## frontline news





March 2016 tour New Zealand/Australia Graham Cooke

As Theresa and I settled into our seats on the Air New Zealand flight from L.A. to Auckland, I had a strong sense that we were embarking on a new adventure. Not just for this tour but for a new era in the ministry. I have no clear idea as yet what that looks like so please, hold the questions!

God is seldom up front with the details, rather it's an invitation to become aware, to examine everything, to upgrade the present/future lens and to pay attention to His heartbeat. Things are changing, reforming and renewing, and we must do the same.

#### Auckland, NZ

An excellent flight, some good work done, nice food, movie and six hours sleep. Auckland can be a tricky airport; landing on an international flight, going through customs and immigration and trying to locate the domestic terminal in time to connect with the flight to Christchurch.

We were met by Trent and Sue Hodson, leaders of Liberty Church in Auckland, who very kindly came to help us navigate our way through everything. They drove us to the domestic terminal so we did not have to line up for the bus. It made everything so smooth that we had a good time for a cup of coffee (flat white in a mug), and a great chat. So thoughtful and typical of New Zealanders.

#### Christchurch

We arrived on the South Island around 11am and were picked up by another NZ pastor, John Alpe of St. Albans who took us to the hotel. Aglow had checked us in a day earlier so that we could get into our room much more quickly.

We had a balcony on our room where we could look out across the city. We could see the swathe where the earthquake had devastated the city on February 22, 2011. Ruined buildings, empty lots where buildings had collapsed in a quake that had killed 185 people.

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Member Spotlight: Debbie Darling The next day we had lunch with the Aglow National Team; a lively, fun chat about the week ahead. I do appreciate Jeanette Ward and her attention to detail. It's typical of Aglow International.

In the Leaders Advance seminar I spoke on, **"Adapting to the Prevailing Life,"** which in itself is an adaptable message enabling me to touch on a range of issues across international and domestic circumstances. It was well received and prompted some early conversations about kingdom and church, renewal, reformation, etc.

The conference, **"The Glorious Kingdom,"** was set in the lovely La Vida Centre and was very well attended.

It was delightful for me to see so many pastors and wives that I had met on recent trips come out to this event and stay for the lunch and conversation. It was good for them to meet Theresa and for her to connect powerfully with many of the women present.

There were several conferences taking place in NZ around the same March timeframe. The main concern was to give a message of faith, favor and expectation to the Christchurch community and the South Island. This was empowered hugely by the spiritual atmosphere generated in the worship. The team was very sensitive to the Holy Spirit and led the conference well in the ebb and flow from worship to praise and back again. There was a very sweet spirit in the auditorium.

I did a three part series called, **"The Gate of Heaven"** from Genesis 28:10-17 where Jacob has an encounter with God and exclaims, "surely the Lord is in this place and I did not know it. How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven."

There is a divine exchange here where the Lord gives Jacob five promises concerning inheritance, increase, blessing, presence and intention. I broke down each of these promises, taught on them and re-stated them prophetically to Christchurch and New Zealand.

In the fourth session I did not teach but gave two separate prophetic words to Christchurch as a Gateway City concerning a new move of God upon key churches acting together as a catalyst for the nation so that the true apostolic could rise up representing the Kingdom and rid the nation of a religious spirit.

#### Due GLORIOUS KINGDOM You visit the earth and water it; You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water. You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers and blessing its growth. Psalm 65:9-10 ADDE W ZCONVENTION

TWC key scripture from our prayer points were on the monitors at the Aglow conference!

Your prayers and intercession were truly valued and I believe played a very significant part to this Convention and to have communication with yourself and with The Warrior Class intercessors in this country. Thank you so much! It was fabulous having Victoria Boyd and Neil Hardisty with us, I love their description, "Beyond Wonderful." The whole occasion certainly impacted people on SO many levels. What is very exciting is that we are already seeing the fruit throughout Aglow and hearing of the impact from the various churches who attended.

- Jeanette Ward Aglow International Leader New Zealand



Jeanette Ward & Victoria Boyd The second prophecy is called, **"The Water Level is Rising"** and is primarily about the Father indulging His own heart and passion for His people. The landscape of this word is full of the intentionality, promise, favor, permission and power of Heaven falling on a location, city and region or in this case, a country and what after effects the Lord wants to create as a result.

Full of passion, longing and purpose it is a prophetic word that can be rejected but never ignored. It is designed to create the same intention in us that is evident in the heart of God. As with all scripted prophecy it leaves a weight of desire, design and aspiration in the room. Everything and everyone is silent but know they have been targeted by the goodness of God.

Of necessity the word cannot be taken in all at once.

There is a minimal response to be made in the moment. People need to be overwhelmed by some prophetic words and then spend time unpacking the intention. Prophecy that moves a nation or shapes a people group requires several years of work so that God can delineate a strategy for continuous upgrades. There are things to be taught from this word, people to be discipled, corporate strategies to be laid out and a constant obedience to be promoted. All of this falls under the heading of "Prepare the Way of the Lord." A time when people must uproot thorns of distraction, get rid of issues that no longer matter, remove hardness, the stones of fear, negativity and neglect, to till the hearts of people so that fertile ground for His Presence is the result.

We partner with prophecy from the outcome back to the first thing that must change. When we hear such a word it pushes us into a present/future mindset. We see the future and become aware of the obstacles both in and around us that would stifle our response and rob us of the energy of faith. As we begin to work with God He works from the future to the present. In this way we become excited about the upgrades and we use the promises on the landscape we live in to bring change and growth.

Heaven does not work from a problem base. The world does that! The Kingdom releases promises, which begin to act on problems turning them into possibilities so that we may change from glory (promise) into glory (possibility). It's exciting to work with a God who has already seen the end from the beginning. As we partner He creates a new lens so our vision changes. He produces a better way of thinking as our mindset is upgraded. His words become ours and our language changes form an immature negative to the vocabulary of a fully mature son/daughter.



Neil Hardisty, Theresa, Graham, Janice Stephenson and Victoria Boyd

#### AGLOW REPORT Christchurch New Zealand

What a fantastic weekend, This Conference was Aglow and Ablaze with color, fire, challenge, encouragement and of course the deep, deep love of the Father.

Mindsets and thinking were upgraded, the prophetic called people higher into their identity, and New Zealand received fresh deposits of hope, courage, and promise that will fuel a journey into destiny across the nation.

We heard lots of things for the first time, and also some content and language that we would all recognize. But everything felt "more" - More revelation, more depth, more distilled truth, more joy and delight among his words... just "more!" The two prophetic words Graham released, one for Christchurch and one for New Zealand, were filled with significant promises that we will mine for years to come. He spoke to our identity as a nation, and released great hope into our midst of how the Lord sees us and where He is leading us.

A gathering in the city square was organized for Saturday afternoon. There were two teams, an evangelistic team and a team of flag bearers for praise and worship. The collection of flags were stunning and carried the creativity and colors of the Kingdom. The Lord's promises and intentions were declared across the city.

Neil Hardisty Team Leader – Light Bearers It will be fascinating to see in New Zealand which leaders and ministries will rise up, allow themselves to be radically changed in the Kingdom way of seeing, thinking and speaking and then go on to move the nation away from a church/world perception to the passion/power of a Kingdom perspective. There is a massive difference between a church/worldly perception and a Kingdom perspective (Colossians 1:1-3)!

On Sunday I visited a local church... in a tent! It was an amazing construction. Once inside there was no sense of being in anything other than a building. A fraction of the cost, quite extraordinary. I spoke on **"Turning Passivity Into Prophecy."** Literally a way of partnering with God that effectively turns all our negatives into outcomes and catapults people into an entirely different future. Most pastors like this message because it gives them hands-on tools, keys that unlock mindsets and creates a culture for change. We had a very pleasant lunch and afternoon with Wes and Jane Campbell, the pastors of this congregation.

On Monday, we met with what was supposed to be 20 pastors for morning tea and around 100 showed up. It was an excellent morning of talking and taking questions on the new man, reformation, the true apostolic, crafted prayers and how to turn the church around. Very lively and fun! There was a good rapport with some leaders who were enquiring about the next visit.

On Tuesday, before we flew out to Australia, we conducted an event review with the Aglow NZ team. I thought everything went amazingly well. Just the usual hassles of time and timing between greeting, notices, worship, testimonies, announcement and message. Some of this would disappear if we scripted some announcements rather than rely on spontaneous combustion, or prepared video slots of maximum one minute.

#### Australia

We arrived in Melbourne on a clear, sunny day and were driven to the home of our hosts and great personal friends, Peter and Lyn McHugh, pastors of Stairway Church.

The first engagement was to launch School of Prophecy, Melbourne. Our good friends, Gary and Sarah Morgan, in relationship with Peter have started this school for the city and also to live-stream around the rural areas of Victoria State. It was exciting to be in on the very first session of this school. I spoke on, **"New Covenant Prophecy."**  Graham's ministering was at a level I haven't experienced before. Lots of things I heard for the first time, and also some content and language that we would all recognize.

One of the treasured highlights for me was being on the team that contributed to the intel on this assignment, and then getting to sit amongst it all and experience just how the Lord brought things together. The prophetic insights via the intel and the subsequent "lightning strikes" we prayed via the prayer points were literally everywhere.

The atmosphere was rich with hope and faith, with ripe and ready hearts open to receive deposits from heaven. Your prayers literally bathed this place in the majesty of Jesus. Warriors, you've been part of impacting a nation with the atmosphere of heaven!

Victoria Boyd Light Bearer Team



John the Baptist was the last of the Old Testament prophets preparing the way for Jesus, who as Emmanuel, Redeemer and Sacrificial Lamb of God was also the first in a line of New Testament prophets modeling how prophecy would sound in the context of the Gospel of the Good News of the Kingdom. Therefore, new covenant prophecy must be in line with who we are all becoming in Jesus. Tying in new covenant prophecy with our own relational upgrades in Christ is the only effective way of discipling people in the prophetic.

At the Leaders Advance day I spoke on, "**The Power of Unlearning**" as the first major key to learning properly. When we encounter a new culture, environment or truth we stand at a crossroads between what we know and have to learn.

Jesus, in coming to an Old Testament culture and custom, has to introduce the Kingdom of God and a new covenant. In the Sermon on the Mount He said five times, "You have heard it said, but now I say!" The early apostles still locked into Jewish mindsets post resurrection need to receive an upgrade in learning. What is blocking Peter's ability to hear and receive (Acts 10) is the fact that he has learned Christ but not unlearned his cultural mindset. He struggles with God until he crosses a gentile threshold and has an "aha!" moment (10:34–35). Prior to that he told them his unlearning problem (10:28). Despite a vision given three times, his unlearning was the real issue.

Paul, a great theologian, persecuted Christians believing they were heretics deserving God's judgment until he met the New Testament Christ on the Damascus Rd. (Acts 9). After this encounter he went away for several years in order to learn about this new and living way. Imagine how much unlearning Paul had to do, and when we see his teaching, how successful he became! Unless we know what we are unlearning, there will be a conflict between our knowledge of God handed down and our current experience of Him. Classic double-mindedness.

#### This was received with a standing ovation. Many leaders expressed their thanks at having such a powerful tool with which to develop people and themselves.

The Deeper Conference is always a delight. The worship at Stairway is always outstanding. The atmosphere is redolent with the kindness of God. This is a church pursuing God's presence in the most excellent and basic of ways...via the fruit of the Spirit. If we are not practicing the fruit of the Spirit, which is the baseline for the nature of God, then we cannot possibly retain His presence... we cannot abide.

The conference was on prayer. My role was to speak on personal prayer and Sean Feucht was dealing with corporate global prayer movements.

Testimony from Fran Sellman. Church member, at Stairway Church, Australia

Andee and I always love Graham and the way he encourages us into a deeper relationship with Jesus. He spoke on crafted prayers which he had touched on several years ago. It was time to revisit this. I think the "penny" seemed to drop!

His encouragement to revisit our prophetic words and turn them into a crafted prayer/declaration was impactful.

Graham's teaching on the "Father honoring the sacrifice of Jesus" was powerful. How much the Father loves us and loves us and loves us!

A lot of these people hadn't heard Graham before and they were blown away in a good sense.

~ Fran Sellman

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I spoke on:

• "Praying With God"…not towards Him. Habitational prayer is celebration based. It is relational. We pray with the answer not to find one. It is confident, definite and certain of the outcome. It has a fine sense of objective and can move us from spontaneous revelation to intentional proclamation.

• "Crafting Prayers of Significance" – effective prayer prevents us from being overwhelmed by the tyranny of our circumstances. When we hear from the Lord, we should compose a written prayer that we pray consistently until something happens or we have peace to know that God's will has been heard. I spoke about David's crafted prayer in Psalm 51 and 57, and shared some of my own crafted prayers from my journey.

• "Scripting Prayers in Line With Heaven's Purpose" – using the prayer the Jesus prayed...in line with His role as Savior and Redeemer. Also Paul's apostolic prayers (Ephesians chapter 1, 3) in line with his passion for church. Also, I used a crafted prayer from 1979 that I still use today and have prayed it more than 1,000 times. A scripted prayer bypasses any emotional turmoil and releases us to stand before God. In times of opposition it empowers us to remain on top in our gift and calling.

In their Sunday morning service I shared on the **"Roots of God's Passion"** for His people, from Radical Permission 2. This message is half on teaching and half on a prophetic word to use in our devotional times. It always hits the spot. Stairway leaders immediately made it freely available on podcast to the whole congregation.

# This is one of the best churches on follow through that I have ever worked with around the world. I know they will progress that relational prophecy into a devotional experience.

My final sessions were spent with their School of Transformation. I took 2 Encounter sessions and four training segments. The Encounter sessions are designed to empower people to understand the ways that God loves to encounter us in our life situations and how we can encounter Him in the course of our development.

On Monday at Encounter 1, I shared on the questions that God asks of us in life. Matthew 16:13-20 is the classic Encounter question that is designed to open us up to a wider dimension of the Kingdom. I talked about some of the questions the Lord had used in my life that had been instrumental in releasing me into a fresh dynamic of relationship and upgrades in my identity in Jesus.

My first two training sessions that morning were aimed at upgrading people's revelation regarding God's passionate pursuit of them and His huge desire to see us not only set free but living far above the place of being a victim.

With **"The Responsive Life"** (from Radical Permission 1) it is vital to understand how life in the Spirit actually works. God makes the first move as the initiator in salvation and we respond to His overture. The way we come into salvation is the way that salvation is sustained. He initiates and we respond on a daily basis.

Even Jesus lived this way…John 5:19, 17:1. The Holy Spirit also follows this pattern...John 16:13-15. So must we…John 3:27; 1 John 4:19; James 1:17; Romans 11:35-36; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 1 Corinthians 2:12; John 14:27; John 4:10; John 15:11, 16:33.

This is the end to performance Christianity because it clearly proves that our lives are based on His creative input and not on the strength of our religious zeal. Performance is vital in any area of life. However, performance in the Kingdom comes "after" the gift of God not in order to earn it.

Legalism has blighted the lives of millions of believers because it puts the onus on them to discover God rather than on being found by Him and lifted up.

The next segment was, **"Hiding in the Presence"** from The Overcoming Life 1. It is so important to identify blockages in our history that make us vulnerable to enemy and human attack in the present. Any violation, humiliation or intimidation that make us feel inferior needs to be closed down. The presence of God is required to fill every void. What we think about God and who He is for us must become uppermost in our thinking. So many believers are kept in a low place because they have a wrong view of God often handed to them in the church and the world combined. The idea that He is sin conscious, bi-polar vacillating between love and anger, that we are in a visitation relationship with God, that we must struggle through this world as best as we can in His name – this creates a debilitating passivity in which we learn to endure life but seldom enjoy it.

The key question in the starting place for breakthrough is what is God really, really like? Knowing the answer to that question empowers us to hide in His presence throughout all of life's difficulties, uncertainties and oppressions. We must not be captured by a wrong mindset but instead be captivated by our knowledge of Him. Transformation comes by the renewing of our mind.

On Tuesday at Encounter 2, I spoke about my engagement with God in the **Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus**. Rooted in a habitation experience, the foundation of this lifestyle is 1 John 4:17, "As He is, so are we in this world." We are in Christ learning to be Christ-like so Romans 8:2 is essential living... "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death." That freedom is based upon absolute love, the cornerstone of which is the prayer of Jesus in John 17:23. Specifically, "That the world may know that you sent me AND LOVED THEM EVEN AS YOU HAVE LOVED ME1" That love comes to us because of the Father's love for Christ in us, "That the love with which You love Me may be in them, and I in them" (John 7:26).

All our encounters with God are concerned primarily with love and the obedience that comes from being the Beloved. They are fueled by all the in-Christ realities that actually belong to us in His name and are the bedrock of all our experience in the Kingdom. We all should have a wealth of testimony about the truth that sets us free in every circumstance. The next segment of training focus on the new man and the authenticity attached to the Father's engagement with our being raised up into newness of life in spirit and truth. His focus on the new man is remarkable and relentless. He simply will not focus attention on our struggle with the old man because it is dead in Christ and to give it any credence would tread underfoot the cross of Jesus. He tells us to put off the old and put on the new self (Ephesians 4:20-24) by the renewing of the spirit of our mind.

Legalism demands a penalty for sin, which has already been paid. We are learning to "consider ourselves as dead to sin, and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Romans 6:11).

It was a good morning of enabling people to come to a place of reality in Christ between old and new. The final session was a Q & A designed to answer any awkward questions arising out of any disparity between the old and new man.

### It was hugely enjoyable. Hungry people seeking a new encounter with God. Wonderful.

During these days, I did two filming spots on the importance of rest in overcoming and also looking at dynamic prayer that overturns circumstances. A lot of fun and no outtakes! I must be getting better at this...

Throughout the Australia trip my voice gradually got stronger and stronger, and I finished with all my possibilities being present and active.

Thanks for all your intercession and support. Graham



**Peter & Lyn McHugh** Senior Ministers/Elders Stairway Church Feedback on Prayer Points – Aglow New Zealand National Conference – Christchurch, NZ March 10–13, 2016 by Jeanette Ward – Aglow International Leader for New Zealand



Victoria Boyd and Jeanette Ward

It is a rare occasion that we receive specific feedback on our Prayer Points, developed from our prophetic Intel. But Jeanette has become a friend and Aglow is a valued partner to us. Here is the impact that the Aglow team in New Zealand encountered from our intercession.



Janice Stephenson, Victoria Boyd and Neil Hardisty

#### We unlock:

A hopeful expectancy in each delegate to experience God's majesty as never before. This became a very tangible encounter for so many:

Jeanette: "During the wonderful worship, (some ended up face down on the floor) ministry time on Friday night and the continuous peeling back of how "God sees us" what He wants for us, and the encouragement to 'dream Big' (brought about a sense of awe). Before EVERY Session in the Foyer there was an amazing air of excitement and expectancy which people had very obviously brought with them and allowed to grow. Even the "Setting-up" time the day before Convention one could sense a real building in the atmosphere."

#### An encounter with the fullness of God's true nature that fuels continuing transformation We have heard from so many people:

Jeanette: "One of the gems from Graham: having the 3 in one actual in us – God head in us. Has impacted them. And the realization of the double portion, being, "We are in Christ." One of our leaders said, Her circuits were fried. The reality of what was shared had hit her. Many shared how they went home on fire and transformed. They can feel a very tangible change, they know, that they know, they have had an encounter with God.

## Divine connections for Aglow with key New Zealand leaders, both in the church and in communities before, during and after this gathering.

Jeanette: 2014 connections made with some Key leaders in the church both from Auckland and Lower Hutt have been re-enforced, strengthened, bringing an incredible unity between them and ourselves, Aglow. This was demonstrated by these Leaders flying down to Christchurch which in turn demonstrates their support and belief for us as a ministry and also what God is releasing through Graham Cooke into this Nation. They want to be part of this "Move of the Holy Spirit."

During convention other Key Pastors from the City stepped out of the "woodwork" to make themselves known. Again showing their support and excitement at what God was doing in this City and for this Nation. Two Christchurch Pastors brought their Staff and Leaders to the Leadership Sessions and to the Convention. While others brought their Life Groups. Many Leaders voiced a genuine excitement for what God was doing in the now and the hope that God would again open the door for Graham to come back to this Nation next year!!!

#### <u>We lock up:</u>

#### Perceptions of measured safety with God. The key: His nature of abundance – Eph. 3:20 and adventure of fullness.

Jeanette: "This is exciting because right from the very beginning we had an expectancy to 'reach a high level of freedom', which usually comes at the end of Convention – God gave us Psalms 144:14 'Barns would be full'."



"From that first worship song it was like the Holy Spirit exploded over the venue and as the Word came forth and as we journeyed through these sessions, reports were coming through that there was a breaking of bonds: People who had struggled with depression, rejection, molestation, could tangibly feel these roll off them, an amazing release. Leaders standing up even more on the inside."

#### Fear of enemy reprisal

#### The key: The reality of His perfect love that nothing can separate us from God.

Jeanette: "We never had a sense of reprisal from the enemy but we did have a profound knowing that God was going to have His way. And people commented on how peaceful the atmosphere felt and from helping they said things flowed more easily."

#### **Religious limitations**

#### The key: Freedom of life in Christ and the New Man/Woman created in Him.

Jeanette: We kept the truth of knowing who we were as Key Leaders in Aglow and who we were in God at the very forefront of our thinking and we were not going to allow any limitations to happen. It gave us amazing strength when we felt the squeezes of the enemy especially up to those few days prior to convention when 'Registrations' were very low, in fact some organization may have even cancelled. But we had a full barn!

#### We declare and affirm:

#### Aglow NZ as true Game Changers in New Zealand with favor and influence. That Aglow NZ is destined for such a time as this, positioned and will be prepared. Are pioneers of the relational territory of the true nature of God… not settlers.

Jeanette: "We now know that Aglow NZ is certainly a true Game Changer. Many of the Pastors thanked Aglow for being brave enough to invite Graham to New Zealand. They were also very appreciative of being invited and included at Convention because they knew it is such an important time in New Zealand history."

#### We thank God for:

#### The angels assigned to this gathering who move and minister freely.

Jeanette: "We know without a shadow of doubt that angels have been with us throughout, at times tangible."

#### For the prodigals in families to be brought home, physically and mentally whole.

Jeanette: "Graham spoke of the prodigals coming home and we have certainly seen this within Aglow Family and we know of at least one family who had a son come home in the last week."

#### Key Scripture: Psalm 65:9-10

"You visit the earth and water it; you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provide their grain, for so you have prepared it. You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth."

These are the Days of the King...

He spoke of New Zealand being God's land of promise. "Something majestic is happening here. New Zealand is opening up to God and its time of dryness is over. The change can be felt from island to island and right across the region." Graham reminded us that people travelling to Toronto tasted renewal, but declared, "people will be travelling to New Zealand for something much bigger – **reformation.** There is a joy of the battle in the heart of the Lord for this city. The cloud over New Zealand is shifting and a time of refreshing is here."

#### Renewed, restored, resplendent.

Christchurch is a gateway city to the kingdom. It's not the only one, but it is the first. The Lord says, "To the depth of your devastation, so will your rising be." God is investing Himself in this city. The water level is rising. "Ask Me for this city." Christchurch will witness what Jehosaphat saw, a confusion in the enemy's ranks.

#### Prepare the Way of the Lord.

Gather up the rocks and make the way smooth by your unity. There is unparalleled favour on this city. People will come here to take the favour back home with them. Unprecedented things will happen here. It will be an experience of the Christ life.

#### Then to New Zealand...

"I will build My throne in this nation."

"This is the place and time of My choosing. It is not just your time, but My time in New Zealand. I will indulge My passion. I have heard your prayer, mothers and grandmothers crying out, 'When Lord?' Well, that time is now. This is the time of your rising. Ancient river beds will flow again. They will bring a continuous flow of blessing. An outpouring requiring a new partnership of fathers who will develop sons of heaven. New Zealand will be a nation of giants living in a thin place, crossing the Red Sea and leaving the enemy behind. **"My 'Yes', is here."** 

The Lord called the people to "Walk in your promise as Abraham did in his." I will say yes. Yes to dreams, prodigals, children, finance, families, anointing. Yes, yes, yes. People will cry out to me from the waste places and I will come. When I answer, I am answering My own desires right in your midst."

The Light Bearers Team

The Powerful Connection of Prophecy and Prayer

Our current Warrior Class focus in intercession is two-fold:

1. Praying consistently for Graham's health, writing & revelation and financial favor. (See the February 2016 Frontline for these)

2. Taking our Internal Ground in the Key Territory that the Holy Spirit is highlighting for you. These were first published from a personal perspective in last Fall's Training Journal. You will see them again in a few weeks from a corporate perspective in our upcoming Spring Training Journal.

#### Both have their roots in the prophetic.

We are a company of Prophetic Intercessors. Our prayers are not random reactions to the events around us. They are grounded in times of worship, thanksgiving and listening so that we are praying with God, not just towards Him.

The qualities of the Key Territories (and Key Fights) that have emerged are earthed in years of prophetic intel from all of you.

The crafted Prayer Points for Graham that we are praying have their origins in years of prophecy, scriptural promises and his Inheritance Words.

## The war we are waging for health, writing and finances has been a protracted one.

Does that mean we are not advancing? No, it does not.

We are not here only for the quick win or the superficial breakthrough. We've committed to training and equipping so that we can be entrusted by the Father with the significant fights of the Kingdom. Many of those battles won't be won in the first round, or even in the fourth, or eighth. Often, we don't know which punch will bring down the giant. Our priority is staying fully in the fight, with a big grin on our faces because we *know* the final outcome of our prophecies. We *know* the true identity of Who we have believed in.

Our current prayer focus allows us an amazing opportunity to train in the perseverance required to be there for the knock-out punch that will inevitably come, no matter what round it occurs in. Every true warrior must learn endurance with joy, passionate commitment to the promises of God and setting our inner compass to the True North of the word of Lord, not the earth-bound circumstances we see.



Allison Bown Director of TWC

One of our key *Decisions that Define Us*, sets the stage for this battle:

# We have decided that intercession is not only about a result. It is about creating an atmosphere of intimacy and majesty for the permission and provisions of heaven to come to earth.

We're living that! We're creating an atmosphere of intimacy with God as we consider His love for us in the prophecies and promises we have for the Internal Territory we are taking and in our intercession targets for Graham. As we pray in the Spirit – the lover's language of the Secret Place – we're connecting directly to heaven in a way that our adversary cannot understand, nor penetrate.

#### We're establishing an environment of majesty when we delight and focus on how big God really is for us, and how the giants that we see are actually our prey!

In our coming Training Journal this Spring, we will be creating and adding targeted, powerful prayer points that will begin to build deposits of intercession in the Key Territories God has entrusted us with. This process will not occur in a weekend, or a week or a month. We're going after cultivating an atmosphere of intimacy and majesty in intercession that will bring the permission and provisions of heaven to earth, not only for Graham or even ourselves, but in priming the environment for masses of New Man believers to emerge on earth as they are already known in heaven.

Warriors do not grow weary in well-doing because they live in the reality of their prophecies and promises. Our prayers continually have a fresh wind because they are rooted in the word of the Lord. When we add the power of praying in tongues, we have an army of joyful, happy intercessors that live refreshed; as delighted to get up and pray on the 22,080th day as they were on the first.

"Lord, You said..." is one of the most powerful prayers we can pray.

EnJOY the praying!

"A prayer language is the language of prayer as God speaks it... Having a supernatural prayer language is a phenomenal asset. Being able to interpret that language so that we can pray with the Spirit and with understanding pushes our prayer life into a place of power and pleasure...

Many of my Crafted Prayers originate in my prayer language. The Holy Spirit interprets them to my mind from my heart. When I sense that an interpretation is coming, I take a pen and paper and sit quietly. Words begin to form in my mind and I write them down. At times, I may write just key words and key phrases and then meditate on them for a while. Sentences begin to form, meaning opens up and the knowledge of what to ask for fills my heart with confidence. I am praying with the answer, not for one!

Sometimes, I can write down the whole prayer verbatim. I cannot describe the joy of holding the answer to prayer in my hand before I have ever prayed it!"

~ Graham Cooke in Approaching the Heart of Prophecy

~ Allison





I was intrigued by Allison Bown's phraseology in <u>Joyful Intentionality</u> when she encouraged the reader to "play with the stuff." I am an elementary teacher by profession and in the last ten years of my career before retirement, I worked for a tutoring firm named BridgeHaven. I designed my lesson plans by teaching academics through play. Many of my students were challenged academically and my specialty was designing a specific plan for that student created around their individual interests. I called my skill, "finding their rhythm."

Abba knows my rhythm and the deep desire of my heart is to "see Him" in the Shadow of Death. I am walking with my sister who is a well child of God battling cancer. Our mother entered eternal life at the age of 53 after a twelve year battle with cancer. My sister is 58. I have been spending seven days each month with her since December 2015 helping her husband take care of her. January 2016 was her lowest ebb, the month I joined the Warrior Class. She was depressed, in a state of despair and speaking of approaching death. As I flew to Texas in February, I was fine tuning my receiver by singing daily on my prayer walks, "Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord."

I traveled first to Georgetown, Texas to attend the memorial service of my aunt on my mother's side of the family. When I did my prayer walk around my hotel after the funeral I found four heart images.



February 6, 2016

The next day I was visiting my brother and I did my prayer walk in his neighborhood and found more heart images.







Samples from February 7, 2016

February 8 I did my prayer walk around my hotel again and this time found 30 heart images and giggled with delight as I made each new discovery and snapped a picture.













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I found three more in the parking lot of my hotel on February 9, 2016! On February 10, I fly to Dallas to take care of my sister for a week. I feel NO HEAVINESS or ANXIETY as I make the flight to be with her. I do my prayer walk that day around her treatment center while she is receiving radiation on her chest for the tumor that is causing her the most pain. I have found 21 hearts during that time!

I am awed by the peace I feel each day and the joy and anticipation of the treasures I will find and the FUN of making the discoveries with Abba and feeling His pleasure, as well. I find nine more around the treatment center the following day. Saturday, February 12, there were no treatments so my sister and I walked her neighborhood and I found 36 heart images.

I discovered a total of 151 heart images during my February trip to Texas. Thank you, Abba, for the abundant physical reminders of Your presence with me in the Shadow of Death. Thank you for lifting the heaviness off my heart and showing me in such a tangible, visible way, that it is possible to experience joy on the battlefield.

I had NO IDEA what that looked like before this week. There are INSTEADS waiting to be discovered, gifts from our Creator Who promises: "Seek and we will find." My God can do immeasurably more than I can ask or imagine.

Thank you, Allison, for sharing your insight through your book, <u>Joyful Intentionality</u>, that helped facilitate a process that brought healing to my soul and a joyful intentionality to go deeper into the heart of God that dwells within me.

~ Sherry







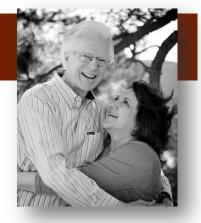








#### A NEW BREED OF LEADER Advancing To the Next Level



The Leadership in the Warrior Class is scaling new heights. With each step we are becoming a more focused and unified force for God's Kingdom. These are exciting days in TWC. God purposefully established The Warrior Class and its leadership. Now He is pointing the way toward new territory.

This year we asked our current Leaders to step in and take Leadership Development Training - 2016. The Leaders took the challenge and here are just some of the many ways they are stepping into their upgrades as leaders.

The leaders in the Warrior Class are being stretched (in a positive way) with the ever growing numbers of new members coming into TWC. Our Leaders have embraced this exciting challenge with grace, purpose and personal involvement with each new member.

# Leaders are developing unique ways of inspiring TWC members on the journey and discovering that there is Joy in the Journey when they see their Leadership through God's lens.

Leaders are pursuing increased intimacy with the Father. They are eager to discover the depth and the height of their personal relationship with God. Leaders are learning the language of heaven and are seeking to live their life in the fruits of the Spirit.

Leaders are changing their sphere of influence by leading from a place of rest. Graham said, from A CERTAIN SOUND (cd): *"Leaders are realizing that God is doing something new and they can hear the sound of it in their own heart."* 

Our leaders are hearing a new and certain sound. You are invited to join in with the sound that God has placed within your heart. Together our certain sounds will create a harmonized chorus that God wants the world to hear. If you listen you will hear it. It is growing louder every day.

Faith Donaldson Director of Leadership

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Debbie Darling

#### Team: Stonebridge



#### About me ~

Hello! My name is Debbie Darling and I have had an opportunity to be connected to The Warrior Class for the past two years. I am currently enjoying the process and learning from Level 2 and Leadership Development Training. My husband and I now live on the Upper East Side of Manhattan after relocating from Orange County, California in 2012. After nearly 20 years as a career counselor in the field of higher education the Lord asked me a VERY interesting question, He asked "What are you willing to give up to live closer to ME?" After saying 'YES' to whatever The Lord wanted to do in my life, a lot has changed! I am now called and committed to interceding for New York City. I also serve as a Deacon of Prayer in my home congregation and get to spend my time teaching people about their spiritual giftedness and inviting them deeper into the Heart of The Father! I am learning the intricacies of building a solid intercessory team, ministry team and deliverance team. I have learned what it means to be a worshipping warrior in a place where palpable darkness is not hard to find.

My identity is solely rooted in "raising up people on whom the Spirit of God rests!" The past two years with The Warrior Class has upgraded my language and given me a firm understanding of my own personal identity so I can speak life over others and call them up higher! Each summer my husband, Brad, and I get to oversee a 9 week prayer-walk in all 5 boroughs allowing us to cover over 2,000 city blocks in prayer! We get to see 'prayer circles' walked around The United Nations, Time Square, Wall Street, The Freedom Tower, Brooklyn, The Bronx... everywhere! It's incredible to be His feet on-the-ground in a city of more than 8.4 million people, many of whom are Titans of Industry! Manhattan feels like the epicenter for The Arts and Entertainment, Business and Finance, and governing the nations. I am VERY thankful that TWC has taught me the importance of rest!

#### Becoming the Beloved:

Becoming The Beloved has allowed me respond to others based <u>not</u> on their history but on their destiny in God! The language and permission of The Warrior Class has given me the identity and language to respond to others not based on their past or history but based solely on who God is fashioning them into being. I can now speak life over others because I am seeing them as HE sees them. This is such a higher place to live from. Knowing that I am "the beloved" allows me to see others as such.

## In what ways are your thoughts being upgraded in TWC?

Before TWC I went to church to be served! Since I now know WHO I am and WHOSE I am I go to church to serve in the body of believers I am called to and I am now 'fed' at Brilliant Events and through Brilliant teaching. Now, I serve my local pastor and community through prayer and intercession and the church body is experiencing a new oil poured out. What an exciting adventure it has been! I am so blessed be on this adventure with each of you!

#### My Identity Statement:

I am a rider in the *Deborah Company* trumpeting war songs of The Ancient of Days!

I am His girl, His *Darling* and a much loved bride. I am a symphony not a soloist pursuing a God who is

the same. I am His dance! I am His song!

I am a daughter whose inheritance is rooted in Justice and Joy.

I am a joyous celebrant of RESToration and RESTitution.

#### My Leadership Identity Statement:

I am a Daughter of Zion who is beloved and highly favored.

I am a minister of God and an atmosphere changer. I am a voice, not an echo, to the next generation.

I am a rider and dancer who bears the armor of the Lord under a banner of praise.

I am a warrior princess and torch bearer for the nations!

I am a 'hostile shore', load bearing, aircraft carrier that moves tactically in the dark.

I am one who serves HIS purposes in my generation! I will worship from my watchtower! There I will wait!







I will sing Him a love song whose beginning and end are veiled in eternity...because 'the broken will be beautiful and they will restore cities!'