-5550
Treasurer.....	Randall & Donna Adams.....	706-754-9294
Secretary.....	Cindy Stavely.....	706-778-0663
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Announcements & Reminders

GMTD SECRETARIAT typically meets the first Friday evening of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 4, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Cleveland Community Church.

GMTD Applications may be downloaded at www.gmtld.org. Please mail to GMTD Pre-Weekend Couple, Ricky & Kathy Pruitt, 355 O'Kelly Rd., Clarkesville, GA 30523

GMTD weekend fees are \$110.

PALANCA GUIDELINES – (Please be advised that 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, 75-77 for team. Team members may receive individual bed palanca. Palanca for specific candidates will be placed in their Sunday bags.

Kitchen Palanca – 117 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.

SUBSCRIBE TO THE PESCADORE'S PROGRESS at www.gmtld.org. To receive your Pescadore's Progress in the U.S. mail, please send your name and address to the return address at the top of this page.

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 Mgr., Linda Alexander, at: records-database-manager@gmtld.readyhosting.com, or 678-201-5550, or go to www.gmtld.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.

Bless a teenager— sponsor them to Vida Nueva! "Vida Nueva" means "new life" in Spanish. Georgia Mountains Vida Nueva is for teens age 15-20. For GMVN applications, contact Andy & Courtney Morgan, P.O. Box 1984, Ellijay, GA 30540, 706-636-1896 or 706-889-3884. www.georgiamountainvn.org.

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.

Applications Needed!

Please submit applications **NOW** for the GMTD #59 Men's and Women's Weekends in June!

Applications may be downloaded at
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Please mail to GMTD Pre-Weekend Couple
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