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Discovering Your Kingdom Identity

Training for Reigning requires knowing who God created you to be and the territory that you have permission to occupy.

A significant focus of our Level 1 Training: Qualities of a Spiritual Warrior, is discovering and articulating your identity. You have (or will) be writing an Identity Statement as part of your training.

This issue focuses on the exploration of your true Kingdom Identity. It contains tools and ideas about how to discover, record, express and powerfully implement who you really are.

In Manifesting Your Spirit, Graham comments, "*It is lack of proclamation in the church that has stripped us of our full response to the majesty of Jesus... Majesty requires proclamation. It is a staple of our warfare.*" (p. 34) In his writing this quarter, he gives us a significant aspect of our individual and corporate identity in The Warrior Class as "proclaimers".

Most of us are sorting out the the difference between the *concept* of being a warrior and the *reality* of life in the "clash between two Kingdoms". The enemy will always contest our identity. Beyond our knowledge, we will need an encounter with who God sees us to be so that when the "Goliaths" of life come to contest our territory, we will be so fascinated with who God is and who He has made us to be, that we will find ourselves looking forward to the fight.

I love who you are & are becoming.
Allison

Graham's Identity Statement

- ~ A man of prayer who loves to pray.
A confidante who hears in the secret place and who loves to spend time there.
- ~ A devoted heart of intimacy. A romantic with God. A man who experiences the bridal paradigm.
- ~ A man who is holy and blameless. One who joyfully fears God.
- ~ Strong, powerful, bold & confident in attacking the works of the devil.
A destroyer of evil and a bringer of good.
- ~ A man with a radiant idea of God. Who embodies the Good News.
- ~ An Advancer who expedites growth in the Spirit.
- ~ An Accelerator who redeems time.
- ~ An Enthusiastic Worshipper. A joyful man full of thanks and praise.
- ~ A vigilant warrior fighting against a religious spirit.
- ~ A prophet who lives fully in present/future.
- ~ A man trusted with money. A financial resource in the Kingdom.
- ~ One who is faithful, authentic and true.
- ~ A man of favor who increases the people of God.
- ~ A wise man who understands mysteries.
- ~ A lover of God with a passion for the church.

These are my promises and prophecies. They represent my favor, inheritance and permission. These are therefore my strengths and my weapons, my armor and my attitude. My high tower and my fortress. These are also then, the areas that need constant upgrading because they are the places of rest and sensitivity to the Lord. These are my places of blessing and breakthrough, which are therefore the places of attack and resistance in my personal walk and the ministry. These are the gaps to stand in and empower me to overcome.

I am glad to have you as a member of The Warrior Class to stand with me. Thanks for being my Aaron and Hur (Ex 17: 10-12).

Graham

☪ Living a clash between two Kingdoms is a perfect phrase that Graham uses to describe our position living here on earth. On one hand we are here on earth in an earthy body, with a mind that requires renewing, emotions that need to abide under the shadow of HIS wing and a will that continually must say "yes" to God.

Yet the Father sees us as brilliant! **We have every resource and it is available to all of us - all of the time!** In the unseen realm, the battle begins between who we are now and who we are becoming. We are created to live in between the two!

"**IDENTITY**" is a key that unlocks the victory! God saw Gideon as a "Mighty man of Valor" yet Gideon replied: "Excuse me, sir! How can I rescue Israel? Look at my whole family. It's the weakest one in Manasseh. And me? I'm the least important member of my family." God gave Gideon a prophetic word "**The LORD is with you, mighty man of valor.**" (Judges 6:12) God spoke to Gideon as He knew him. Wow, do you see the clash? But when Gideon walked in his true identity, a great victory followed.

Our identity statements come foremost from how God sees us **in Christ**. Secondly, He has created us uniquely and wonderfully different and our Identity Statements highlight that. They are prophetic words, signs, promises, dreams, scripture, and awe moments.... that say: "**This is who You say that I am, and I agree!**" God delights in that!

The **JOY** on this journey is **discovering** who we are and **practicing** becoming it in our circumstances. When situations come that challenge our identity, we **declare who we are, and what is ours!** It's more precious than gold to know who we are created to be, and enjoy the process in **BECOMING!**

♪ ~ The most beautiful song we can write to the Lord is a song of our true self - a music book of discovery. May our lives be a song of love and laughter – in discovering who we are. ~ ♪

Creative Identities

Identity Statements don't have to be confined to a list on paper.

Explore more yourself!



These are images that sparked something about who I really am. Several have led to identity declarations as I meditated on what God was saying through them. Many of my inheritance scriptures are there too - a daily reminder of my promises. The board opens up to reveal my calendars, work assignments and maps. Since my office is also my devotional space, I knew I needed a way to remove the "work" from view. It is also an intentional reminder that what I "do" is empowered and covered by who I am.

~ Allison

In any natural or spiritual adversity, we should not be praying as supplicants of God.

We're not here to beg God to give us rain for drought ridden areas or relief from difficult conditions.

God is not reluctant to bless us. But there are reasons that these events continue.

It is because something bigger needs to come forth than just a simple outpouring.

Romans 8:14-21 says:

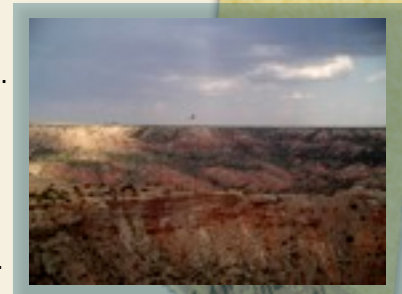
"For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

*For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. **For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.**"*

In my recent assignment in Amarillo, the land all around had been enslaved to a spirit of drought and dryness. The very earth that people were building their lives on was enslaved. Even the clouds were captive so that they continually came over that region, black with water but then get diverted and drop their load somewhere else.

We were not there as simple supplicants, begging God to give us water. There were people in that crowd who - maybe for the first time - were understanding something of the passion in their own heart, eagerly waiting to become someone. There were sons of God present and as sons, we have the power and the right - not to pray for rain - but to *proclaim* it.

Proclaiming to creation is not a job for petitioners. We are not beseeching heaven. It is not a calling for moaners, whiners or complainers. No more pity parties. As a Warrior Class, you are growing up to become sons and daughters of the most high God and there is a *spirit* of proclamation on you. We are a company of proclaimers and declarers who know how to confess the word and speak the truth into the natural world. We are in touch with heaven and in tune with creation.



Whether it is in the natural or in the spirit, our community is comprised of people who will stand up and plant their feet in barren places that are enslaved to a spirit of drought, dryness and barrenness. You're an army of proclaimers. You can confess the Lord in your own circumstances and see transformation. You are the special forces in prayer that goes out and declares what God wants to do.

The very earth is calling for you to stand to your feet and speak on its behalf.

Creation is longing to partner with you.

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The night before, we had the first soaking rain the region had seen in long time. It served to soften up the ground, which is important in of drought. There is a huge parallel between the natural and the that. If we had experienced a downpour right then, the earth would have been able to hold it. It would have bounced right off. But rain that softens up the earth so it will open for the deluge that is to come.

In the spirit, there is softening happening in us also, so that we can better understand who we really are and what the identity and destiny of God is upon us. The more our identity becomes clear as you develop in your training, the stronger our impact will be individually and corporately as heaven comes to earth. We will be the people to stand with one voice, one heart, one mind and declare that heaven *will* open and we *will* soak in everything that heaven has to give.

God can't create something without putting Himself in it. The land all around is longing to feel the soles of your feet standing on it. You have a well of Living Water within you. You are dripping with water and overflowing! As Warriors, we have an anointing that when we walk through the desert places, water appears in our footprints. Barrenness has to give way and submit.

We are learning right now as a company how to travel in the wetness of God and how to deposit it. The whole earth is crying out "Bring it, Bring it!" I've been in places of drought. There are times where the drought is so intense, that when the rain comes, you can hear the ground worshipping, "Thank you, thank you..." You can hear the sound that water makes on barrenness and the earth begins to whisper, "Thank you, thank you..." All creation begins to shout and the earth begins to produce.

There is a judgment here that you are supposed to bring upon the enemy. I don't believe that there is a judgment on people anywhere on the earth. That's done with. Between Calvary and the Day of Judgment, all judgement is suspended. Right now, we are in a place where the only thing the church has to judge is the demonic. The Bible says, in the context of suffering in the earth from the enemy, "Judgment begins at the house of God." That means the whole earth is waiting for the house of God to stand up and say to the enemy, "NO MORE - get your hands off - NO MORE".

We're like the police in the best cop movies when they come upon an assailant. They say, "Get on the ground!" What's the ancient curse over the enemy? "On your belly you shall crawl." We're not fighting flesh and blood. We're fighting principalities and powers and we have the anointing to say, "Get on the ground". We can cast out devils: that's judgment. We can bind: that's judgment. We can loose what God wants to loose: that's grace. That's our business on the earth.

**We're going to partner with creation because we're a part of creation.
The barren places around us are waiting for us to come.**

I look forward to the partnership... Graham

Our "joyfully rambunctious" group of warriors, laugh, pray, and lift one another up every time we speak. Out of our mouths joy and refreshing blows, and I have witnessed people join the call in a pit, only to be flooded up and out of them by the Holy Spirit's interactions through all of us. Great fun, AND so very encouraging...

It's awesome, and an experience that I am so grateful to have been invited into. A fellowship family that truly is becoming a "vibrant special force". ~ Kern Pegg

Being awakened by Him every morning. I feel His smile greet me even before my eyes are opened. I have started to feel like there are times when I can tell when He is laughing or taking my hand in His or recognizing a training session in The Warrior Class where He is teaching me look in his eyes and allow the world to fade. When I am aligned and it is as if I'm dancing with Him through my day.

~ Riki Burmeister

Learning to believe God that my life could look different. That He has greater things planned for me, things I have never considered.

Wow...still makes me laugh, just typing it.

~ Melinda Tucker

I most love being able to soak and be with the study material; it allows me to "get it" deeply and really get to know God in each situation. This has been such a joy that I can hardly stand it!

Though there is an accelerated spirit to our journey, I seem to run better and faster having had the time to not rush through these warrior fundamentals.

It gives me great strength and confidence in who I really am.

~ Linda Ponomerenko

As I walk meditate over the training, I have said often, "Oh, this circumstance was You!" and I break out in laughter. When I

was being challenged, the Holy Spirit showed me something in Graham's writing at 3 am. There was a complete shift in my focus and heaven opened up. A giggle so deep rose up inside of me and I bubbled over with laughter. I felt like a small child completely cared for and safe. Tears of joy spilled forth and the enemy fled! I went to sleep with a grin on my face and slept in peace & joy. ~ Charlotte Allen

THE JOY IS IN THE FACT THAT I AM WITH LIKE-MINDED FELLOW TRAVELERS ON THIS JOURNEY
~ PAMELA FERGUSON

Connecting over the phone with other TWC folks, and sharing on Facebook with each other has been really special. I know I'm not "alone" and there are others out there who are walking a similar journey, basking, soaking, growing by leaps and bounds in the stuff Graham passes on to the rest of us in teachings & writings.

I feel like Wilbur from Charlotte's Web, discovering friends and kindred spirits right there in the barnyard, just didn't know where to look at first!
~ Kristy Lindvall

Identity Statements: Precision & Purpose = Impact by Allison Bown PAGE 6

*As Warriors, we are continually refining our language to create greater impact.
We want to find the "lightning strike" statements that empower
who we really are and hit the targets we aim for.*

I recently saw a demonstration of how a martial arts expert splits a board. He did not try to hit the board. Apparently, that results in a broken hand. He struck *through* the board, continuing his momentum when he connected with the obstacle. Finding the precise words and having a specific purpose can give your Identity Statements the momentum and impact to carry through into transformed thinking and upgraded lives.

Precise Adjectives (descriptive words for people, places or objects)

Look at your identity statement. Is there an opportunity for greater impact? You may have said "I am a warrior", but what is the **primary** characteristic of the warrior God made you to be? One of Graham's identity statements is about being a warrior. He says, "I am a *vigilant* warrior fighting against a religious spirit." "Vigilant" is very different from "fierce", "tenacious" or "valiant". One word makes a big difference.

If you are part of The Warrior Class, "warrior" is likely to appear somewhere in your identity. What kind of a warrior are you? Make a list of words that could apply to a warrior. Are there words on that list in your prophetic or inheritance words that connect with this identity? Spend time meditating and ask God to show you the perfect word. Enjoy the relational conversation as you explore your language.

When you give feedback to others about their identity statements, ask them why they chose particular descriptive words. It will start a great discussion.

CAUTION:

Adjectives for impact do not become more powerful by multiplying them.

Stringing 10 together doesn't help.

"Fearless, powerful, mighty, courageous, artistic, does-well-in-cold-weather, warrior"
is a bit more schizophrenic than effective.



What is the purpose of this identity?

The more specific you are, the greater impact your identity statement will have. Consider the example from Graham's statement. He is not just a valiant warrior, but he names his fight: "against a religious spirit". There are lots of good fights out there. It's essential to know which one is yours.

One of my statements is: "*I am a creative architect - constructing a culture of Kingdom habitation*". "Creative": that's my impact adjective. I am not looking to rework an existing plan. I want to *create* something from the ground up that's never been seen before.

"Architect" connects with my purpose. I am a prophetic builder with a specific job. Everything I am meant to construct will be connected with creating a life of abiding with God - dwelling places - much as an architect creates a house to be lived in. "Culture" encompasses language, mindsets and actions. Both in brilliant thoughts and practical equipping, I want to contribute to a people group abiding in a true Kingdom life.

Look at your Identity Statement. Are there phrases that could be edited to one, more precise word?
Are there places where a descriptive word could bring more impact?

Do you apply impact adjectives and purposeful targets to every statement you have? Probably not.

It's not a formula, but an element in your chemistry set to experiment with.
Have fun with it! And if you blow something up - we have mops.



There should be a story behind every line of your identity. Each one should not only be a thought, but an encounter. Here are a few examples that show the variety and creativity of discovering who your really are in God's eyes.

Rita's Story ~

"I am a Deborah. I sit with Lord under the covering of His Great Love and I delight in waiting on Him as He pours His wise, prophetic counsel into me. I am a warrior woman of God, who fights from His victory and for the victory of His people."

Recently, the Lord spoke to my heart and said He wanted me to purchase a "bee" ring, to wear as a reminder of our relationship. I was to look down at the ring for confidence in His word to me. I immediately thought of the Lord's previous declaration to me 10 years earlier, to be a "human **BE**ing" and not a human **DO**ing. So, I purchased a small silver ring with a "bee" on it.

It wasn't until my ring arrived, that the Lord brought me back to a James Goll meeting 6 1/2 years ago where God said beforehand, He would change my name. On a staff that James had and reached out to me from the platform was the name "Deborah". But, I didn't have the teaching regarding Spiritual Identity from Graham that I now have, so I just tucked the name change away in my heart.

Recently, on three separate occasions, a painting, a prophetic word, and a vision, were shared with me by people I respect. All three encounters had palm trees in them. The painting specifically named the "Palms of Deborah" in it, so I paid attention. I also found out that the Arabic for Deborah is ----"bee". I got the message and added this new thought to my Spiritual ID, 6 1/2 years in the making!

At present, the thought of this part of my Spiritual ID can be very overwhelming. So, I try not to "think" about it and just "Be(e) it ~Rita Reidenauer~TWC Council

Enid's Story

"I am a refuge, breathing life and hope into barrenness."

I frequently ask the LORD to share with me what He sees that I don't or can't.

A while back, I asked 7 people who knew me in various settings and degrees, to e-mail me what they saw as 5 of my greatest strengths, and what I should consider doing to sharpen those.

Three of the themes I found in the replies I received were: I was "a safe place", "so encouraging", and able to pinpoint and "call out" strengths. Holy Spirit confirmed and expanded these in my spirit...

My statement, in simplest form, comes from a combination of these.

*Having such a "nutshell" form of this sense of personal identity has brought empowerment, clarity and incisiveness. I **know** who I am at a whole new level of yieldedness.*

*~ Enid Choong
Australian TWC Director*

Danny's Story

"I am a New Testament prophetic minister with a direct spiritual inheritance from Ezekiel and Daniel. I have dreams, wisdom, discernment and revelation for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom."

This is a combination of prophetic words, inheritance words and a direct experience with the Holy Spirit. Several years ago, one of the first prophetic words I ever received was related to the life & anointing of Daniel. I didn't have vocabulary for it at the time, but certain passages of Daniel became what we now refer to as inheritance words.

Recently, I had a series of experiences with God related to Ezekiel's ministry. He said that these were also mine to have as inheritance words. (the great news for me: the passage where Ezekiel lies on his side for 390 days was NOT part of the highlighted inheritance! Yeah! LOL)

My I AM statement tied all these together, and I specifically used the "New Testament prophetic minister" phrase to indicate this new age we are in.

~ Danny Cox / Texas

Betty's Story

I am a weaned child of the desert wilderness: Led by the Spirit to the weaning desert where my mind is humbled. My soul rests in His keeping power like a weaned child with its mother.

My journal pinpoints May 19, 1991 as the day I first was gripped by Psalm 131. "My soul is like a weaned child within me...hope in the Lord..." I could not pass those words by. Why was this so gripping? My first clue was in the word "wean": "To detach from a cause of dependency or preoccupation."

The next clue was in a dream a month later, about the birth of a baby that I destroyed, not recognizing it was of God. Immediately after I knew it was Him, but it was too late. I understood that the process of God's 'new thing' would be painful and costly. Nonetheless, God was in it.

In a few months, the first shattering event occurred. That first contraction involved a deeply painful betrayal. Increasingly, other unthinkable contractions hit every area of life, as I was weaned from ministry and most surprising of all, my marriage.

Anchored in *knowing* that God is all-powerful, all good and always for me, I knew He did not author the injustice and destruction. He just knew what was coming. As Graham often comments: "God allows in His wisdom what He could easily prevent by His power, because He wants to be something for you that He cannot be at any other time."

God's 'new thing' manifested in connecting to Graham's ministry & is occasioning my new identity's coming out party! I appreciate this wide new place that is so full of God's permission. I run, joyously daring to risk, explore and discover more of all God is for me in this new land.

~ Betty Hutchens / CA & HI Regional Leader

Tools and Mindsets for Crafting an Identity Statement

Resources for ID Statements:

“Inheritance words” What character traits do these scriptures describe about you?

Prophetic words

Look for repeated themes in various words. Or are there phrases that jump off the page? Look for things that describe your nature. Are you a worshipper? Peaceful? Are you trustworthy with finances? A warrior?

Visions and dreams

Record even bits and pieces of dreams. Often a pattern will become evident. Ask God to talk to you in this way.

Repeated insights from friends (pre-Christians included)

Watch for people to repeat certain attributes about you, especially ones you don't expect. Maybe co-workers continually comment that you are a good writer – something you always saw as a challenge. Ask the Holy Spirit if heaven sees you as a writer! (Remember – don't just assume its part of your identity – have a relational conversation with God about it.)

Friends from History

People in the Bible or true heroes of history may have an inheritance for you. Is there someone you strongly connect with or that the Spirit has said "That's you too!" Think about what made them heroes. What part of their identity is your Kingdom destiny?

Pay attention to passions and frustrations

What excites you? What do you love? David loved music while a still a shepherd - a clue of his psalmist identity and man after God's heart.

What frustrates or angers you? You may be someone who will change that. (Moses was angered by seeing the Egyptian beating the Israelite long before he understood that he was a deliverer.)

Pictures

If you are spiritually wired to connect with pictures, you may well see a photo or painting that sparks something in you. You may not even know why. Keep looking at the image. Let the Holy Spirit talk to you about it.

Be authentic

Each statement should represent an experience with God that is very personal to you. Each one should have a story.

Have fun!

Discovering your true identity is a great adventure. Relax and enjoy the journey.

Remember:

This is not just about who you are currently, but who you are becoming. Don't hesitate to put something in just because it isn't evident yet.

Your statement will change. The more intentional you are about discovering how God sees you, the more He'll show you. Items you put in at first may later turn out to be details of a bigger picture.

Keep editing. Continue to refine and simplifying statements so they are easy to remember. Look for common areas that can be grouped under one thought. Refine for impact with precise words and specific targets when possible. Every line should have a purpose and pack a punch.

It will probably feel uncomfortable to read at first. The gap between how God sees us in the future and where we are today is uncomfortable. But writing and declaring our identity helps is pull tomorrow into today. When it begins to feel comfortable – God is probably about to upgrade it.

It will feel more uncomfortable to share it. But be brave! It is important to share it with supportive people who can see who your are becoming. They may see things you don't, encourage you and provide accountability by saying "You can't do that because *this* is who you really are!"

Sorting your assignments is easier. When you know how heaven sees you and where you're going, you will have a better understanding of what to say "no" to...and what to say "yes" to.

ID Statements can only be formed out of relationship with the Spirit. These are not your good ideas or even who you wish to be. Spend time in **worship** and **listen** to what God says about you. Ask the Holy Spirit questions about who you are. If He doesn't answer immediately, ask & keep asking on asking. God loves this conversation.



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