

Wisdom in the Darkness

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Sirach 4:17-18 says this, "She walks with him as a stranger, and at first she puts him to the test; Fear and dread she brings upon him and tries him with her discipline; With her precepts she puts him to the proof, until his heart is fully with her. Then she comes back to bring him happiness and reveal her secrets to him." When I read this a few weeks ago in Bible study, I could somewhat relate to it, but right now, I feel this very closely.

Just yesterday (November 6th), we had a miscarriage. I had been having some complications for nearly a week before it happened. Even though I kind of knew something was wrong, I held on to the hope that everything would be ok. When we went to my ultrasound appointment, I lost the baby right before they could perform the ultrasound. I was in shock, I felt devastated, I felt confused, I felt unsure about why we were going through this another time. After they performed the ultrasound to confirm that there was no more baby, the Holy Spirit lead me to say a prayer of thanksgiving and surrender with the doctor, nurses and sonographer. I felt the prayer coming from the depth of my heart and my soul; I knew that it wasn't me. God in His great mercy gave me the words to pray.

Mary Rose, our newest saint in Heaven, has a purpose. Although she lived in my womb for only a short while and we didn't get to meet her, and we won't have evidence that she existed other than our love for her, I know that God has a purpose for this. This is the fear and dread that Ralph, the kids and I are having to pass through in order that our hearts may be put to the test. This is our moment to either pick up the wisdom during this dark moment or walk away from it.

Ralph and I took some time to mourn our baby after we lost her, and then I began to ask questions in my heart. I began to try to "figure God out". Maybe God allowed this to happen for this reason, or that reason, maybe I didn't love enough, maybe I got too mad the other day, maybe I didn't forgive enough, maybe...and the list goes on and on. Suddenly, I felt the Holy Spirit speak to my heart and say, "Humility accepts what God has done and knows that He has your best interest at heart without asking questions." Wow. What else could I say? Even if God did give me an answer, would I be content? I know that I wouldn't. I had to let go. I had to let go of needing to have

a reason for everything, of needing to be right, of thinking that I could somehow control God.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ what darkness are you currently experiencing right now? How are you going to walk through it? Do you choose wisdom, or did you walk away from wisdom with bitterness in your heart? Isaiah 45:3 says, "And I will give you treasures hidden in the darkness— secret riches. I will do this so you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, the one who calls you by name." There are some treasures that can only be found when we go through the darkest moments in our lives. For it is in the darkest areas in our lives that we can find the treasures hidden there with the light of wisdom. After we lost our baby, I felt in my heart that if through her short life, only one person was drawn closer to the Lord, then it would all be worth it, even if that person is me. I pray that this experience will help you to draw you closer to God. A great saint once said, "Humility begins with a grateful heart." Although, I am sad that we will not have a new baby in the house, I feel grateful that God found me worthy to go through this test. I am grateful that Wisdom has chosen to put me to the proof so that my heart can be fully with her. I trust that, as promised, that she will bring me happiness and reveal her secrets to me.

As advent quickly approaches, I pray that you would take time to think about that which you most fear and dread. What are the things that could possibly cause you to leave wisdom's path? As you think of this, repeat this prayer, "Lord, even if this happens, I will still praise you. Help me to keep my eyes focused on the things above, the things everlasting. Amen." As this year comes to a close I pray that you would choose to surrender all of this to Him who can heal you, to Him who will give you strength to get through even the most dreaded situations.

Thank you, so much for taking time to read these words I pray that they would be a blessing to you and to those around you. I pray that you would also consider joining us for the Healing Retreat in order to receive the physical, emotional and spiritual healing that you need so that you can receive the love of Jesus and thus take that love to those whom God places in your path.

"For where there is darkness there will be light. Where there is death, there will be life." *A private revelation from the Queen of Mercy.*

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The Healing Retreat

Healing Physically and Spiritually

December 6-8, 2019

Possible Topics:

- Healing the Physical Body
- Getting Delivered from Addictions
- Getting Delivered from the Spirit of Death/Suicide
- Get Healed from Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD)
- What are the Obstacles that Stop your Physical Healing

COME AND RECEIVE SOAKING PRAYER DURING THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!

Women of Power Retreat

An Instrument of God

February 28-March 1, 2020

Possible Topics Include:

- What Keeps Me from Being God's Instrument?
- The 3 Pillars of Faith
- An Attitude of Gratitude
- Words that Heal or Destroy
- Healed in Body & Spirit
- How to Forgive & Live Again
- Healing from the Spirit of Grief
- Understanding & Supporting My Husband's Mission in our Family



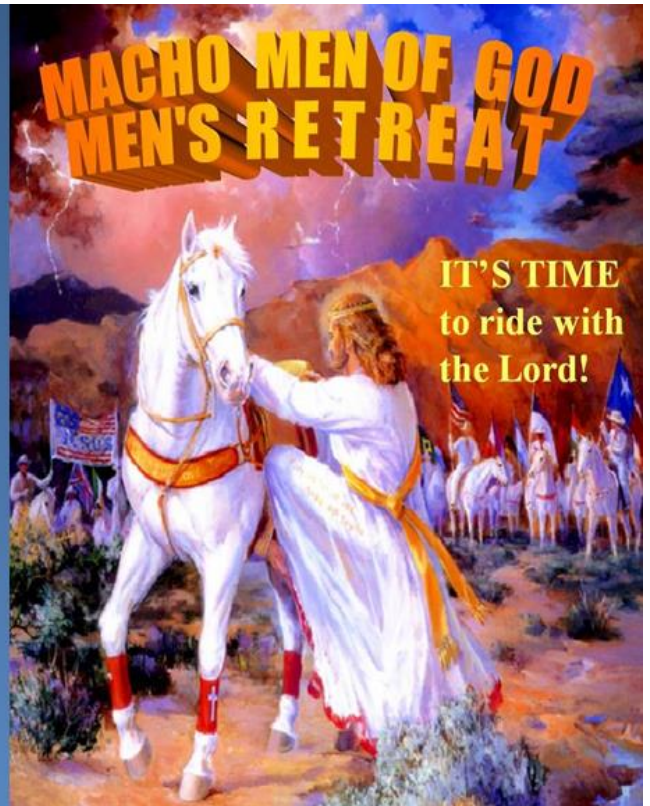
Featured Speakers Include:

					
Mary Constancio	Jessica Mendez	Brenda Garcia	Corina Constancio	Carolyn Huntzinger	Kathy Gloria

91st Men's Retreat

February 7-9, 2020

- Accepting the Purpose for Who God Created Me to Be
- How to Recognize a Wounded Family & Bring Healing
- Getting out of Desperation
- Is Your Addiction Leading Your Life?
 - Overcoming Your Physical Sickness with God's Mercy
 - Is Your Sickness Running Your Life?
 - Overcoming Addictions
 - Come Experience God's Love



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MOVING FORWARD TO FINISH OUR NEW BUILDING



Gift Shop and front restrooms have been poured. Working on the framing and roof.



Front of new center which includes car port to protect visitors in bad weather.



Sparks fly as Manuel Constancio works on the ceiling beam. The area behind him will be the new conference room.



What is to be the kitchen and conference room is temporarily being used as a work area to prepare and cut beams for new Gift Shop and restrooms.

RETREATS FOR 2019—2020

- ◆ **The Healing Weekend Retreat**
December 6-8, 2019

◆ ——— Scheduled Retreat 2020 ———

- **Resurrection of the Self-Image**
January 10-12, 2020
- **Healing Mission**
Fort Worth, Texas, January 24, 2020
- **Macho Men of God Retreat**
February 7-9, 2020
- **Women of Power Retreat**
February 28 – March 1, 2020

- **Macho Men of God Retreat**
May 1-3, 2020
- **Women of Power Retreat**
May 15-17, 2020
- **Celebration of the Feast of the Assumption**
August 14-15, 2020 (No charge to attend)
- **Macho Men of God Retreat**
September 4-6, 2020 (Labor Day Weekend)
- **Women of Power Retreat**
September 18-20, 2020

Retreat Registration Fee: \$175.00

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