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Training Ground

Christine Casten
Executive Director of TWC

The Warrior Class began in a coffee shop with Al holding a list of emails and Graham's encouragement to "make it relational." What started as a dream has now become a reality.

**We have a community of rising warriors connecting together
from all over the world.**

In a worldview lens, the concept of close, relational, global connection seems unattainable. How does someone in one place reach across miles, oceans, etc. to heart connect with another? How does relationship form when we span the globe and have many different interests and a variety of backgrounds and cultures?

One image of how this is possible came through our Launch word shared at our TWC Training Days in 2017: You look out the window of a shuttle to the earth below and "fall in love" with it (people) all over again. At Expectation, Shawn Bolz challenged us in the area of relational connection by wondering...what if it is not so much about you as it is about how much you can love someone else?

Unconditional love is not easy or simple. It requires a warrior stance to maintain in the midst of challenging situations and, frankly, people being people. Learning to love deeply often requires we lay something down. That "something" can be our own insecurities or fears. We may put aside our desire to react to what a person's negativity would normally generate in another.

But, sometimes, it is about moving into meekness; positioning ourselves in a way that places our strength under control, so another can see unconditional love through us.

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To take Shawn's challenge a bit further:

What if our connections in TWC are a training ground for loving others unconditionally?

Intentional connection is something each of us choose in The Warrior Class. For us to know each other's hearts and rise up as warriors, we have the opportunity to get our brave on and reach across the virtual gap. It is not the same as meeting in person, which is why our face to face times are so joyful. But, the virtual connections still provide opportunities to share, develop, train, gain from others and interact.

The Warrior Class is an enthusiastic, joyful, "loving the learning" and "excited to share" group of Warriors training at the highest level possible. We each have tenacity for growth and encouragement for each other. We also are fiercely devoted to take internal ground, knowing we will take external territory in the future.



What if connecting through Facebook, training calls, etc. becomes your training ground for living out of unconditional love?

What if this training ground allows you to walk out what God's unconditional love looks like through you as a warrior and prophetic intercessor?

These are questions we are exploring as we move forward into our next season.

If we can choose to train in unconditional love in our community, our warrior nature will strengthen individually, and in turn, will unify and empower our community.

- Christine



Warrior Class Training

2017 Reflection



One of our joys is to celebrate the promises God revealed that have come to pass.

Last year's prophetic word in Anaheim called us up as Warrior Ambassadors. In looking over it again and seeing where we are today, we are joyous celebrants of all God has done in the year of 2017 to bring this word to pass. We have moved through a transition, development, establishment of our identity and preparation for what is coming.

We have taken the time to train and position our community to raise up the Warrior Ambassadors and stronger intercessors God calls us to be and become.

And now we have been launched to step into a new season.

Before the special edition of our 2017 Training Days comes out later this month, take a moment to look at what God released over us for this year and how you are embracing the Warrior Ambassadorship He offered.

TWC Training Calls in November | December

New Member Calls:

November 25th, 2017 with Teresa Morrison

PST Time – 10:00 am
Title of Call – Living on a Higher Place
New Members in months 2 – 4

December Calls:

December 3rd with Teresa Morrison

PST Time – 1 pm PT
Intro Call for New Members

December 10th with Teresa Morrison

PST Time – 1 pm PT
Title of Call: Living on a Higher Place

Warrior Team Calls:

November 10th, 2017 with Judy Austin

PST Time – 12:00 pm, noon
Title of Call – Staying in rest in the Ebbs and Flows of Life

November 12th, 2017 with Lori Mateer

PST Time – 12:00 pm, noon
Title of Call – Bringing WHO you intrinsically are into Worship Ebb

November 15th, 2017 with Linda Smallbones

PST Time – 5:00 am PT
Title of Call – Expansion and Rest

November 18th, 2017 with Steve Mateer

PST Time - 12:00 pm, noon
Title of Call – Explore Level 2, Module 3

November 27th, 2017 with Linda Smallbones

PST Time – 7:00 am PT
Title of Call – Creative record keeping

Champion Team Calls:

November 19th, 2017

with Allison Bown
PST Time – 4:00 pm
Title of Call – Chat with Allison Bown

December Calls:

December 1st, 2017

PST Time – 4:30 pm
Title of Call – Focus 3: Coming Into Alignment

December 2st, 2017

PST Time – 7:30 am
Title of Call – Focus 3: Coming Into Alignment



Karleigh Wood
Director of Intel

2018 Intel Preview

*Key Territories are found on the website.
Resources/Training Journals 15 & 16*

I am excited to announce that Intel will be opening up to the entire community in 2018! Yahoooooo!

As a prophetic community of intercessors, Intel is a foundational ground we train on. It so wonderfully promotes an elevated lifestyle and allows us to utilize the great tools we have learned to take internal ground and external ground for the Kingdom of God. It expands our heart and gift. Increases our sensitivity to His voice. Develops intimacy with God. Exposes us to His language of promise and provision. As well as expanding our understanding of who He is and how He desires to do things. It is an overflow of our abiding place and worship we so relish to be in with Him.

This also means Intel Development Training (IDT) will be offered in the spring and fall for anyone who is interested in developing further.

More specific information related to the process and Intel Development Training (IDT) will follow in 2018.

As Graham is in the process of reinventing himself, so is TWC. Graham will still be doing a few events but has increased his focus on reinventing Brilliant TV and stepping into his apostolic and advisory roles.

What does this mean for TWC?

We get the opportunity to upgrade and expand along with him. Yippeeee!

Much is still to be discovered and we are continuing to collaborate with Brilliant as we both explore the two great questions at Pentecost: What does this mean? and What should I do?

Thank you all for your heart for intercession and growing with us into new expanded areas!

With joy, excitement and appreciation,
Karleigh Wood



Denise Siemens:

"We are happy to welcome back our good friend, Graham Cooke. The Lord has given him a message of hope and refreshing, something that is so needed in the days in which we live. Graham is feeling better and stronger, and he's happy to be with us again."

Graham will be in Minnesota on November 17-19 at the Hope that Refreshes conference. Below is the crafted prayer. Enjoy!

We rejoice that the Arise community is becoming confidently expectant of Who you are, and who they are with You.

Vague hope is being exchanged for powerful anticipation.

Conformity for acceptance is exchanged for freedom in knowing they are the Beloved of God.

Insecurity and uncertainty can become an adversary that they will see no more forever. Empower them with Your joy as they cross over once and for all.

Your true nature of Freedom strengthens them to rise, shake off old limitations and run with strength and joyful endurance.

The Velocity of the future is accelerated far beyond the pace of the past. New promises and opportunities of creativity and ingenuity will align them with their next level of destiny.

This gathering marks an end of a good season and launches a new time of Kingdom greatness to inhabit.

We bless Graham with fresh creativity in communication, ease of travel, rest and breath.

Higher levels of wisdom that captivate people with Your Truth. Thank you that as he prepares Your way, You prepare Him.

Is. 60:4 Arise, shine for your time/light has come.

Song of Solomon 2:13



Erin Shepherd-Ham
New Member Coach

Journey of a Lifetime

Adventure Days With God

I was drawn into TWC by a desire to dive deeper into the unknown of what Papa had for me, and a deep sense of longing for a like community. What I love about TWC it is a safe place to explore, go deeper, learn a new Kingdom language that resonates with my heart, and find a place of Kingdom belonging in togetherness and purpose here on earth and beyond.

My passion is ignited when I get to interface with new members – fresh, open, seeking, and on an incredible trajectory launching far into the before unknown! What a joy it is to be a part of the New Member Calls, as we prepare that foundation for the incredible journey that is before us. As a new member, I remember being a bit overwhelmed, trying to get my bearings, yet so excited and encouraged as I discovered like-minded and like-hearted fellow journeyers with me.

On our New Member Call, October 7th, we explored key foundational questions:

- What are your strengths coming into TWC?
- What are some of your challenges? And how do you plan to overcome?
- How do you plan to upgrade your worship for your new level of training?
- Who does God want to be for you now, at the beginning of TWC that He couldn't be before?

During the call a common theme was the *amazing strengths* that Papa has provided for our New Members. The sense from all the New Members was that they brought an incredible sense of teachability, openness, curiousness, and giftedness that was palpable.

The challenges faced were not uncommon amongst the team either. Time and energy were prevalent themes as we shared pieces of our journey. I love what Graham said about our time and commitment. It's not about giving 100% of our time, it's about giving 100% of the time that we have committed to our journey.

**Whether I have 5 hours a week versus 1 hour a week, it is what I do with that time that is key.
No guilt. No performance. Just committed time with Papa!**

My takeaway from the call...a truly fresh infusion of excitement and expectation, this is a journey of a lifetime!

- Erin



Judy Austin
Warrior Team Coach

“Warrior Team is a group of warriors, pioneers and explorers who continue to strengthen their training and community through a focused, self-paced training. We climb to new altitudes, acclimate and passionately pursue our growth through all training levels and modules. We are team coached and given opportunities for training and idea exchanges through conversational calls, specialty training, and an increasing variety of media.”

Identity Training Call

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10

I hosted a training call on September 8th and the topic was Identity. Your identity is a key component of that “workmanship” of God that is uniquely you, and the “good works.”

God has prepared for you to walk in also spring from that place of identity.

Those on the call were primed, ready to share, and took off with the subject! They came with excitement and each brought their fabulous atmosphere with them! Several stepped out in some vulnerability with questions they had about their identity. Here is an example:

“My identity statements are scriptural statements. They are all affirmations and they’re truths about me like ‘I am beautiful; I am loved.’ They are true for everybody, so what was unique about me?” A little later in our conversation, she wanted to encourage someone else who had just shared that she is an encourager. This lady went on to say, “I’m an encourager too and when I looked up the word encourager in the Greek, it’s the same word as the Holy Spirit’s job description, *paracletos*, meaning ‘one who is called near.’” Another person chimed in to say, “That’s such an important gift, absolutely vital, so thank you for sharing that.”

Most had at least one identity statement and several others discovered one in the course of our conversation. Here are some identity statements of those on the call:

“I am a game changer who dares to step out while others hold back.”

“I am a woman who is being transformed by the renewing of her mind.”

“I am a bondage breaker who declares wisdom, proclaims God’s wisdom and His delight to people.”

“I am a garden.” (Someone encouraged her to ask God what kind of a garden: a vegetable garden, flower or herb/spice garden, etc.)

If you’re feeling challenged about writing an identity statement, you can start with “I am a...who...” If you ask, God will give you ideas for your personal descriptor as shown above. So, what is God speaking to you about your identity? He is very excited about you discovering more of who He created you to be.



Lecia Retter
Champions Team Coach

“Champions Team is a company of warriors who have decided to run harder, go faster, climb higher and endure longer through a group mentoring process. Momentum is key in everything we do! Available through application after completion of Level 1, we build community through team and training calls, Facebook conversations and pouring back into the TWC community in various ways. We are discovering many upgrades to add to our walk.

Manifesting Your Spirit: Brokenness and Love

When I initially joined TWC, I thought I could never admit to any brokenness in my life. I shoved anything that might remotely be thought of as negative into a box and sealed the lid tightly shut. I had not yet learned the joy of looking at all of life through the lens of a majestic relationship with Jesus and gleaned the most from every situation.

During a training call on Manifesting Your Spirit: Brokenness and Love, a group of champions explored the parallels between the process toward brokenness and a growing identity. Graham addresses this process in [Towards a Powerful Inner Life](#), from pages 33-34.

“Brokenness occurs gradually... it’s a process...When God breaks us, He breaks us wide open. In that shattered mirror, we see who we are supposed to be.”

On our call we looked at the parallel upgrades in Joseph’s identity and some of his difficult moments. His initial dreams shouted leadership and led to a pit. Can you imagine Joseph’s questions when his brothers sold him to slavery? How do you lead from the bottom of a pit?

After he rises to leadership in Potiphar’s home, his identity is figuratively torn off when he flees Potiphar’s wife’s advances, leaving his robe in her hands. In his prison leadership position his identity as Dreamer upgrades to Dream Interpreter. However, his “get out of jail free” card is ripped in half when those whose dreams he interpreted do not remember him to Pharaoh. He then interprets Pharaoh’s dream, an identity upgrade to Prophetic Dream Revealer, and he again rises in leadership.

This time the crisis opportunity arrives with his brothers. His response, full of empathy and forgiveness, leads us to believe he has experienced brokenness and is walking in a fuller measure of his identity.

The question we dialogued about was, “How has your identity been shaped by brokenness?”

Each response was authentic, vulnerable, beautiful, and profound. We shared our own parallel stories of identity upgrade and pain, recognizing how Jesus remarkably shaped us in spite of being deeply, unbelievably betrayed by those we love. Because of our training, we shared stories of forgiveness, fresh perspective, and identity upgrades. Embracing each other as family, we shared our warrior stories and victories, and uncovered the truth that we have all been broken wide open as we climb the spiral staircase of identity. Our hearts were knit together, our identities affirmed and we were all in awe of the goodness of the Lord.

Take a moment to look back at your life. How have crisis points in your life actually led to identity upgrades?

Website Feature of the Month

“Warriors Are” Declarations



WHO WE ARE!

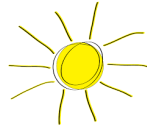
In the midst of our training and day to day lives, it is easy to lose sight of what the foundations of The Warrior Class are. After moving through the New Member process, we often forget to reacquaint ourselves with who we are as a community or even what a warrior is about...We have the “Warriors Are” Declarations on the website as a quick reference point under our resources section. Take some time, read through them.

Some of the Warriors Are Declarations include:

- Warriors love the fight! Warriors look for the fight.
- Warriors are fascinated by God’s majesty, sovereignty, and beauty.
- Warriors are people who confidently make choices about where to focus their internal attention.
- Warriors live from the inside out.
- Warriors move from the inner man of the spirit through the outer man of the soul.
- Warriors live from a state of untroubled calm and rest.
- Warriors are totally reliant on the Lord.
- Warriors are dependent on the Holy Spirit.
- Warriors are interdependent on others around them.

Look over the list on the website, pick one and consider:

- How is your Warrior Nature is rising up into that declaration?
- What has God placed within you to see this declaration as a part of your life?
- What is God opening up for you in this next season so you will establish this declaration as a part of your Warrior Nature in a greater way?



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT:



Nette Rose Yamada
Warrior Team Member

About you:

It is always interesting being asked to share about myself. Frequently, I learn something new in the process. Just as God is multifaceted and dynamic, so am I, being created in His image. I enjoy sitting in His presence and asking what qualities He wants to highlight now. Often, God will use a diamond to reveal new levels of revelation into my persona. Like all diamonds, I have many facets of brilliance and often it is the flaw that reveals the true beauty of a diamond. It's when the "son" reflects His light the radiance of the diamond is revealed. As I ask the Lord to shine on me now, I sense His smile over my daughter-ship.

Even though I am a mother of 5, a wife, a prophet, an intercessor, outdoor enthusiast, mountain mama, avid reader, worshiper and so much more, I could expand at length on any one of these aspects about myself. Yet, my absolute favorite position to take before the Lord is that of a much-loved daughter. Studying with Graham's teachings for the past 8 years and being in TWC for the past 5 has launched me deeper into this position than I ever thought possible. I found my people.

Becoming the Beloved:

I think I may hold the record for being in level one for the longest period of time. I say this without a hint of shame or sarcasm. For me, it took that long. It was not the books, prophetic soaking, crafting prayers or reflecting on the messages that took me so long; it's just what was needed for it all to travel from my head to my heart. I have always known that coming into the full revelation of how truly loved I am, would not just be a game-changer but the game changer. I knew as I learned to become a wide receiver of His love that I would start to see God, myself, and circumstances differently, and I have! What I had not realized is how it would change the way I see others. As I continually engage in the process of becoming the beloved, I have found that judgment no longer has a place in me. I am rich in grace and mercy flows through me. Because I have been forgiven so much, I can easily extend grace. When I'm confronted with insecurities and religious spirits in others or in myself, I no longer give myself permission to disqualify people or myself based on what we are not; I simply see a beautiful process. This process is when the light of God shines on our "flaws" and engages us in receiving our next biggest upgrade. A wonderful side effect of choosing mercy over judgment is that I no longer fear being judged. It's wonderfully freeing!

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What part of God's nature are you discovering?

I am discovering God's nature of freedom. One of the many Graham quotes I use is "permission granted". Adding this phrase into my daily language has opened up dialogue between the Lord and myself. It has brought freedom in so many areas!

When I say to myself, permission granted to make a mistake, I am waging war on performance and perfectionism. When I say, Nette, you have permission to do things differently than others, I am combating fear of man and people pleasing. Discovering the nature of God's freedom has challenged me to trade in control of others and myself for God's perfect love that casts out all fear.

I have always loved the quote from Nelson Mandela that says, "For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others."

Although I have read this many times, it has just recently become something I not only agree with, but a part of who I am in the nature of God's freedom.



Identity Statements

I AM AND AM BECOMING...

I am a 100-fold receiver of the love and favor of God, actively invested in the currency and flow of heaven.

I am a genius in the ways of the kingdom, learning quickly and moving forward at an accelerated pace.

I am a mother who revels in the moment, embracing each encounter as an opportunity to encourage, love and demonstrate the character of Jesus.

I am a magnanimous woman, generous in forgiving, revealing generosity and nobility of mind and character.

In what ways are your thoughts and language being upgraded in TWC?

The language of TWC has been foundational in the process of renewing my mind. As I mentioned before, permission granted has been a vital key for me in receiving freedom. Another Graham quote that I rely on almost daily is, "Just because it's true doesn't make it truth". This alone has allowed me to grow in grace and walk in the ability to see God's reality of who I am despite what is happening in and around me.

One aspect of the TWC culture that amazes me is the utilization of brilliant questions.

Using questions as a tool when engaging others, upgrades a conversation from giving advice or transferring information to launching them into an adventure of self-discovery with Holy Spirit. This is a major aspect of TWC I desire to grow in.

