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## Upcoming Events

**September Secuela and Pot Luck Supper**  
*Saturday, September 9th 6:00 PM (note time change)*  
 United Methodist Church  
 Hicksville

**Long Island Christian Teen Show Choir**  
 Info and Registration Meeting  
 (Contact John Vercelletto)  
*THU, SEPT 14th at 7:30 PM*  
 St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
 Amityville

**October Secuela**  
*Saturday, OCT 14th at 7:30 PM*  
 Abiding Presence  
 Fort Salonga

**Men's Credo #9**  
*October 12th to 15th*

**CO-ED Retreat**  
*October 20 to 22*  
 Quinipet Camp / Retreat Center

**November Secuela**  
*SAT November 11th at 7:30 PM*  
 TBD

**For more information:**  
<http://www.litd.org/events>

## Rollo's by Joe Ambrose

How to Write a Rollo and Deliver it with Impact

Do you dread the idea of writing and giving a talk on the weekend? That's how I felt the first time I was asked to present a rollo. Here are some techniques I have followed to put that feeling of dread in the background.

First, I consider that the rector prayed for guidance on who should give each talk. Got put me his/her heart as the right person for this particular talk. The same is true for you. Also, remember that the rector is continuing to pray for you.

So, start with prayer. Recognize that the talk belongs to the Lord. It's His talk. It's His weekend, and as such, you should continue to pray about what you'll write. God must work inside your thought process to bring all that He wants from you.

The team manual is a real help. Each talk builds on the previous talk, and the next talk will build on yours, so you need to make sure you're following that outline. Most, if not all of the points need to be in your talk.

But the talk doesn't have to be boring. Use the knowledge and experiences you've gained to make

the talk your own. Most of the talks will need your personal testimony to bring them alive and to drive each point home. Ask the Lord to help you remember what He's done in your life. Tell your story. That's what we want to hear.

Personally, I work in relatively short sessions spread over about a week to 10 days. During that time, I continue to pray and ask God to call to my mind those scriptures and examples that are appropriate. I usually work on one or two points in the outline at a time and take the time to think about the scriptures and personal experiences that apply to those points.

I usually take the outline from the team member guide and make it a Word document. I'm more comfortable typing my rollos at the computer. As I write, I include the scripture selections in the text. There are tools available online to copy verses of scripture into your talk.

The talk is a lecture, but it doesn't have to be boring. Use props and find ways to engage your audience. I once used a Rubik's cube to demonstrate the concept of Ideals. On another occasion, I started the Study rollo with a hymn. Ask for a show of hands, ask a question, make it interactive.

Make sure you have your talk ready for team when the rector has asked you to give it. Practice several times before the meeting. Using a watch, or stopwatch, read your rollo the way you would on the weekend. Speak in your normal voice, and don't hurry. Once you're done, check the time. If you're under, fine, if not, see what points you can shorten.

At the team meeting, give the rollo as if on the weekend. The team meeting is a dress rehearsal. If you make a mistake, keep on going. If you're nervous, that's okay. The more you practice, the better you'll be.

Listen to the team as they critique your talk. Remember, you're not a professional public speaker. One of the many benefits of Tres Dias is giving the laity (that's you and me) the opportunity to speak in public and to tell our stories. The team is there to help you get better at it. Not just the content, but the delivery.

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## A Meditation by Justin Cuvelier

Love and blessings in Jesus name to all of my fellow brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ. I do not write this for my own glory, honor or praise, but to uplift, encourage, strengthen and edify all who read. I would like to open in a short prayer and ask you to set your heart before the Father.

*Father, bring us back to the simplistic child like faith You called us too. Let Your light shine in and through us that our lives may glorify Your holy name. I pray our eyes will be opened and hearts will be softened by the Holy Spirit, as we experience a new fresh anointing and outlook, as a follower of Jesus Christ. I pray today we will experience and embrace Your love in a personal way. I pray our eyes, ears, and hearts will be opened to see, hear, believe and receive the truth that is in Your Holy word, as it will set us free and allow us to live out a true holy grace filled life, and allow us to walk from the right standing found in and through Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit in Jesus name. Holy Spirit manifest your life changing presence in our atmosphere.*

### **John 14:6-7 KJV**

*Jesus saith unto him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me. If ye had known Me, ye should have known My Father also: and from henceforth ye know Him, and have seen Him."*

### **John 17:3**

*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*

I will focus this writing on the basics, as our Christian foundation and walk must be built on Christ and our lives must be saturated and overflowing with the love, grace and truth of God that will allow us to follow, obey and imitate Christ to the fullest. Jesus is the one and only focus that can and will change

this world.

Jesus came to fulfill the law and prophets. He did not come to destroy the law. Which means we function from it today. The law is summed up in short by these two commandments:

1. To love God with all of your heart, all of your mind, all of your soul, and all of your strength
2. To love your neighbor (others), as yourself.

The first commandment is virtually impossible in our own strength and will, making the second commandment equally impossible. How can we fulfill these two commandments? The answer is simple and found in asking the Holy Spirit to help us and teach us, while alone in our secret place. The Father seeks those who will worship Him in spirit and truth. That spirit is the Holy Spirit. We will also find that in His presence, we will be transformed into His image and likeness. (2 Cor 3:18)

### **John 4:23-24 KJV**

*"But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."*

I would like to touch base on prayer at a later date, as I believe it will help strengthen our faith and walk with Christ. I don't want to get too far off track of the importance of a solid foundation in Christ, as I believe this is a main focus God has on my heart at the moment. Seeking and building on the simple foundation of Christ will revolutionize and transform your spiritual walk with God. This will focus us on our identity in Christ, root and ground us in His unconditional love. The Father has shown us unconditional love by this, While we were yet sinners he sent His one and only son to die for us.

John 3:10-21 is beautiful scripture, the full context of Jesus' reply for the specific encounter. In short we all know God so loved the world He sent His only son, those who believe shall have eternal life. He did not send His son to condemn the world, but save it.

Here is a bible reading tip that God revealed as I sought him.

### **Proverbs 3:5-7**

*Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, lean not on your own understanding. Acknowledge him in all of your ways and he will direct your steps. Do not be wise in your own eyes, depart from evil ways.*

Faith comes by hearing, not by understanding.

### **Romans 10:17**

*"So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."*

### **Matthew 6:33**

*Seek first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and these things shall follow.*

The below verses helped a lot in realizing and understanding the importance of focusing on Christ in all we do. Christ is full of grace and truth. When you open the bible, open to know God and Jesus Christ. For the pure in heart will see God. That will bring true transformation and revelation that we desire as children of God. As Paul says simply, legalism blinds people to revelation of scripture that points to Jesus as the Messiah and what Jesus was sent here to accomplish on earth.

### **2 Corinthians 3:14-18 KJV**

*"But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ. But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart. Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."*

## Delight by Claudia Long

The study of the word, *delight* brought an inspiration of joy to my soul the other day.

The verb *delight* means pleased greatly. The noun *delight* means *great pleasure; happiness; joy; glee; elation; euphoria*. The KJ Dictionary meaning is *a high degree of pleasure, enjoyment or satisfaction of mind*. The Bible definition means *strong feelings of happiness; great pleasure or satisfaction*.

Touch Ministry Bible meaning of "delight" is *we invite the Lord to examine our desire and intentions, then change whatever does not fit His purposes or advances His plan*. E-Bible meaning of delight in the Lord means *our hearts truly find peace*. Commentary meanings is *to seek our happiness in God*. The answer to *delight*: "**He will bring you the desires of your heart.**"

The experiences of life do bring disappointments. Identify one in your life now: \_\_\_\_\_. The challenge is to 1) identify it 2) examine it with the word, delight. 3) read through Psalm 37 while thinking about what you identified 4) apply it to yourself in the Lord. The Psalm is instructional with words of wisdom for a godly life. It is warning godly people to live towards **living the faith**. Psalm 37 is: a) the word, delight b) ethnic harmony c) look to the Lord or fall into the sanctity of life's fiery burning of envy, fretting, jealousy, revenge (it's sin). d) Look ahead "in it" as it is temporary

## Rollos (continued)

Once you've had the critique, practice it, over and over, standing up, so that it becomes natural. This does two things. It makes you familiar with the talk so that you don't have your head down reading it, you can look at your audience instead, and you'll be more comfortable and not as nervous.

During the weekend, you may have a chance to pray with a designated member of the team before you give your talk. Tell him/her what you

as opposed to resentment or covetousness and bitterness of life.

Why should I care when they do wrong! You kept the rules; lost; became angry at others. These burning embers glow inside you in great trials of the flesh to retaliate, revenge, fight, or to get it to work. Is God there? Is God doing anything about it? Does He care? Is living in holiness useless and pointless? Anger, and envy leads to evil. It eats the soul, Psalm 73: 3. God is good to all. He blesses the godly and the ungodly because HE DID the blessings, Psalm 73: 22-23. **NOTE: Our responsibility is faithfulness to God. The rest is God's.**

Isaiah 62: 4 "The Lord delights in you..." Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the Lord is a strong tower, the righteous man runs into it and is safe."

Faith needs solid ground to stand upon. Do not try to fight for or against reasons, but Psalm 37:2 provides a solid ground: **obedience of faith**. God tells us to look ahead! Its green now, but later it will be dry ground. Verses 8-9, the season will change; they will experience death and you will be alive with an inheritance! Salvation is to hold on; look to God. In Romans 12:19, "Vengeance is mine!" saith the Lord. Psalm 37: 3- "Look up and trust God, the Lord." Believe who He is, and what He says. **Its peace.**

need. Also, remember that you'll have one or more team members praying for you during the talk as well. Most talks start with a request for prayer. Use it. Pick someone at random, or arrange for someone to pray for you when you call on them. Organized spontaneity is a good thing.

Be excited about your rollo. If you're not excited by your talk, your audience won't be either. Smile and be engaging. You'll notice your audience will perk up.

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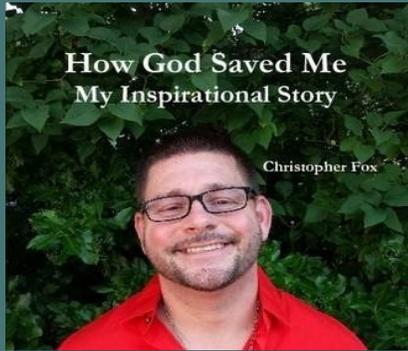
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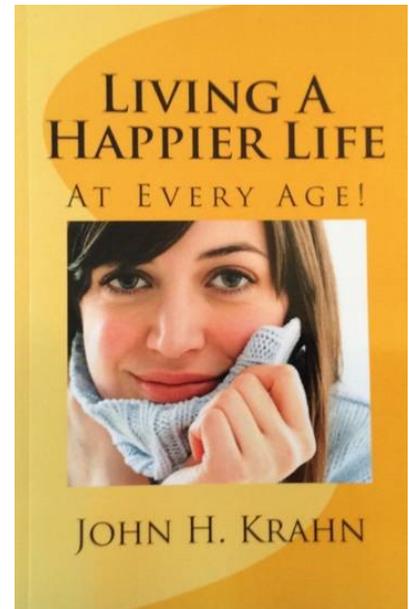
## Rev. Dr. John H. Krahn's New Book Is Now Available.

Who wouldn't want a little more happiness in their lives?

LITD Spiritual Advisor, Rev. Dr. John H. Krahn, has just published his latest book, [Living A Happier Life - At Every Age](#). Treating subjects of prayer, forgiveness, suffering, the importance of a positive attitude, growing old gracefully, living life at its highest level and much more, there is much that will touch the soul of every believer in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Dr. Krahn's book was written to speak to everyone at whatever stage they currently are in their lives.

Check it out and read the five star reviews on [Amazon.com](#). It also makes a great gift book for Christmas and for both church and unchurched friends.



## A Journey for Jesus (International TD Meeting) by Tony DeMicco

We started out, by car, for Palestine, Texas, on Tuesday July 11th. You must say "PalestEEN" or you get funny looks. We drove because my beloved Pam will not fly. We drove west and we drove, and drove and drove, and after a very pleasant trip we arrived in Palestine on Thursday, July 13th and met Joe and Sue Laurita at the hotel. Jim and Doris Meyer met us there on Friday. Since the Lauritas and DeMiccos were there a day early we figured we would sample some of the "Texas BBQ" and headed to Bishop's. WOW. KUDOS TO THEM. It was great and we were even given a tour of their cooking facilities.

On Friday, we began the assembly with prayer at Trinity church. All participants were visibly excited to be there and all exhibited joy and gratitude.... Just plain happy to see each other again. We then headed to the local community center where the rest of the assembly was conducted. I have to say the Tres Dias community of East Texas went all out to make us feel at home and part of their community. It was instant acceptance and beautiful. The Holy Spirit had begun his mighty work. Their community took on the awesome responsibility of feeding us. Everything was done expertly and prayerfully. An immediate community was built.

Many meetings followed and various topics were discussed. The following is a brief outline of the discussions and sharing:

1. Fundraising — dinners, gatherings of all natures (comedy, testimony, etc.) Where opportunities for fundraising could be afforded. The emphasis is always to enhance and advance God's kingdom. Not the money.
2. Samantha, our media coordinator, spoke about reaching out to millennials through various social media (Facebook, Instagram, etc.). This was particularly exciting since those being reached were in the 30 - 40 year old age bracket. This is really important as our community needs an infusion of youth.
3. Other aspects of the community were stressed regarding Improvement of the focus on serving and sponsoring. The strengthening of our fourth day was a big focus. We should be more proactive about reunion groups. We gain wisdom (God's Word) and strength (the Holy Spirit) as an active fourth day community. Reunion groups give us the opportunity to pray together to ask God to bring people to sponsor into our path. Fourth day reunion groups will make our foundation stronger as we actively share Christ's gospel through prayer and encouragement.
4. Positions of leadership are to be rotated so as to give other members of the community the opportunity to grow in grace and responsibility. One person cannot run Tres Dias or any other organization. We have to dispel accusations of "occultism". We can divulge any aspects of the weekend to prospective candidates, even the fact that we are on the team. We need to adhere to the essentials. No secrets. No micromanaging, always trusting in the Holy Spirit to empower us. And, anyone, no matter what state they are in, cannot be denied attendance on a weekend, as long as they state their desire to grow closer to and know Jesus more fully. There are to be no baptisms performed on a weekend. We are all recovering Christians!!!

In order to work a weekend, a person must meet the requirements of the local Tres Dias community.

I look forward to seeing you at secuelas and future weekends.

God bless and Christ's love to all.