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Determination to stay hungry for God is a recurring choice. It's a decision we each face along the way and will make more times than we care to count. But how do we fan the flames of passionate intentionality and fuel the fire of our joyful determination in the Lord?

Personally, I've faced this choice with each upgrade and significant life challenge. Is there a cost to live this way? Yes. But, over time, I have come to realize the importance passion plays in intentionality and remaining in a place of joy in my life.

I have a passion to see the Church rise into a deeper relationship with God and stronger confidence in identity. It's been a call on my life and is one I have embraced fully. But, it has also required me to choose the more challenging road.

Intentionality comes with passion.

- Passion and the fire it represents must be refueled.
- The flames of passion fire intentionality and create determination to let our yes be yes.
- Intentionality means the cost is counted, options are weighed and the choice is made to embrace joy as our strength in the Lord no matter the situation.
- Our fires grow, our hunger for God increases and we determine to be more steadfast in Him.

Psalm 28:7 captures this mindset well: "The Lord is my strength and shield. I trust Him with all my heart. He helps me, and my heart is filled with joy. I burst out in songs of thanksgiving."

Not many years ago, I was strongly encouraged by my leadership to start and develop a new area of ministry. It was not something I sought out and to say I was a reluctant leader would put it mildly. Yet, the Lord encouraged me to embrace it. In the process, I understood the Lord wanted me to help a group develop through leadership mentoring and then shift them all into something else in 9 months.

As I passionately poured into the development of that ministry and those women, I had no idea what my yes would entail. Even though leadership supported my placement, about 8 months in, one of those leaders accused me of building my "own kingdom" among other things that were not true. I was faced with a choice.

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Would I allow the misperceptions of another to undermine my determination, joy, passion or hunger for the Lord? Would I allow the situation to lessen my passion for the Church, pour water over my flames of intentionality and steal my joy?

The Kingdom outcome was this: A new women's minister stepped in at the 9 month mark and found a team of ladies ready to help her launch women's ministry for the church. Those ladies were ready because they accessed mentoring and training that enabled them to grow in their relationship with God and their own confidence as leaders. I grew in trusting God and His sovereignty and goodness.

As passionate Kingdom influencers, we will face many obstacles. People, traditions, comfort with status quo and inertia will try to douse the flames of our passion. Fear of the unknown, desire to please or perform or being burned in the past could halt us in our tracks. Joy could be stolen or killed and we could throw our hands up in the air in defeat. Or...

We could allow our determination to fan the flame of hunger for more of God through our joy and intentionality.

What if...God allows the misperceptions of others because He values more who we can become by walking through the trial than preserving who we are in it? It's training for the battle.

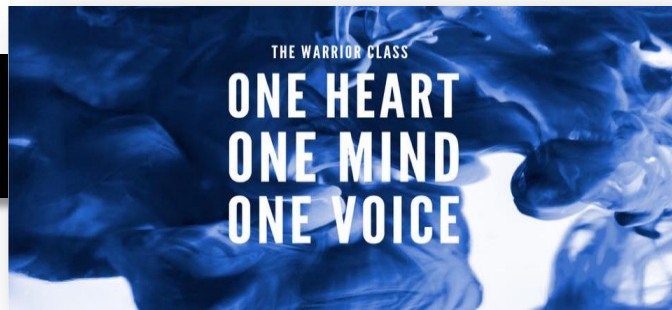
Over the years in TWC, I've heard story after story where passion caused a warrior to be questioned or misunderstood. Those circumstances created a choice and, through our training, we learn the value of perseverance. But, our Warrior Class training also opens us up to a different view of Kingdom. We hold fast to the warrior we are and are becoming. By intentionally focusing on the joy of developing our relationship with God, we learn to fuel the fire of our passionate intentionality and fan the flames of joyful determination.

- Christine



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TWC – Wide Facebook “LIVE” Prayer Invitation

CONNECTING AS ONE

On June 30th at 9 PDT, we will come together as ONE voice. In April we agreed we all sensed the desire to gather Intel for TWC. We began the process and received incredible prophetic information that we are turning into a Crafted Prayer.

WHAT IF?

Then we wondered...What if we could all come together with ONE heart, ONE mind and ONE voice to pray this prayer together? We decided to use Facebook Live because we knew all could have access to it and we could see your texts, so all could be heard!

PARTNERING TOGETHER

If you live close enough to other warriors, consider connecting together as you pray with us. You can access Facebook Live and join with all of us, then spend time on either side of the feed to connect.

If not, no worries! You can easily connect with us and post your comments on the feed or even connect with a Warrior Buddy to pray together over the phone or Skype, etc.

We will be connected, praying the Crafted Prayer and setting the stakes in the ground. As we partner with the momentum of heaven, unified together, we will tap into the heart of God for His desires for TWC! It's just the beginning of the journey and we have so much open to explore.



Karleigh Wood
Director of Intel

We are offering Intel Development Training!

Visit our FB page for videos “Intel Basics & The Process of Intel.”

This year our entire community has started participating in providing Intel for various prayer focuses. I am so excited for all the growth opportunities embedded within it!

If you are wondering, ‘What is Intel?’ Simply put, Intel is hearing God’s heart for another, capturing it and putting language to it. It is a comprehensive opportunity to hone hearing from God, your prophetic gift, further utilize your training in TWC to grow, increase in intimacy and grow in who God is and how He works.

If you have a desire to learn more about Intel within TWC and have completed module 1 of Level 2, I have good news.....We are offering Intel Development Training (aka IDT) this fall!

For those who don’t know much about it, Intel Development Training offers you a hands-on opportunity through various exercises that build upon one another. The gains produced impact you and our community. It provides practical steps to utilize for yourself personally, within our community as well as outside our community. Given the time and attention of this module, I recommend you pause any other training you might be working on or try to complete it before this one begins.

Space is limited due to the volume of submissions and trying to keep the number of participants on the calls small enough to generate a good dialogue. Please know that any who apply that are not a part of the 2018 Fall IDT will be automatically added to the waitlist and you will be given preference for our next training date.

Applications for all those who have completed module 1 of Level 2 training will be sent in mid-August to be returned by the beginning of September. The training will start on September 17th and run through the end of October.

- Karleigh

Nuances of God's Voice

Karleigh Wood, Director of Intel

"Prayer is about finding out what God wants to do and then asking Him to do it."

Learning to hear the voice of God is one of those areas we grow in God. It can provide challenges at times and incredible joy. It is nice to have times when His voice is loud and clear. But, just like Elijah discovered, His voice is often still and quiet. Learning the many nuances of His voice comes in time. It can also come in many forms.....the word amplified, dreams, visions, through a friend, song lyrics, movie, peace and so forth. As we grow and mature, He likes to expand the variety of ways He speaks, so we become even more in-sync no matter the circumstance. Most of us do not doubt that God speaks, but we sometimes doubt in our ability to hear Him. Learning to overcome this mindset is part of our Intel journey.

Intel is the tool that sharpens the sword of our listening skills.

As we continue to place ourselves in a position of hearing His voice for others, we open our hearts for something beyond ourselves. Initially, it can feel like a stretch. It is like a baby learning to walk. As we continue to take a step into this place of listening and then, recording what we understand, our hearing sharpens and our confidence grows.

We begin to understand more and more details. We learn what initially came in one word is an invitation to ask more questions and expand on the information we are hearing. What came as a vision is something to start with, dissect and expand with God. As we grow, we gain more trust in recognizing the voice of God and conveying it. We learn to recognize the nuances that come through His conversations with us. The undertones of peace, joy, delight, strength, excitement, etc.

Intel is a vehicle for practicing our conversation skills. But, those skills are not limited to Intel alone. What we learn in that place of stretching and growth opens our hearts to hear the nuances of His voice in all areas of our lives. We become more strongly connected and versatile in our relationship.

Below are some quotes from past Intel Development Trainings about sharpening our listening skills.

"In the dream module, I did not get anything. I had a few thoughts I shared and [I realized] sometimes we are learning to hear God in a new way, and when it seems we have nothing, it's just in a different form than what we are used to."

-Deanne Cline

"I'm taking away a sense of awe. I know I have read how we each get a piece of the puzzle, but....I just didn't get it. No piece is too small. No whisper is unimportant. If God is speaking, I want to hear every nuance of His beautiful voice. That perspective will change every aspect of my life."

-Lisa Smidt



Teresa Morrison
Director of Operations and New Members

Welcoming New Members

“What you invest in your experience has the potential to yield accelerated outcomes.”

While our last few calls have been small personal one-on-ones, they have been mighty! Each month, during our Introductory New Member Call, I have the opportunity to explore territory with new members.

The questions discussed in our Introductory New Member Calls are:

- 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?

I want to share my takeaways from our New Member Calls, as they have been so wonderful! I believe as a New Member Coach I am inspired as I connect with new members, their insights, and see the opportunity for them to grow.

The calls leave me refreshed and infused with excitement for their journey. I remember my beginning in TWC vividly. I was excited, yet overwhelmed with all of the information, and I desired to “keep up.” I was HUNGRY!!! I gorged on all the reading, journals, and conferences that I could. It was a rich abundance of information that I had been seeking. The growth I experienced was off the charts. Because of my experience and wanting to share with others, I am delighted to partner with new members as they begin their journey in TWC. Each experience is unique.

What you invest in your experience has the potential to yield accelerated outcomes.

After facilitating each call, I am amazed at the caliber of new members entering in! They are on fire! I want to thank each of them for sharing their fire; it is contagious and beautiful.

Here are some key points below that highlight our recent New Member calls:

- There is a real hunger
- There is strength in their willingness to listen and learn
- Their focus is spot on – centered on Christ
- There are new defining God moments for each one. He is faithful!!

I find during our calls that there is an affirmation for each of our journeys and as we launch into the accelerated growth that TWC provides.

I am thankful for the opportunity to participate in your journey.

Blessings,
Erin



Sharon Rudolph
Warrior Team Lead Coach

Level 2: The Next Construction Phase

I love how Jesus teaches us! I adore how He knows each one of us and what we need to get to where He knows we will have the most Joy, the most precious abundant life.

For me,

Level 1 resulted in a wonderfully strong foundation on the truth of Who God is and Who I am in the Kingdom.

Level 2, a very deep and rich part of my journey into more of that abundant life this past year, has been the next phase of what God is building into me.

So in light of my experience, I held a call on May 5th to help TWC members in their decision making process when moving out beyond Level 1. Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the call for helping each of us see more clearly what God wants to do and can do through Level 2, no matter which module you step into.

What struck me most about the call was the “passions and hearts” of those on the call to dig deep into their relationships with God.

That had been my experience as well. Each module provides wonderful structure to facilitate going deeper with God, gaining ground, and refining identity. New practices in delight are created as the self-paced training weaves into life, family, and ministry dynamics. But Level 2 isn't just about us; it's about multiplying who we are and giving that away.

This Level 2 training in the Language and Principles of the Kingdom of God builds into us, on our identity, so that as we interact with this world, we are more mature and more in alignment with that Kingdom sharing and giving away from a New Testament prophetic voice and through New Testament prophetic intercession.

I love the impact in the world around me of prophetic intercession. I love the confidence that has been developed in me through my Level 2 training so far. And, I love that each of you gets to explore and enjoy this territory as well!

- Sharon



Lecia Retter
Champions Team Coach

The Gift That Keeps On Giving!

You can trace the first commercial use of the phrase "the gift that keeps on giving" to a Victor Radio ad in the 1920's. "You will find them beautiful, compact, and soundly built... You will recognize them as the gift that keeps on giving...a royal gift...at a very low price!"

I would describe our Champions Training as "the gift that keeps on giving...a royal gift...at a very low price!" There is a price. Personally, that price included being willing to engage with questions that took me to a higher level of thinking, allowed many insecurities to bubble to the surface, and involved putting one foot in front of the other with the same dogged determination that a person involved in a severe accident might do in the beginning stages of physical therapy.

After a year, I am no longer afraid to step into new situations because I've learned what it means to have nothing to lose and everything to gain....a royal gift!

Another team member's price involved moving from debilitating doubt to a strong faith. She purposefully "enrolled" herself in an internal graduate level program of learning to pray. The transformation is incredible and has been so brilliant to watch. She recently spoke of moving from a position of pleading with God in prayer to standing on the word of God and his promises as a sheep shearer would stand on a sheep wool stack, stomping down the wool. The price? Giving up the familiar. Now, with a solid knowledge of her position in prayer and a strengthened identity, even her voice sounds different....a royal gift!

A "price" I'm confident each of us experienced was apprehension at being misunderstood. Although we all "speak TWC," that's not always our first language, and there is a risk involved in not using it to describe our personal experience. We learned to translate for each other, and all of us are richer for it. ...a royal gift!

All training has a "price." Ours includes royal gifts. I wonder what gift is on offer now?

- Lecia

Website Feature of the Month

Intercession Archive

Have you ever read through our archives under the resources tab? It is a treasure trove of our journey and story. We have so much we have captured along the way. With the acceleration we have always experienced, the articles and journals are one way we captured the treasure along the way.

Let's take a look at the Intercession Archive. It holds the progression of how our Intel has formed, sifted and developed. The articles were written as we identified certain areas of training needed. They also hold value for those who are newer to our community and are still trying to get an understanding of what this "Intel Stuff" is all about!

The articles under 2014 hold many keys for the beginning stages of what Intel became. The information we learned as we sought ways to capture large volumes of information helped us learn how to consolidate and process. It took us to a new level of understanding of just what is possible with our intercession as we trained and developed.

This archive holds tools and suggestions made through out the different years that highlight tips and support. In addition, there are articles such as "What To Do When The Spigot Stops Flowing" that address those times when we pray and God chooses not to answer us in our typical flow. For example, what if a seer can't see, but gets to write? Or what if God gives you a song instead of a Bible verse?

Are you interested in having a visual to describe our TWC intercession to someone outside of our community? Check out the article from February 2016, "The Changing Face of Intercession." The intercessor image is still true today and it's something we get to reframe in our communities.

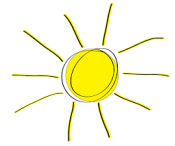
Most of the articles are only a few paragraphs and offer great questions of exploration for you to consider. Check it out!

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Wendy Jitta

Warrior Team Member



About me:

I am from the lovely Caribbean island of Trinidad and Tobago. I love worshipping God and delighting in His presence. Papa, Jesus and our precious Holy Spirit mean everything to me. I have been through many trials in life and God has never failed me. He helped me through them all and He is continuing to help me along the pathway of life's journey. He is my strength and my song, He is my fortress and my strong tower.

About 2 years ago, I was listening to Graham on a YouTube video where he was speaking about his book, *Prophetic Wisdom*. I ordered it and inside the package was an invitation to join the Warrior Class. After praying about it for a while, I decided to join. I have been a member since January of 2017. It has been such a wonderful experience and it has helped me to become much closer to God.

My thoughts on Becoming the Beloved:

One of my favorite Graham quotes is, "He loves you because He loves you because He loves you because He loves you...." There is so much love that Papa God has for us! It is amazing and refreshing to just be bathed and clothed in His relentless, all-consuming love. For the first time in my life, I have learned what it is to completely rest in God's love for me. His love is pure and does not condemn me in any way. His love overwhelms me, and I'm lost in His beauty and Majesty.

What part of God's Nature are you discovering?

I am discovering God to be my Provider and Protector. I know that my God shall supply all my needs, according to His riches in glory.

I'm discovering how powerful God is, He is able to do the impossible. There are no problems with God, only possibilities!

I'm also discovering the fun-loving nature of God, he loves to have fun with His children. Sometimes my husband and I are rolling with laughter about some hilarious situation that Papa made apparent to us.

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My Identity Statements:



~ I am a woman of peace, I have a warm and calming spirit.

~ I am a joyful worshipper. I enjoy being in God's presence, I love to praise Him in speech, song and dance.

~ I am a prophetic intercessor. Papa God pours beautiful words from His heart, out of my mouth to His children.

~ I am an organizer and a balancer of life. I love to put things in order and find a balance in situations.

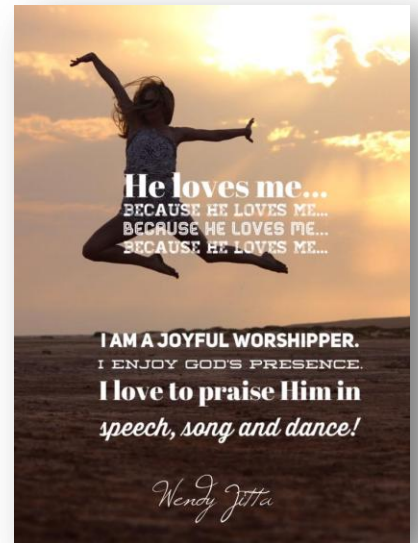
~ I am a romantic at heart. I am a lover of the arts and the beauty of nature.

~ I am of Royal Blood and of a Royal Priesthood.

~ I am a precious jewel to my beloved Father.

~ I am a liberator/counselor of battered and abused women. I am able to offer support and comfort to them having been through these situations personally.

~ I am the guardian princess eagle that surrounds and protects all of my loved ones under my majestically comforting wings.



Wendy began TWC in Oct. 2016,

As she began to spread her wings, she stepped into her truest identity!!

