



# The Flame

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2 Corinthians 5:18-20

## Time to Leave Your "Nets" Behind



*Article by Jessica Mendez*

Matthew 4:18-22 tells of the calling of the first disciples. Simon and his brother Andrew left their nets at once to follow Jesus when they were called. Likewise, James and John "left their boat and their father and followed him". I believe Jesus calls us to the same level of faith and trust

when he calls us to follow him.

The "nets" that we need to leave behind, however, may not be physical, but they do spiritually trap us and keep us from following the Lord. Whether our nets are old habits, addictions, unforgiveness, anger, the need to have more, our financial debt or anything else that keeps us from following God's will, it is time to let them go. Just as the first disciples left everything behind in order to follow the Lord's calling, we are called to leave everything behind and just simply follow. This is what was revealed to me through a recent experience I had with a loved one.

I came to an area of disagreement with a person very close to me, and when the time came to choose love or the need to be right, I chose the latter. After all was said and done, I asked the Lord why I had chosen something that He had healed me from. He then gave me a vision of a shaky foundation that was cracked and uneven, and then I heard Him ask, "Who would want to build a brand new house on this foundation?" To which I responded, "Well, no one Lord." Then he began to reveal that when our foundations are shaky, it is necessary to completely destroy them in order to build up a new house, but when we are stuck in our "nets" it is impossible for construction on our new house to continue.

What are the "nets" that are stalling the construction of your new house? The Blessed Mother has a perfect answer for this question in her message on the Feast of the Assumption in 2005, "Look to see what thing in this world that is enticing you away from Jesus, from his kingdom. The kingdom of God is Jesus. What is filling that kingdom? What are you putting in you that is destroying that kingdom? Is it anger, unforgiveness, self-pity, anxiety? What resides inside that is causing unease. Whatever steals your peace also steals your joy." In this particular situation my "net" was the habit of needing to be right. Although the Lord had healed me, I still had to choose not to fall into the habit of needing to be right. As most of you may know, the Blessed Mother told us in the message about the Sickness of the Soul that the need to be right drives away relationship. I needed to

choose to show love in a different way than I was accustomed to, which was by being right, in order to become a lover of the soul and also keep this relationship.

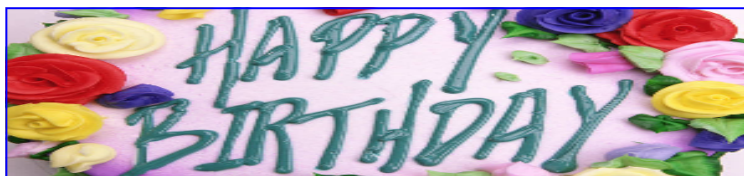
At this point you must be wondering, what is necessary in order to receive your replacement parts for your new home. The Lord immediately showed me that it is in repenting and confessing our sins that we receive that grace to choose differently, thus allowing the construction to continue. I was able to understand, through the continued guidance and correction of Our Lord through Mary and Carolyn that I needed to repent and ask forgiveness of the Lord and also of the person whom I offended. Because of this, my relationship has been reconciled, and I know that I must continue to renounce, reject and resist the need to be right.



Jessica Mendez &  
Baby Bernadette

We must choose everyday to say no to our "nets" so that the construction may continue. The Blessed Mother also continues on in the same message in order to give the secret of having the angels defend us, "There are angels ready and equipped to fight that good fight, but you must seek the will of God on a daily basis for these angels to go into battle for you..." We must leave our "nets" daily in order for angels to do battle for us; otherwise we are going at it alone. Instead of thinking, "This is something I need to get rid of," allow these nets to be lifted up to the Lord so that he will replace them with the grace to choose differently when tempting situations arise and so that these angels also may be released to do battle for us. I strongly encourage you to attend one of our upcoming retreats so that the Lord can further reveal those "nets" in which you are entangled. There is no need to go into battle another day without these angels. Choose to let go and leave your nets behind in order to follow Jesus. The end result will be peace and joy amidst all trials and persecutions. You have nothing to lose, unless you continue to choose those "nets." I continue to pray for each of you, that the Blessed Mother cover you in her mantle and shield you from the deceit of the enemy in your lives, that you may receive the grace needed to choose to leave your "nets" and follow Jesus daily. I hope to see you at each of our upcoming retreats.

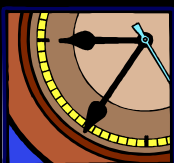
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**November Birthdays!**  
**We thank God for the day you were born!**  
**November's Birthday Drawing Winner**  
**for a free Retreat:**  
**FIDEL ROBLES!**

Happy Birthday to: LAURA AGUIRRE, SANDRA DIAZ, HAROLD HERNANDEZ, FANNIE ZAPATA, RAQUEL VITAL, MIGUEL CHACON, SR., DIXIE SALAS, ANTONIO MUNIZ, ELVERA HOELSCHER, YSENIA ORTIZ, VIOLA SALGADO, TOMMY SALGADO, KATHY HALE, BEBE CAPUCHINO, BLANCA GAMBOA, FIDEL ROBLES, DOROTHY HOLGUIN, TONY MALDONADO, ADELA MARQUEZ, MANUEL BARRON, FERNANDO CARRION, IV., MARY MARSH, MARIA TORRO BAUTISTA, CAROLINA MARTINEZ, JANIE BARRIENTOS, AND JOYCE MAZZA. We pray birthday blessings on all celebrating birthdays this month!

Must be at least 18 years old to win. Board members and members of their family are not eligible. The certificate is good for all retreats except the Intergenerational Healing Retreat, and would only be for 1/2 the Marriage Retreat (or payment for one person of the couple). Certificate must be used within 1 year of your birthday, and must be used by the person named on the certificate.



## Starting and Ending Times for Retreats!

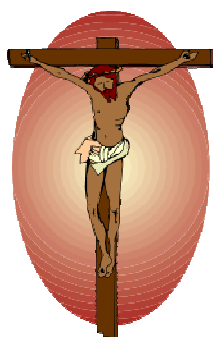
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New  
Retreat!  
New  
Time!

# HEALING THROUGH THE CRUCIFIED CHRIST

## January 13-15, 2012

**A New Year – A Free, Joyful You**



### **Possible Retreat Topics Include:**

- How to Forgive from the Heart: *So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart." Matthew 18:35*
- Eliminating Past Hurts & Moving Forward in Freedom
- Receiving Deeper Healing
- The Mystery of Christ Crucified for your Sins
- How to Trade My Sickness & Sorrows for the Crucified Jesus
- Healing with the Crucified Jesus through the Eucharist

Having trouble forgetting the past?

Can't forgive those who hurt you, including yourself?

Tired of carrying blame, guilt, and regret?

\*\*\*DON'T FORGET THE NEW TIME: RETREAT STARTS @ 7pm FRIDAY, ENDS ABOUT 1pm SUNDAY\*\*\*

**Registration: \$165.00**

### **1 Corinthians 2:2 (NAB)**

*For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

### **Galatians 2:19-20 (NAB)**

*I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God who has loved me and given himself up for me.*

## Macho Men of God Retreat

November 4-5, 2011

Possible Topics Include:

- Why prayers are not answered
- Leading your household to victory
- Feeling the Love of God the Father
- Building a new foundation
- What pleases God
- Getting healed and passing it on
- Overcoming Addictions



*This retreat has been designed to bring men back to the basics that were lost and forgotten; the basics of understanding who they are in God's eyes, what their duties and authority are in life.*

Retreat starts Friday @ Noon! Ends Saturday @ 10 pm!  
The cost of this retreat is \$165.00 per person

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and End Saturday at 10 pm**



**HEALING THE  
HEART RETREAT  
December 2-3, 2011**

**GIVE YOURSELF OR A LOVED ONE  
A NEW HEART FOR GOD**

Possible Topics Being Covered:

- The Spiritual Root of Heart Attacks
- Healing the Heart that has no Hope
- Healing the Broken Heart
- Healing Broken Relationships
- Forming the Heart - A Heart After God
- The Heart-Brain Connection
- Healing the Grieving Heart
- Combating Depression

Retreat starts Friday @ Noon! Ends Saturday @ 10 pm!  
The cost of this retreat is \$165.00 per person

## Resurrection of the Self-Image Retreat

November 18-19, 2011

**This life-changing retreat is our most popular.  
God can change everything in one weekend...  
in one moment!**



- Have you been rejected?
- Is this your third or fourth marriage and you can't figure out the problem?
- Are you having trouble letting go of your ex-spouse's abuse?
- Do you live in fear?
- Are you carrying a lot of guilt?
- Do you feel like God has let you down?
- Have you been physically, sexually or mentally abused?
- Are you called to be a leader but have fears of failing?

**Bilingue**

**You are a unique, one-of-a-kind, masterpiece,  
child of the Most High Living God. Come into  
the fullness of what God has planned for you!**

Retreat starts Friday @ Noon! Ends Saturday @ 10 pm!  
The cost of this retreat is \$165.00 per person

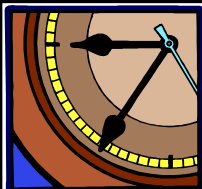
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**Back in 2012!**

**Bring a Friend to a Retreat and Save!**

Don't just tell someone to come to a retreat at AFM, bring them as a show of support. When you bring a friend and they pay the full regular price of the retreat, you will receive a blessing of 50% off our retreat registration fee.

- ⇒ You both must attend the same retreat. One person must pay full registration price.
- ⇒ Only one discount deal for every one person paying full registration price.
- ⇒ Half price discount must be used for that same retreat only.
- ⇒ Not good for the Intergenerational Retreat.
- ⇒ The full registration payment cannot be combined with any other deals such as scholarships or discounts.
- ⇒ Discount is only available after full registration cost is received.
- ⇒ Friend Retreat Deal is also good for 2011-2012 retreats.



# New Starting and Ending Times for Retreats!

## Retreat Registration Form - 2011-2012

		Full Registration	Deposit Only	+	Private Room
Macho Man of God Retreat	November 4-5, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50	<input type="checkbox"/>	+ \$125.00
Resurrection of the Self Image Retreat	November 18-19, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50	<input type="checkbox"/>	+ \$125.00
Healing the Heart Retreat	December 2-3, 2011	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50	<input type="checkbox"/>	+ \$125.00
<b>2012—Note new Retreat Times for 2012</b>					
Healing Thru Crucified Christ Retreat	January 13-15, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> \$165.00	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 82.50	<input type="checkbox"/>	+ \$125.00

**TO REGISTER:** You can register by sending in this form and deposit to: *AFM, PO Box 1707, Shallowater, Texas 79363-1707*. Please make checks payable to AFM.

The Ambassadors of the Flame of Mercy is a non-profit, tax-exempt Christian organization. **The cost of this retreat includes a bunk bed (dorm), meals, snacks, and retreat materials.** Deposit is refundable up to seven days prior to the retreat.

**Please bring your own towels, sheets and pillow-case.** We'll supply your pillow and blankets.

Also please bring your Bible, comfortable clothes, and toiletries. **Check-in for all 2011 retreats starts at 10:00 a.m. on the day the retreat begins. Unless otherwise stated, 2011 retreats start at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Friday and end Saturday at 10 p.m.**

**2012 Retreats will resume at 7 p.m. Friday through 1 p.m. Sunday.**

**Flying to Lubbock:** please plan your arrival prior to 10 a.m. on Friday, and plan your departure on Sunday. For more information see our website at [www.flameofmercy.com](http://www.flameofmercy.com) or call us at (806) 832-4243 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. CDT.

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**Register online: [www.flameofmercy.com](http://www.flameofmercy.com)**

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