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Light and Sound

By Christine Casten
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The last stages of the famous battle in Gideon's story reveal a small group of warriors, unafraid and vigilant for what the Lord wants to reveal. They stand, on top of a surrounding ridge, with trumpet and torch-filled vase in hand. They are ready for the battle ahead.

Have you ever considered the thoughts that must have gone through their heads as they came together at the beginning of that journey? What do you think they considered when Gideon stood before the larger group and asked who was afraid?

What thoughts might they have taken captive in those moments as more than half the army walked away?

- Was it an unwavering faith in God that caused them to stay?
- Was it a memory of the stories of their forefathers' wilderness journey as God produced miracle after miracle?
- What if, they just had faith that God was up to something they didn't want to miss?

What about a short time later when Gideon watched them drink, then sent home the ones whose eyes were down, focused on what was in front of them, rather than lapping water? 9700 more walked away. Yet, those 300 stayed. It was this small army who were looking ahead, ready for what was to come. They would not be caught unaware. They would not waver.

They would stand and see the mighty hand of the Lord.

The night, quiet. The air, still. The large army below sleeps without any expectation of the surprise that waits for them. Three groups of 100 stand and hold fast to the Lord's plan. 300 join together in a suddenly of light and sound. Trumpets blow and torches rise. What a sight!

Confusion reigns in the enemy camp. The enemy army turns on itself, doing most of the work for their own defeat. Then, those that survive hightail it out of there! Gideon defeats the enemy with a group of warriors who were ready to stand, trumpet and light the way.

In The Warrior Class, we have identified with the Gideon story in Judges 6-7 for a while now. Over past weeks, God has shared we are at the light and sound part of this story.

We hold a sound that is unique to who we are. It is ready to be trumpeted throughout the land. We are vigilant. We are standing. We are ready to see the hand of the Lord move in the land of the living.

**We have entered a new season
and it has begun.**



Approaching the Heart of Prophecy: We are a Light and a Sound

by Linda Smallbones

I have a friend who is a Music Therapist, she thinks in sounds. She picks up the rhythm, the resonance, the meter, the lilt of a person as they speak, or walk, or even breath. She doesn't have to concentrate to do this, it is simply part of who she is. Hearing and processing in sound is as natural as breathing to her.

Sound has a life and persona of its own. Stop and listen. Now take a deep breath and *really* listen. What do you hear around you right now? As you listen, what emotions do the sounds you tune into evoke in you? Is there a rhythm that you detect in what you hear? If you were to draw it, what would it look like?

Sound has life and meaning. God Himself is a certain sound. Throughout the Bible He spoke to communicate His heart. His sound could be heard in whispers, in storms, in violent clashes with nature, in songs sung over His people in deep love. He has not changed. I have. I used to think that God's voice over me was resigned to my failures, or even fed up. Now I know that His voice over me is deeply

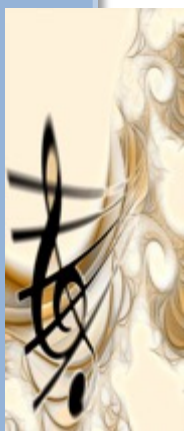
tender, ever-patient, full of kindness and goodness and bursting with Love and delight! He said of Himself in Exodus: Lord the Lord, Gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness...

When you stop and imagine how He would say that to *you* today, what would you imagine His voice to sound like?

TWC is a prophetically-inspired community, we run after the heart of God with passion and delight, experiencing breakthrough for ourselves and for others. Our sound should be a generous and outstanding echo of the Father's. One day, prophecy will cease, but Love will remain.

Warriors live to listen for the sound of the Father's heart and to breath and move to His rhythms, His chuckles, His breathing, His whispers, His voice.

His voice is powerful, His voice is Majestic, His voice is so, so close. Can you feel His breath on your cheek?





Below are some questions and/or quotes to spark our thoughts and conversations on Facebook. We will post them on FB over the next few weeks. Consider one or all of them...then post your thoughts on our Facebook page as each post comes up. We have seen some amazing treasure shared through these conversations.

What sound did you make as you read the Gideon story? What did that sound represent?

What praise will pour out of your lips as you think about this story?

Did you think of a song, verse, picture you can share on this page?

What will delight might look like as God moves and we stand proclaiming a light and sound that surprises the enemy into confusion and defeat?

In Linda's article she talks about sensitivity to sound...As you listen, what emotions do the sounds you tune into evoke in you?

Is there a rhythm that you detect in what you hear? If you were to draw it, what would it look like? (take/find a pic and share)

When you stop and imagine how God would say (something) to *you* today, what would you imagine His voice to sound like?

How is your sound a generous and outstanding echo of the Father's voice?

How does our light and sound relate to our current identity?

Which value or principle most resonates with your heart right now? Which action are you practicing and how are you living it out?

What is God revealing to you about His light in your life?

What is God revealing about how your light shines and destroys the darkness?

How does the sound you make shake the earth and route the enemy?

Which passage in the Training Highlight spoke to you the most?

What did God reveal to you about His light in your life?

What is God revealing about how your light shines and/or destroys the darkness?

How does the sound you make shake the earth and route the enemy? What does this mean to you in this season?

Who has been an influencer for your development? How did God partner with them for your good?

How might God want you to be a co-worker/influencer with Him?



Sharon Rudolph
Director of Training



God Causes Growth

Paul wrote:

1 Corinthians 3:6-9

"6 I was the one who planted the church and Apollos came and cared for it, but it was God who caused it to grow. 7 This means the one who plants is not anybody special, nor the one who waters, for God is the one who brings the supernatural growth. 8 Now, the one who plants and the one who waters are equally important and on the same team, but each will be rewarded for his own work. 9 We are coworkers with God and you are God's cultivated garden, the house he is building." (TPI)

These verses put the focus of our development on God. He's the One Who created us, He's the One Who knows what the result from our growth can be.

He knows who we need and what we need where and when to help us in our growth. He sees to it that what is necessary is there for the best outcome in our lives. \

He creates possibility and opportunity for each person to be and become their best wholehearted self, reflecting the Jesus within.

You have Father God's intimate presence, Holy Spirit's power, and Jesus' kind authority. In TWC we add to these our training and process. All of these are part of God's growth plan. In TWC we also have a beautiful group of fellow co-workers, our tribe of fellow influencers.

A city on a hill, a light in the darkness, and co-worker, these have an influence on whoever is touched by them and all refer to who we are as believers.

Each time you participate in anything TWC you are an influence on the atmosphere, partnering with God for the growth and development of another.

Holy Spirit takes what we offer and applies it where needed! What a delight! What a joy! Whether you are giving or receiving.

Who has been an influencer for your development? How did God partner with them for your good?

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TWC Training

The focus we have on light and sound is something we can all embrace. Below are a few passages and verses that highlight light and sound in the Bible. Although the Bible contains many verses about light and sound, these are scriptures many of our Frontline articles cover.

As you read resources, sing words to songs or hear any spoken message, it is valuable to see how it relates to biblical teaching. The teaching should support scripture, as God will never be contrary to His word.

The more we seek out scripture and intentionally make it a part of our lives, the less likely we are to move away from our biblical foundations. As Warriors, we seek to stand in the unshakable foundation of His word and direction.

In Deuteronomy 6:6-9, the Bible talks about binding the words God speaks to our hands, eyes and doorposts. Although some in the culture literally bound scripture to these areas, we recognize the value of having the word of God before us at all times. It should influence how we see, speak, act, react, and live. In TWC, we are seeking to know the heart of God both directly through relationship with Him and through the Love Letter (the Bible) He created for us.

In the Bible,
God spoke the world into existence.

(Genesis 1)

The walls of Jericho: first marching, trumpets and shouts brought them down. (Joshua 6)

Gideon's army produced light and sound to see the enemy defeated. (Judges 6)

God's glory is light and sound (Ezekiel 43:2)

Sounds of chariots, horses and army (2 Kings 7:6)

Sound of wind (Acts 2:2)

Let your light shine (Matthew 5:16)

Light overcomes darkness (John 1:5)

God is light, fellowship comes through living in this light (1 John 1:5-9)

Read through these verses and passages.

- Which one seems to speak to you the most in this time?
- Write it out on a card or set it as a daily reminder on your phone.
- Pray into it. What is God revealing to you about His light in your life?
- What is God revealing about how your light shines and destroys the darkness?
- How does the sound you make shake the earth and route the enemy?





Website Feature of the Month

Values and Principles

How long has it been since you looked at the Values and Principles in TWC? This season, God is bringing out a new aspect of our identity.

How does light and sound relate to our current identity?

When you think about the future of who we are, it is good to consider our foundational values and principles. These are the building blocks God put in place. They are the healthy boundaries He created for us so we could stay purposeful and true.

We can more easily determine our yes and our no when it is based on what these values and principles say about who we are and Whose we are.

These values and principles are woven into all our training, communication, interactions, development, focus, prophetic, intel, intercession, etc.

They are what God placed in the internal structure needed to live and develop a strong Kingdom culture. They provide guard rails and basis for the Warrior Code of Honor we mature into each day.

We broke them down into four major areas.

- Our Relationship with God
- Our Relationship with each other
- Our Intercession Lifestyle
- Our Training Lifestyle

Each area is further broken down into a specific value and principle, along with a set of actions. Each action points to what a Kingdom lifestyle looks like when lived out. It includes choices and mindsets of Kingdom culture. Each one is an ideal we press into, knowing it reflects the heart and nature of God.

You can find our values and principles here: <http://www.twclass.org/resources/values-principles>. You can cut and paste this into your browser or, if you are already logged in, you can follow the link to read through the page.

Which value or principle most resonates with your heart right now?

Which action are you practicing and how are you living it out?



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Debby Schmidt

ABOUT ME: Not too long ago the “about me” part of my life made a big change. During the past 13 years I was “labeled” with a title, a position, a ministry of counseling/skills training to women and girls in the communities and region where I resided. Just this month at the leading of Holy Spirit I dissolved the 501c3 and let another take the reins, watching her step up to her future and take what she’s called into with confidence, ability, willingness and ease.

Over the years I’ve homeschooled, worked in daycare class, taught aerobics, life skills, bible studies, developed curriculum, studied years of Hebrew, so it goes without saying teaching and learning is in my blood. I love to teach and draw others into their journey, watching as their eyes light up with revelation.

I say all this because I am discovering anew what He has for me in this season. The winds have shifted, there’s been another physical move and while I am a wife of 39 years, a mother to a son and a daughter, grandmother to 2 precious little girls, Papa is redefining the season and roadway ahead. I see that He’s also fashioned me into a traveler from long ago...from way back in my hippie days when we traveled the country in a makeover van to the moving to 6 different parts of

the great USA over the years. I love the idea of change, excitement and new beginnings...MOST of the time!!

My time with TWC for the last 6 years has been one of much growth, bringing me to a place where I can look back and see how Papa has changed my mindset in many areas...but He’s not finished yet! With much anticipation and excitement stirring around in my heart, I’ve started this new path to see just where Papa is leading. I will follow with obedience and trust knowing He never leads astray....and I know it involves CHANGE!! J

BECOMING THE BELOVED: When I first bought the Becoming the Beloved CD many years ago I had no idea just how it would affect my life. Using it heavily in the ministry to lead others to the love of God it really did a number on me. Even after all these years I still listen to the various tracks on a regular basis reminding myself of His great love and affection for me. I love that “He knows everything about me”, that “He knows the chapter I’m in right now”, that “He does not see what is wrong with me but only what is missing”. I can confidently say “I have His fullest attention” and “I AM is with me”. Thank You Papa for your great love!



WHAT PART OF GOD'S NATURE ARE YOU DISCOVERING?

For the past little bit I've found myself marveling at Papa's majesty and love. I see His beauty and splendor in so many and in so many things. Sometimes it takes my breath away.

After my annual trip to Honduras w/a medical mission team, I found myself lost in thanking Him for the beauty of the mountains around us, the sunset vistas, fragrant tropical flowers, and the precious Honduran people. Now here in our fairly new home nestled up high on a ridge in the Texas Hill Country, I step out my door and there it all is, laid out before my feet in exquisite beauty...sunrise, sunsets, full moon crossing the ridge, the valley and hills spread out below. Here in Kerrville as in Honduras, Papa has brought me back to His beauty...BUT yet again...He has shown me His most precious creation, YOU and me! People are His prize and joy! And He **delights** in showing Himself in magnificent ways. It's like a surprise around every corner, wondering just what He'll reveal next. Sometimes it's something for me, sometimes for me to share with another, or even to just watch and see the goodness of God with no part of it in myself. God in all His majesty being Who He is best... Almighty God, Lover of my soul.

IDENTITY STATEMENTS

I am...

- Becoming a vanguard, moving in the most advanced position of development.
- A carrier of God's wisdom and knowledge, imparting truth and releasing freedom.
- A Kingdom Connector, building bridges and roadways, developing maps and strategies, promoting unity and strength, so others might be able to find their way more easily
- An intricately fashioned golden key in the Hands of the Master Locksmith who opens the treasure chest of wisdom, instruction, teaching, and new life to those He is wooing and preparing for Himself
- A fragrant flower of rare beauty and color, bringing a fragrance of delight to Himself and those around me.
- A farmer/seed sower - a planter of His love and kindness that encourages/enables others to blossom and bloom where they are planted.
- A change agent, a catalyst – a force that propels others forward, enabling God to burn away hurts, misconceptions, lopsided perceptions, impurities. My presence with Holy Spirit causes conversion, in myself and in those I come upon. I am riding into the situation, bringing the “heat” of God into it.





Who We Are

The Warrior Class is a global community of passionate people who train together and pray together. It's available from any location with internet access. We focus on the majesty of God to better understand and encounter our true identity in Christ. We tap into our unique training resources, coaching and community connection to rise up as Kingdom Warriors and create Crafted Prayers of Impact.

WHAT ARE THE PERKS YOU GET AS A WARRIOR IN THE WARRIOR CLASS? HERE'S A TASTE!

- We have a unique community – unlike any other!
- Connect – Transform – Re-imagine – Kingdom Life through God's Eyes!
- Process Focused Training Modules – unique to TWC and Kingdom Warrior training. Most are self-paced!
- Access to Specialty Training – (Once Foundations training is complete)
- Leadership Development – Developing and living a Kingdom culture of leadership
- Team Coaching to support you in your training.
- Dynamic Group Calls – share and hear warrior upgrades/transformation
- Training Videos and WarriorTech Support
- Access/Invites to local TWC gatherings
- 8+ years of archived resources – training articles, blogs and member highlights
- Community Facebook interaction, conversations, videos and call recordings
- Personal Feedback for each completed training
- Intercession Projects (Blueprints) – Invitation to contribute 1-3x a year
- Pray Impact Prayers – TWC wide and individually
- Contribute to blogs and member articles – voluntary
- Two Publications a month with more training, powerful questions, upcoming events, and articles from our warriors in many different roles.
- Discounts – Warrior events, resources, etc.
- Fun, excited, passionate community of Warriors seeking the more of God and the delight of seeing Him transform us into His image!
- And many more!

We encourage you to enjoy this publication of The Warrior Class. We created it with you in mind to support you on your journey with the Lord.

You are welcome to print out a copy for your personal use and share it with friends or send it to them through email.

If you refer to this publication in a group or talk, please sight the source and share a little about TWC so others can hear more about us.

Stayed tuned for more ways to connect. We are in the process of creating new social media accounts for TWC. Currently we are posting on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and will add a few more. We will post the information on how to connect soon.

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