Training Journal

The Warrior Class

For the Equipping & Development of Kingdom Warriors

The Process that Makes Us Rich

"Dear ones... work and carry out, cultivate and fully complete your salvation with reverence, awe and tenderness of conscience. Not in your own strength, but with God who is effectively at work in you, energizing and creating the power and desire in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure, delight and satisfaction."

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I was recently dubbed "The Princess of Process" (by parties who will remain nameless), and while it didn't come with the significant jewelry that such a title would suggest, it's a fair description.

I am indeed the Curious George of spirituality; the one who wonders about everything and naturally dreams in possibilities. Yes, I drove my parents nuts... and some of my friends too. But God adores me!

Graham gives us amazing thoughts to wonder about; thoughts that come from a life passionately committed to gathering, recording, meditating and relationally processing with God. And it is that same type of relationship and thinking deeply that turns his instruction into our own rich encounters with the King.

If you inherited a Kingdom, wouldn't you want to see what was in it? That's exactly what we've been given and that's really what process is to me: a passionate exploration of what Someone paid an amazing price for me to enter.

So I'll wear my crown proudly and make no apologies for wanting to survey every inch of my royal domain. But I'm delighted you're on the journey too! © Allison "You talk a lot about your journals. How does that process work for you?"

I probably have around a dozen journals. I have a journal for my inheritance words, my various personas, for Brilliant Book House, Brilliant Perspectives and for The Warrior Class. When Allison leaves from one of our meetings, I'll sit down for a half an hour and write down some key points that happened. It gives me a sense of what's going on and opens up a pathway for the future. Is what we discussed about a certain topic going to lead anywhere? Is there a future conversation that we need to pursue? What resources might we need to go to the next level of development?

Years ago, I began by having different folders for gathering notes I had scribbled. That evolved into having a variety of notebooks. I still write sticky notes and collect them in folders. Then, I'll take a morning once a month and write them up in one of my journals. It allows me to keep pace with what's happening and keep what I might forget. We often forget so much.

It's helpful to have journals by topic because it saves you having to flip through a lot of notebooks and wondering where things are. When I start a journal, I leave the first few pages blank until page four or five. Then I begin to number the pages through to the end. As I record ideas, I create a Table of Contents in those first blank pages. That way I can find things quickly.

It's important to record your insights and experiences as you process your journey so that you and others can draw from them in the future. Why learn the same lessons twice if you don't have to?

~ Graham

HOW HAS THE PROCESS MADE YOU RICH?

I am learning to love the fight! I never thought I would say that but in TWC, I am learning a new perspective, new joy in the fight and new "sharp concise weapons in the heat of the battle."

When the enemy exposes his strategy, we can smile and go in with the "insteads"! It is fun to see the enemy melt and wither, the attack vaporize and a new upgrade revealed! ... When the enemy attacks he goes after what the Lord wants to upgrade in our identity.

If you want to know more of your identity, look to see where the enemy hits you the most and then change that into the opposite and there it is! Your next upgrade! Kathy Brown ~ Gold Team Leader

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I have loved the truth of "instead of's" ever since I heard Graham speak of them. It's so how to turn those dark negatives into positives in the Lord. I don't grapple with junk from the enemy so much anymore, instead I think and/or ask God for the opposite, His positive.

In the last Training Journal Graham said, "The kingdom of darkness is full of negativity, so it will always challenge you with what you are not. That's why we need to eradicate negativity and partner with the Holy Spirit to find the positive that is always present, even on our weakest days."

God has blessed me with a lot of practice on this issue. I have a very dear friend who has recently come out of a very dark place and was dealing with lots of negativity and anger. I started giving her "instead ofs" and in the course of just a few short months, she has really turned her thinking around.

For quite a while, I've been in the habit of giving my negative thoughts to God (bringing them captive to the obedience of Christ) and then asking God for His positives instead. He is faithful to give me something every time. It's become automatic.

I've realized recently that I'm hardly ever in a bad mood anymore. I'm usually full of His joy, sometimes exuberantly and sometimes quietly in my spirit. I have a smile of adoration for God in my spirit...always.



Judy Austin Diamond Team I experience the process as a coat of many colors. Each process is a part of what I wear so that it becomes me.

The process isn't something I do, but a part of who I become. My crafted prayers, my insteads, my identity statements are all sown into it until it has become a whole.

Each morning I ask my Lord if there is a part of my coat that needs attending that day: a process that I need to focus on.

> Kathy Riley Dream Team

The process has made me rich because it is not only for me.

I am filled with love and provision until my cup overflows. The wealth of Jesus in me isn't for me to hold on to but to share.

As I am filled through this process the Holy Spirit in turn pours out of me for others to benefit. There is no finer Treasure.

Juna Light Stayner Warrior Eagles



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The Journey that Makes Us Rich ~ Graham Gooke PAGE

When you're part of a supernatural kingdom, the natural doesn't make sense to you anymore. In The Warrior Class, we are learning that the normal ways of thinking aren't going to get us very far. We have to think in faith. We have to walk in trust. We have to

see in peace. We are becoming less vulnerable to worry, anxiety and fear. Instead, we're learning how to be vulnerable to the goodness of God; how to revel in the majesty of God and how to be occupied by who God is. We're learning to live by encounter *and* experience.

We have two ways of walking with God. One is by encounter and one is by process.

Sometimes we have the encounter first and then we learn how to establish it, abide in it and make it part of our lives by processing it. Or God gives us the process first. He gives a prophecy or promise and we learn how to stand in that process or walk in that prophecy with the Lord as if that is the truest thing in our universe. We learn the process of how to stand with God, how to be with God and then somewhere in that process, we *know* we're going to have an encounter.

That's process: A series of steps that takes you from where you are to where God wants you to be. And it's the process, that journey with God, that makes us rich.

In our development, we are learning how to trust the Lord wholeheartedly, which means that we do not go to people first. We go to the Lord first. I don't think God has a problem if we talk to others, but I don't think it's the highest way. At some point, you have to trust the Lord and Him alone. He has to be the one who decides if He's going to fully meet your needs himself or if He's going to use someone else. You can't walk through this life unless you are trusting Christ as your #1 source.

When we don't walk with God in process, we develop situational trust. We trust God for things and events and our language reflects it: "I'm trying to trust the Lord..." We're coming to God with issues, seeking situational trust - when all trust is relational. We need to trust in who God is *first*, which produces trust in what He wants to do. When we trust in who God is, we'll be positioned for what He needs to do in us, so that we develop a lifestyle of trust.

You know when someone has really learned to trust God because their *first* response in any circumstance is to thank Him with joy and peace. Their internal atmosphere overtakes their external circumstances. You know when it's situational trust when their first response is to react in fear, worry, panic or anger.

God's primary objective in every circumstance is that you become more like Him. His secondary objective is the resolution of your situation.

So when we come for a functional solution and He comes for relationship, we can end up missing Him. When God wants you to learn something through your current situation, He will be totally committed to walking with you in such a way that you learn what you need, to become the person He wants you to be. *Then* there will be a resolution of your circumstances.

Some situations take longer to be resolved than others and if you haven't learned how to process them, you're going to get bent out of shape. When we're stretched, we're learning about time and timing. We're learning about faith and patience. We're learning about faithfulness and perseverance.

Process always stretches us because it's designed to. It changes our focus from just getting a resolution, to a primary desire to become like Jesus in any situation.

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If we stand on the sidelines lamenting, very often we don't last in the circumstances. We indulge in the ministry hints ("It's really rough right now..") and look to people for our comfort. We stop praying, we stop believing and we are just waiting. Time becomes important ("When will this be over?") and we begin to

think like a victim ("Why me? Why now?"). These are not questions asked by someone who is growing up into all things in Christ. And He doesn't answer them.

All of us are engaged in process. We process everything. And while the outcome is astonishing, it's the actual act of walking with God through the situation that makes you rich, powerful and breaks the stronghold of the enemy. We let our expectancy in God rise and then put it to work by the power of the Holy Spirit. If we do this, things will begin to open up and we'll see where to proceed.

It's process that makes you bigger and bigger and BIGGER in your circumstances until YOU become the strongman that empowers other people to discover who God is for them.

It's what sets you apart. In The Warrior Class, you've not only embraced a life of process, but are pursuing it! Foot soldiers are becoming Warriors and Warriors will eventually emerge as Champions. Champions are nation changers: ones who know how to live from who Christ is in them and impact atmospheres and regions. They are focused on God, remaining in stillness and peace; unconcerned about how long it takes; waiting quietly for God to do what He's famous for doing. They see every situation as a learning opportunity, so they experience consistent spiritual increase. There is enduring evidence of transformation in their thinking, their language, even their spiritual posture! I had a friend that was once told by the Lord, "You're in pain right now because of the choices you've made... and I need to make a chiropractic adjustment to your posture before Me!" Don't you love God's humor?

The enemy is a lying spirit. He'll tell you everything you are not. But if he's taking such great pains to tell you what you can't do, doesn't that give you hope? Why is he trying to mess with your head? What is he scared of? What is it that he doesn't want you to see? The enemy doesn't want you to see that overcoming that very giant is your doorway to your next level and an indication of who you are becoming next.

As warriors, we're learning the process of letting our inner state be the place of our security in Christ. It's the longing of my heart to see a people walking with God in the same intentionality that He has towards us. Together, we could have such a unity of one heart, one mind, one voice, one spirit that we rise up as one person and put to flight thousands upon thousands of the enemy.

It's an exponential power we have yet to come into. It will be our hunger and thirst to go there because that type of unity will bring the Kingdom crashing in and it's what we in TWC will have the joy of going after together.

~ Graham

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Overcoming is how all these guys got the title that went next to their names:

Caleb: "Man of a different spirit"

Moses: "The Deliverer"

David:

"A man after God's own heart"

Abraham:

"Friend of God"

What is the title that God is putting next to your name?

What is the process hidden in your circumstances that will allow you to become that?

What is your expectation of what God will do for you here?

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UPGRADING OUR EVIDENCES OF TRANSFORMATION

Our "Evidences of Transformation" are the Warrior Testimonies of TWC. We're looking for specific stories, shared briefly that should contain **real-life examples** of how your training is impacting your life. These are great samples of transformation that give specific evidences of impact that go beyond general concepts.

LANGUAGE - *I* find *I* am referring to others with kindness and grace and increasing in believing the best.

Example/Evidence:

I spoke with a woman recently who would mention an event, then talk about a person connected to that event as having negative motives.

I stopped her each time and talked about the true character of each person for each negative she brought up.



Christine Casten Vanguard Team

WORKS: My actions demonstrate intentionality

I used to believe that being positive and expecting the best in bad situations was a Pollyanna, clueless way to live. I thought people who behaved that way were phony and naïve...

But what I've learned is that resting in the goodness of God is not an unrealistic way to live. If I need a plan, He'll tell me. If something goes wrong, He'll walk me through it.

I do this at work all the time. People have been laid off every month I've been there. But I won't let that drive my attitude. Loving everyone and focusing on the mission (I sent 'motivational' cookies to the guys I work with in Houston and New Orleans), has really

been a much better way to live. Rest, rest, rest in Him, and LOVE everyone!



Ana Cross Discovery Team

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Thinking – Mindsets that govern our process I am connecting favor to my true self in Christ.

Example/Evidence:I am currently exploring favor in the form of the resources accessible to me through my I am statement and Kingdom identity.

I am in the process of writing out the various resources of heaven that are mine because of who I am in Him and who He has made me to be. Like keys to open doors, these resources are where I know I can move in favor, blessing, and power because they are attached to my identity.



Codye Reystead Vanguard Team

BEHAVIOR -

I am encountering a relational increase with God. It is and is becoming my highest priority.

Example/Evidence:

I love to worship and I have intentionally upgraded this year. In church it has looked like jumping up and down. I have met the Holy Spirit every Sunday with an intention to give it all. I have felt his presence, his joy and his excitement. Also my fear of man and shame has diminished.....I am an unashamed worshipper.



Kalen Lee Gold Team



Learn What You've Been Given; Trust What You've Received by Allison Bown

I don't know if there's ever been a time in my life where I have been learning more and when greater trust has been required. I'm once again saying "yes" only because God is saying yes; which is, of course, the best reason of all. Yet when I consider my life that is emerging, it's rooted in truths that I've known for a long time, but am learning in a new way. And while my swirling circumstances seems diverse, they all require the same thing: trust.

I've loved focusing on the journey with God for many years, not just the outcome. But there is a greater simplicity that is becoming evident on this road less travelled. I discovered it in two phrases from two different sources that God is weaving into one revelation. It's redefining the process that makes me rich:

Learn what you've been given. Trust what you've received.

I used to be the champion of Competitive Eating Christianity. Like the contest every Fourth of July at Coney Island, I could bolt down teachings like hot dogs; as if there was an eternal prize for this outstanding rate of consumption. While there may have been lots of applause, no real body-building nutrition was occurring. Even in the natural, that's not how we were meant to eat! I had read endless books, been in countless meetings, even memorized scriptures on peace, faith and love - but I was still anxious when the unexpected occurred.



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It began to dawn on me that if maturity was based on the sheer volume of consumption, then I (along with most of the Western Christian world) should have been the most peaceful, powerful and joyful believers, turning the world upside down for Jesus. But of course, that wasn't the case.

Discovering Graham's teaching was the life saving piece that redefined "learning" as a transformational, relational process. Because he knows how to develop truth into distilled potency, consumption based on volume was never an option. In the last ten years, I've learned to chew slowly, to savor and digest truth... reveling in the conversation at the table. God created me with a large capacity that remains, but He's ruined me for fast food and leftovers.

In school, I was a great test taker. I found security in facts that could be reduced to questions with a limited choice of answers. But on the journey of transformation, our "exams" are far more open-ended, located in the circumstances of our lives that reveal what we <u>really</u> believe. Our responses tell us where we've become Christ-like, and where we still have missing pieces. Our old, dead nature longs to reduce our learning to manageable, tangible outcomes that make sense. Jesus invites us to journey together into familiar truths at deeper levels that continue to expand as we go.



The Father has already given us Christ, <u>who</u> is everything we need to learn. So our role really is: to learn what we've been given.

This is why a lifestyle of process renews us, instead of being a draining obligation. Each time we encounter more of Christ in us, that hope of glory energizes and encourages, no matter what the circumstances are that reveal it. And it's why the fellowship of our TWC community

brings life. We are fueled by hearing the discoveries of others because their stories of the journey help us see more of Him. It's not just a "ministry" connection because we're talking about our training, no more than a shared dinner at a conference is the only context for "relationship". I no longer separate these two. It's the bond of companionship on our travels, where we are learning, growing and becoming more Christ-like from our shared process. It's all relational... and it's all part of our learning.

It's like the similarity of adversity and triumph. Both give us occasions to learn what we've been given - that's their common ground. Days of victory are so often the product of our development in our times of trouble. They can't be disconnected. One is not better than the other. They are both simply opportunities to cultivate a more intimate knowledge of God.

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Learn What You've Been Given; Trust What You've Received (continued)

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And while I love the days of absolute victory, it is in adversity that our opportunity to "trust what we've received" is most available.

Trust must essentially be connected to the process of learning because learning does not guarantee understanding.

For years, I worked under the false assumption that learning always produced understanding... and understanding produced peace. That lie is at the very core of Competitive Eating Christianity. How often have we thought we'd be okay if we could just read the right "how to" book, or find a conference on "5 Ways to Overcome" our plaguing issue? From that earth-bound mindset, I thought the answer was "out there" somewhere and desperation to find it was mistaken for passion.

We trust what we've received when we know <u>who</u> we're trusting, not trusting what we understand.

If the sole pursuit of learning becomes understanding, then we reduce our relationship with God to what we can comprehend. Human understanding depends on connecting our dots with logic and reason and as Graham has taught us, God is much more interested in a process based on intuition, faith and... trust. To the Hebrew and early Christian, "knowledge" was not encountered through study, it was "felt". It was meant to be a "wonder-full" encounter with Truth as a person. "The overwhelming, awe that undoes us to our core is the beginning and essence of knowledge..." (Prov. 1:7) When we have been ravished by who God is, then our gasps of awe are naturally followed by an exhale of trust.

Authentic trust is never at the mercy of a response, because a response is no longer what proves that God is with us.

We accept His faithfulness, goodness and peace as our greatest reality. "When", "Where" and "Why" become more secure in His hands than in our heads. Personal encounter has led us to know intimately and deeply in WHOM we have believed and are fully persuaded that He is able to keep what we've committed to Him until that day. (2 Tim. 1:12) But take note - <u>We</u> do the committing; that's our responsibility, not His.

Trust is joyfully absolute in its nature, because God is absolute in His. "Trust in the Lord with **all** your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In **all** your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." True trust doesn't just give up the right to cling to understanding; it happily refuses to lean even a bit on it for support or security. It already knows by experience the rock solid nature of the unseen and feels safest there.

We cannot generate, nor will ourselves to trust like this. Study and striving won't create it. It is a matter of the heart; a restful outcome of relationship.

We were meant to breathe in the clear air of majesty and exhale trust in an easy rhythm of spirituality. If dots are to be connected, it is with established lines of faith, hope and peaceful dependency. Invisible lines to be sure, but far more dependable than the temporal connections our minds can create. (2 Cor. 4:18)

What if every new teaching and every fresh encounter was no longer about gathering something we don't have? What if it's actually about discovering a relational key that opens a treasure chest we already own? What if I trust that the answers to my questions are not "out there", but they live "in here", in the heart of Christ and the Kingdom of God in me?

Rhetorical questions in my process, with answers that I'm now experiencing. And further evidence of a deposit just waiting to be explored and established in every situation.

What have I already been given that I am learning or encountering here? What have I already received that I have the opportunity to trust?

TWC Stories on the Journey

In February I attended Graham's "Advancing in the Prophetic" school in Amarillo, Texas. Graham did sessions which were professionally filmed to be used in his upcoming online school. Graham was at his best and I was impressed by how he was getting across his points in what seemed to be a more effective way. I was actually following him and connecting the dots!

"Wow", I thought, "He has really perfected his delivery and content". I always was one who tried to take notes on him and ended up throwing down my pen and saying "I'll buy the CD so I can listen to it over and over." But this time was different . I was certain he had really prepared especially for this event in a new way. I was getting it and it made sense.

So one morning in line at the coffee bar, I saw Theresa Cooke and I said to her that I thought Graham was really knocking this teaching out of the park! That I was getting "it" like never before. She got this far away look as she said, "Yes, we were just talking about that this morning. I think it is more like a shedding." That may have been one of the most important words I would hear in Amarillo. For I knew instantly what that meant.

I had old mindsets that had to go for me to be able to get.

I began to see how hard I had been working to fit Graham's teaching, this training process and my life into a box that I had labeled "Ted". The box I was using was *way* too small. It was really an obstacle

to "getting it."

So I have added an intentional piece to my training. Identify the box, break it down, spread everything out that is inside and explore the new wide territory revealed.



Ted Mather Dream Team For several years I have asked God to free me from performance and perfectionism. Over the past couple of weeks, I experienced a crash course when I was involved in several situations where there was conflict. I found myself experiencing a sense of supernatural peace during those encounters, knowing that God was in control and I was not responsible to fix everything. I was able to feel a genuine sense of forgiveness, be totally honest and encourage others. Most important, where there was correction, it was without feeling a deep sense of shame and failure.

I used to think as a Christian I should be able to hear God well enough to have answers to problems and conflict. I now see this as more of a process where sometimes Papa does give me answers and wisdom, other times just listening is enough and God works things out when I simply take time to hear and be present.

I was able to accept people where they were in their journey with God, and not feel the need to pull or push them to where I am in His process with me.

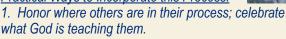
Last week, on my way to a work related meeting I heard God say "I know something you don't know right now". I could sense Him laughing and feel His pleasure over the peace I was enjoying just being with Him. As I looked back over my conflict filled week I realized He was answering my prayers for freedom from performance. I knew exactly what He was doing in this process of placing me in the middle of the situations I faced.

He had transformed my mind. He was my peace, my forgiveness, my wisdom, my freedom, and He had transformed my emotions. He was smashing strongholds of performance and perfectionism in my life; the lies of the enemy that held me falsely responsible, demanded I be

perfect, and have all the answers. Freedom is mine in knowing my responsibility is to stay in the secret place with Him and encourage others in their process.

Esther Brohner Discovery Team

Practical Ways to Incorporate this Process:



2. Remember conflict means something is happening; look for growth opportunities.

3. Forgive and reconcile quickly.





DIGGING DEEPER BY TIM MC KEON PAGE9

As a mining engineer, I've learned you often have to dig beyond what you want in order to get all of the ore out of the ground. Because of this, it is very important that

everything that you excavate is tested to know if it should be processed or discarded.

If you don't test what you are digging, you risk throwing away good ore or spending time and money processing material that has no value. The wrong action can shut a mine down. In the case of mining a vein of ore, great care is taken mine only the vein and not the host rock. With large enough veins, the deposit can be mined inside the vein with very little host rock removed.

There was one such deposit in the western US where a copper mining company had been mining a vein for years. They had gone quite deep and seemed to have mined out the whole ore body. After months of drilling and assaying exploratory drill holes, it looked like the deposit was completely mined out. With no more ore, they shut down the operation.

Shortly afterwards, a smaller upstart company approached the mine and asked if they could purchase it from them and do some exploration. The first company sold them all of their assets for pennies on the dollar. The new owners immediately started drilling down. As they pushed deeper, they found one of the first massive copper deposits to be discovered. In the end, the second deposit dwarfed the first vein and opened up a whole new realm of exploration for copper.

So how does this apply to TWC?

- 1. The second company wanted to go deeper.
- 2. They were willing to pay the price to go beyond where others had gone before without success.
- 3. They were willing to look for something different than had been mined in the past.

In the same way, as we search for the hidden treasures in our identity, inheritance and relationship with God, we can enjoy the easy-to-get rich portions that are just below the surface. But let's always continue to dig deeper. We'll test as we process, not afraid to discard what is of no value, but also not stopping until we reach the vastness of God's goodness that is to be gained by going to deep places.

In TWC, we are called to dig where others have never gone before, to explore, to find new ways of doing life in the Spirit. In this, we will find the vastness of God's goodness underneath what seems sometimes to be barren. And our pioneering work will lead to the discovery of new ways of walking in the Kingdom.

> *Tim & Cathy McKeon with their six children. They are part a of the Watchmen Team*





The Warrior's Journal ~ by Graham Cooke

The first level of warfare is your own life. The enemy is happy to concede ground to you in ministry if he can keep the ground in you personally. He's happy to let you think you're a warrior and getting breakthrough, as long you don't take authority in your internal territory - because then he's got that ground in you any time he wants.

Warriors have a proven history of overcoming and establishing their internal territory. There are 2 battles over every issue - the battle to get free and the battle to stay free. You can't say you've had "many victories" if it's the same internal territory you keep taking over and over. When you have a proven history in those areas, the evidence is that the enemy won't fight you on that turf because he knows it belongs to you, not him.

Seeing positives has become first nature, not second nature. Warriors can automatically turn a negative into a positive because they no longer see the negatives. They never consider what's wrong, but only what God is doing instead. They see through another's identity, not behavior.

Warriors have an absolute sense of identity that cannot be moved by circumstances. You *know* who you are in a way that goes beyond just having an Identity Statement. Warriors respond out of their identity and God's nature, not out of their emotions, fears or history.

Experiencing a Warrior's life is not enough. It must be established for a Champion to emerge. While warriors have a sense of majesty, Champions have a sense of supremacy. A Champion is someone who takes that proven history of victories and empowers someone else to be victorious. They can take territory on behalf of an individual, a company or a city.

David became a champion against Goliath. He was a warrior against a lion and a bear. That was his training ground. When he steps up against Goliath, he knew he could do it - and he knew he had a prophetic word that he would be king one day. That day, he fought as a Champion on behalf of Israel with the victories he had established and because he was living in his prophecies.

We've got to establish victory as a lifestyle. It can't be just situational overcoming. That's just the first step. Then you have to do it again and again, until you love getting victory and are not weary in the battle. It's where you learn the reality of what you're called to fight. Do you know that yet? How many of your prophetic words are you actually living in? These are great questions and conversations to be having!



The Warrior's Journal A Warrior's Journal, or a log, is absolutely essential. It's as important to us as in the old days of sailing, where the pilot's log book was vital to them. Every time something happened, they would log it latitude, longitude and what they found. When they came to islands, they would record the location, if it had water, game or produce and if the natives were friendly. And when you came into a tropical storm or high wind, you logged absolutely everything.

The Dutch word for the log book was "rudder" and it described the record of your journey from one point to another, how you navigated through it and what to expect.

That's what we're doing here. A Champion navigates through what the warrior has discovered. They establish for others what the warriors converted for them.

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The Warrior's Journal ~ Graham Cooke (continued)



That record is so important, otherwise you just go from fight to fight and you don't learn anything. It helps you realize that if you've already fought in this area, that it's not about fighting again; it's about standing ground. If you're perpetually fighting and not winning, it's because you're not establishing something.

But without a record, you'll forget that you've fought this before and lose the opportunity to learn and strategize to take *and hold* this ground.

We have to do the work of learning how to be a warrior, not just thinking, "When I get free, it's over". **It's not just what you're getting set free from, but what are you getting set free to?** You each need a Warrior Journal that tells you what you're getting victory over, because *that* tells us what you're raised up to fight and overcome.

Our Warrior Journal: Key Questions

Use these questions to review your previous battles and gain greater understanding of past fights. Consider your current battles. Write down what you see so far. Each fight should have its own section that you can continue to add to. Review your journal periodically to see if you have learned more, or if you are once again in a previous battle. For each fight you identify, past & present:

1. Where did this issue / battle originate?

Is it a battle for inner territory? Is it from my history, in relationships, from soul or family ties?

After you are set free from your "stuff", consider if the fight is meant as an obstacle to your message or destiny: What is the enemy afraid of me coming into here?

2. What are my promises & prophecies on this issue?

How am I fighting with those? (1 Tim. 1:18) Do I have a prophecy or inheritance word that I can actually come into an experience of here?

3. Honestly, how many battles have I faced over this issue?

How many times have I lost? Did I lose, or just not show up or give up? How many times did I say "no" initially, but then changed it to "okay"? Who does Jesus want to be to me in this that will produce a different outcome?

4. What is the weapon and tactic that God is showing me?

Is it a fight that needs direct confrontation? Or indirect?

Is it a time to withdraw into God as my Refuge, or come out fighting from God as my fortress? What particular weapon is needed?

Is this an upgrade of a weapon I possess or is it time to learn & encounter a new one? What is it and how does it work here?

5. Is this issue or obstacle something I am raised up to make war on?

Is this a casual victory on the way to something bigger?

Or is it an indication of what I'm destined by heaven to overcome with my life?



I have been in the process of walking through the fulfillment of a great commission in my life. God has matured me during this time more than at any other. He told me to dream big and to pray without boundaries - so I did.

Then suddenly, there was something about this commission that He changed, and frankly - I didn't want it to. It seemed like all those dreams and prayers had been written in pencil and that now He was erasing them! While I kept it to myself, I began to let jealousy and negativity taint His kingdom perspective.

God woke me one night and said, "You need to make your choice!"

"What?" I asked with tears. "I've made my choice. My choice has been to obediently surrender to every part of this commission you've asked of me to and I have done it well!" There was no disrespect, just wanting to understand.

"Make your choice!" He said again. I was confused. "I don't understand what that choice is. What are you asking of me?"

"Your spirit already knows, Janis," He said gently. "There is a greater maturity that is required in this and it is not negotiable. Make your choice."

I cried and cried. I realized that I was not to make a choice whether or not to step out of the scenario, **but to choose who I was going to be IN it.**

Was I willing to walk with greater maturity? Would I allow Him to take the dreams and prayers that I thought He was erasing and put them in His hands?

"Make your choice," He gently said once again.

He showed me that there could be NO negativity in my thoughts about myself and what appeared to

be changing. He showed me that I was jealously guarding what I considered to be *my* possession - *my* commission from Him. It couldn't be "mine". It could only be His. He talked to me with love so overpowering I couldn't stand.

And He gave me Col 3:12-14 for the process of displacing my negatives with His positives:

"So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline.

> Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you.

And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It's your basic, all purpose garment. Never be without it!"

So I chose. I chose to eradicate all negativity that was challenging me with what I "was not," and I agreed to partner with the Holy Spirit in upgraded ways. I am being given a love that is so much bigger than me, I have to be increased just to carry it; just to pour it out.

I haven't been downgraded. I just got upgraded! I have new weapons and strategies, with new promises and new levels of hope. I have new strength.

My choice released a new process. Now I am in the process of taking part in a <u>higher</u> level of training to meet the challenges of His higherlevel calling; armed with every provision I need.



Homework for the Journey

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| But discovering ou are a Th | hat "jump off the page and wrap themselves around your face" is how Graham describes them. All the promises, encounters and wisdom they contain is yours to inherit. ur Inheritance Words is only the beginning. These words hold keys to your identity and persona. They s powerful as prophetic words and are an essential part of our process and development. ink of the Inheritance words you have. Have you explored each one fully? Consider |
| When I wrote ny own version of Psalm 139, I paraphrased | Create a separate journal for each Inheritance Word you have. Read nothing else for several weeks or months. Go past the initial |
| 5 from "You have Your hand laid upon me" to "You cover | revelations and word studies towards a deeper conversation with the Holy Spirit. |
| my head with Your enormous hand of blessing". | 3. Use the Lectio Divinia process to meditate on your scriptures. <i>The description of this process is found in <u>Approaching the Heart of Prophecy</u></i> |
| It's because of a minister | 4. Read your scripture(s) in several different translations of the Bible. |
| who once prayed for me with a | 5. Re-write your Inheritance Word in <i>your</i> own paraphrase. Use words, phrases or word pictures that have a unique meaning to you. |
| tremendous impartation of the Father's love at a time | 6. If you're a picture person, find photographs, cards or images that capture your Inheritance Word to you. |
| when I needed it most. | 7. Ask key questions: |
| He was a huge man with a massive hand and I can still feel the weight | - What aspects of the nature of God are revealed in these scriptures? How do you view Him now in these areas? What are your upgrades? |
| of it on my head. Using this | What type of character will you need to have in order to be like this? Write out a description of yourself in the fullness who you will be in your inheritance word. |
| phrase in my Inheritance | A DE LE LE CONTRA CALORIZE |
| Word captures that feel of God's "bigness" and His great love that I still | What is the gap between who that person is and who you am now' What kind of development will you need to bridge that gap? What types of encounters with God are described in your verses and are waiting for you to experience as well? |
| feel today whenever I think of that prayer. | 8. Revisit your Inheritance Word journal periodically to see what God might be saying about them now. |
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