

UPCOMING WEEKENDS

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THANKFULNESS USHERS US INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

"Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name." Psalm 100:4

A heart of genuine thanksgiving and praise ushers us across His threshold so we can dwell in the Lord's presence throughout the day. As we seek to abide in Him, our thankful hearts prepare the way for us. With a grateful and respectful posture before the Lord, we can expect to hear His still, small voice and sense His presence. "The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His unfailing love." Psalm 33:18

Genuine thankfulness flows from a humble and reverent heart before the Lord. As we go to Him with gratitude, acknowledging Him in all things, our hearts are postured to receive direction from Him. Then, as we commune with Him from the depths of our hearts throughout the day, we can bring Him our petitions, our fears and our struggles. With the humility of thankfulness as a backdrop, our hearts are poised reverently before Him. He will guide us and lead us. "I know that it will go better with God-fearing men, who are reverent before God."

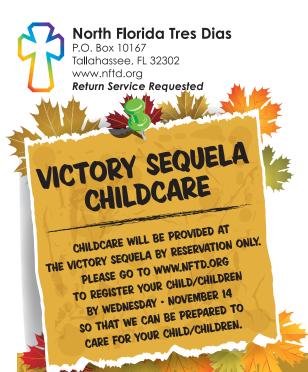
Ecclesiastes 8:12

When our children approach us with a humble and thankful heart, it is much easier to talk with them, rejoice with them, pray with them and guide them. Their hearts are ready. But when they are being selfish, stubborn, prideful and entitled, they don't hear and are not ready for instruction and help. The condition of their heart is key to our communication.

It is the same with us and our Heavenly Father, who loves His children perfectly. When our hearts are right before Him, He can minister His Truth to us and reason with us. He can encourage and equip us. He can commune with us. "He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God." Psalm 50:23

Let's make it routine not just to count our blessings, but to continually give thanks to God for them. To acknowledge Him in all our ways. To bow before Him with sincerity, thankfulness and reverence. We will dwell in His presence, commune with Him and receive His encouragement and love. Then we'll have "sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord." Colossians 3:22





HIS HANDS + HIS FEET = INDESCRIBABLE LOVE

Another unbelievable NFTD weekend has come and gone, and as always, the Holy Spirit was at work changing the lives of our new Pescadores! It never ceases to amaze me how God utilizes Tres Dias to create an atmosphere that simply cannot be duplicated anywhere else. At closing, indescribable "LOVE" is the overwhelming theme you hear new candidates speak about when asked "what does Jesus mean to you now"...and it makes me cry every time!

Yet none of what happens on a weekend is possible without the sacrifice of each person who makes up the team...His Body! This is the true power behind the movement; people from all walks of life & faith coming together in love. By our community being Inclusive rather than Exclusive, multiple gifts and ministries are working together with a common purpose. The Apostle Paul declares Love to be the greatest gift available to mankind, and one that is to be our primary weapon against the enemy. Without love being the essence of Tres Dias, we are left without a common bond and leave the body vulnerable to weakness and attacks!

So in closing, let us lift up holy hands of praise for what God continues to do through the NFTD Community! Let us adopt a renewed sense of urgency to put "Candidate First" instead of self or gift. And let us remain humble to know it is not God who needs us, but each of us who is in desperate need of the Father! May we all be blessed and more hungry to be His hands & feet!!

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