

NORTH FLORIDA

# TRES DIAS

AUGUST 2013

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## UPCOMING WEEKENDS

Men's #49  
October 10 - 13, 2013  
Steve Simmons • Rector

Women's #49  
October 24 - 27, 2013  
Cathy Chastain • Rector

Men's #50  
April 2014  
Ben Wilds • Rector

Women's #50  
April 2014  
Jo Arrington • Rector

## GET OUT OF THE WELL

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9)*

I heard a story about a little frog that was born at the bottom of a well. Just a small circular well like you might see on a farm. This frog and his family that lived down there and they were so happy, so content to swim and splash in the water all day long. He thought, "Life is good. We've got all the water in the world to ourselves." As he got a little older, he noticed the light at the top of the well and wondered what was up there. One day, very carefully, he climbed up the side of the well. With great caution he looked over the edge and the first thing he saw was a pond. He couldn't believe it. It was thousands of times more water than what he and his family had. He jumped out of the well and started hopping until he came to a lake. He stood there in amazement. He had no words. He hopped a little more and came to the ocean and as far as he could see was water. He began to realize how limited his vision had been. He thought he had it all but all he really had was a drop in the bucket compared to what was out there for him to enjoy.

Friend, God's dream for your life is so much bigger, so much more rewarding than you can imagine. You haven't even touched the surface of what God has in store. Why don't you stretch your faith and dare to step outside of your well. In other words, step out of your comfort zone. Let go of the limiting mindsets. Turn away from small thinking and, like that frog, go a little further than you're used to. Break out of your box and look out over the horizon. Dream bigger, think bigger, see bigger, and embrace the oceans of blessings God has in store for you!

Joel Osteen



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE  
ON ONE OF THE UPCOMING  
FALL WEEKENDS?

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATIONS TO

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Speak with  
**honesty**  
Think with  
**sincerity**  
Act with  
**integrity**

## A NOTE FROM THE RECTORS...

The last time I had the opportunity to address the community was at the Victory Sequela in the Spring. I had not yet received a theme for the Men's NFTD #49 but I told you then that I was confident God would give us a theme before the October weekend. Bless God, He is faithful and we now have a weekend theme! Our theme for the Men's Tres Dias weekend #49 is "REDEEMED" with the scripture being Isaiah 43:1, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; and you are mine."

Sometimes as men we have a tendency to have low self worth and problems with acceptance. We even revert back to our old ways of thinking, that we have to earn what we get. I was reading in a devotional this week in which the author stated that 90% of perception is reality. What we perceive about ourselves is what we believe about ourselves.

It is my observation that most men have a poor perception of themselves; our perception of ourselves does not always line up with God's perception of us. God's love for us is so immense that He allowed His Son to die a cruel death on the cross for us. The God of the Universe has REDEEMED us by the blood of His Son and we are made new!

The dictionary says REDEEMED is "to recover ownership of by paying a specified sum." God has recovered us by paying a price, a very high price. So in God's economy and from God's perspective we are His and are highly valued. We really need to see ourselves the way God sees us, dearly loved and highly valued.

YBIC Steve Simmons • NFTD #49

De Colores Community.....

Excitement is in the air as positions are being filled and plans are taking shape for Women's Weekend # 49.

Our theme is "Be Still and Know I Am" taken from psalm 46: 10. I have had some awesome "Be Still" moments since this journey began and I look forward to how our Abba will use this theme to quiet our hearts and open our eyes to Him. Our song is "I Lift My Hands" by Chris Tomlin and every time I hear it I am reminded of His faithfulness - You are faithful God forever. Be Still and Know I am..... I Am whatever you need.....

Still doing much calling, could use more team applications!

Love to All

Cathy Chastain - Women's Rector #49

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