



Falling in Love With God

The Spiritual Teachings of
St. John of the Cross

February 13-15, 2015
Conference cost: \$175

(Hotel accommodations available nearby)

Friday Feb 13: 7-9pm
Saturday, Feb 14: 9am-noon, 1:30-4pm, 7-9pm
Sunday, Feb 15: 9am-noon, 1:30-3pm

Dr. James Finley, PhD.

This weekend conference/retreat provides a gentle introduction to the spiritual teachings of the 16th century Spanish Carmelite mystic St John of the Cross. An emphasis will be given as to how St. John guides through the dark night of the soul in which we come to a profound experience of God's oneness with us in all things. This retreat is intended for sincere beginners as well as those more experienced in the practice of contemplative prayer. Time will be provided for periods of silent meditation, personal reflection, and discussion of the themes presented.

Topic explored in the conferences include:

- † The life of Saint John of the Cross, an introduction to his basic teachings.
- † The night of the senses: the loss of the felt sense of God's presence.
- † The night of the spirit: the darkness of naked faith in which we are transformed in God.
- † The intimacy with God that arises in the dark night of our unconsummated longings.

† Divinization through love: Discovering that God's life is our life.

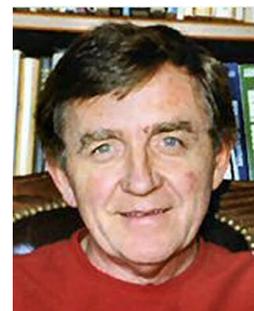
You may register at:
<http://www.ILMidwestMaleSpirituality.org>

Please note that this program does not include overnight accommodations or meals. Lodging can be found at several nearby hotels and motels, and the Darien area has a wide variety of restaurants for your food options.

James Finley, Ph.D. lived as a monk at the cloistered Trappist monastery of the Abbey of Gethsemani in Kentucky, where the world-renowned monk and author, Thomas Merton, was his spiritual director.

He leads retreats and workshops throughout the United States and Canada, attracting men and women from all religious traditions who seek to live a contemplative way of life in the midst of today's busy world. He is also a clinical psychologist in private practice with his wife in Santa Monica, California.

James Finley is the author of *Merton's Palace of Nowhere*, *The Contemplative Heart* and *Christian Meditation: Experiencing the Presence of God*.



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