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Sequestered...

Sequestered: to remove or withdraw into solitude or retirement; seclude.

Let's begin by saying that no one argues that Tres Dias weekends are powerful and very effective. One of the reasons for this is that our weekends are sequestered. There are good reasons why Tres Dias requires that our weekends be sequestered. Certainly keeping out uninvited guests such as demons and evil spirits is a good reason in itself, but here are a few more:

Most will agree that God is omnipresent, He is everywhere. Yet, all of us fail to encounter Him all day long everyday. Why is that? Because our attention is divided by all the distractions of day-to-day living. That's understandable and normal. Thus the primary purpose of our weekends, is to be undivided in our quest for God for three days. To be free of the daily distractions that demand so much of our attention.

Certainly it is a sacrifice to leave everything behind for Christ. The question is, do YOU think He is worth it? And remember, this is only for three days. Three days to focus your attention on serving God. Is He important enough to place Him above everything else in you life for three days? Being intentional about putting Him first during the weekend is an act of worship.

The sequestered environment gives you the opportunity to show your willingness to put Him first and you second, a good exercise in humility. It is a tool that allows you to surrender yourself completely to His service. It is a challenge to test your obedience and see whether you have a submissive or rebellious spirit. Your choice of behavior here is an important example that others will see in you and possibly copy. Last but not least, consider what kind of message you are sending God on the weekend and how this will affect His response back to you !!! Remember Jesus' words in the garden, "Not my will, but Thine be done" May that be your heart...
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From the Heart of the Men's Rector...
Return Service Requested

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement as the Men's NFTD #43 approaches. I'd like to share with you the theme and scripture that God has chosen for His weekend. John 21:16 says : He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "**Tend my sheep.**" ESV. The theme is **Band of Brothers: Tend my sheep.** In this scripture, Jesus led Peter through an experience that would remove the cloud of denial forever. In verse 17, Jesus asked Peter a third time about his brotherly love for Him. Jesus has a way of getting to the heart of the matter, doesn't he? For we can say we love him but the test is, will we serve Him by serving others? Jesus surrounded himself with his own "**Band of Brothers.**" As he showed them how to love, he also challenged them to change their lives through serving Him. These verses are rich with significance and truth for our lives. I encourage you to study not only the weekend scripture but include verses 15-19. I look forward to the months ahead. God is pulling His team together and I have begun to call on the "**Band of Brothers**" for Weekend #43.

NFTD Community: *I have been praying and tending the 36 crosses that the men will receive for over eight months now. I encourage and challenge you to pray and sponsor for a full house of brothers (36 candidates). And through this act of service we (His people) will show our love to Him.*

DeColores,

Barry Mason

Rector, Men's NFTD #43

PASTOR'S BREAKFAST...LET IT BE KNOWN!!!

When: Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Where: The University Center (at Florida State University) Tallahassee, FL

Time: 8:30 am

Richard Marcello, Head Spiritual Director NFTD, has sent a letter asking Pastors and their spouses to attend the breakfast. RSVP's are needed by July 20! Check with your Pastors to see if they have received the letter and are attending. Please encourage all Pastors to RSVP and attend. It is an informational meeting and a time of fellowship for Clergy. RSVP 850-219- 8080.

Team Meetings....why attend?

WHETHER YOU'RE A FIRST TIME SERVER OR have served for many years, team meetings are important—essential, in fact, for the weekends to run effectively. God honors preparation (look at esther!) he is pleased when his people gather together TO prepare for HIS THREE DAY event. Consider the body preparing for a race...if one leg doesn't show up till the day of the race, how will it be won? Team meetings are a time when we learn about how the weekends work and get to know our team members. It's a time when we get to hear the talks AND WORSHIP OUR RISEN LORD. IT IS FOR HIM! It is important. You will be blessed!

No July Sequela! Look for information about the August sequela in the July newsletter.

Coming Soon: Heart of the Women's Rector

COME HOLY SPIRIT...FILL OUR HEARTS!!!