

February certainly has become known as the Month of Love, with Valentine's Day celebration smack in the middle of the month. Love is a word that we banter about so often, we love the weather, we love that outfit and certainly we love chocolate!!! But what is love really? Webster defines it as a "strong devotion." Love means that you put that other person's well being before your own. We have heard countless stories of a parent physically covering their child during a dangerous situation risking their own safety to protect their child. We know of soldiers who placed their lives in danger to save fellow soldiers. But, the ultimate story of love comes from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The act of voluntarily giving up ALL His glories and power in heaven to become a mere man could be likened for one of us to become an ant so we could share with other ants how much they were loved. Such sacrifice, such love! Not only did he give up His great power and glory, He **chose** to die, not any death, but rather probably the most barbaric way to die, crucifixion, so that we may become acceptable to His Father God. "Amazing love, how can it be, that He, my King, should die for me?" He left us with two commandments found in Matthew 22:37-39, both based on love: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" quickly followed by, "Love your neighbor as yourself". Because Jesus loves us so deeply, we then can love others.

One of the reasons why I so appreciate Tres Dias is because of the love that we share for our Lord and for each other. Do you recall the love that was lavished on you throughout you Weekend...blessing upon blessing? That deep love and profound joy, rarely found elsewhere, can often be recaptured when meeting with your reunion group as well as times when one of us is walking through a deep valley. Jim and I well remember how 14 people (most of them Tres Dias friends) sat with us until the wee hours of morning as Jim endured his 8 hour emergency surgery. It didn't stop then; there were the many hospital visits, the calls, the emails and the countless cards that came and continued throughout our 18 month ordeal. That is the Godly love we share, when we place another's well being before our own, and become the hands and feet of Jesus. This is the one of the many reasons why we enjoy being part of this community of love. May each of us love deeply this month and every month, representing Christ to fellow believers and to the unsaved. Love, judi

"I have found a paradox that if I love until it hurts, then there is no hurt, but only more love".
Mother Teresa

Feeling unloved? Come to the next secuela and be blessed by your fellow journeymen.
Secuela: February 18 at Grace Church in Middleburg Heights

Be in prayer:

- For Nicole Enold as she gathers her team and prepares for her team meetings.
- That God would lead you to whom you should invite to the **Women's Weekend** held on **April 26-29**, & the **Men's Weekend in mid-October**. Apps are on website.