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Always Getting Answers

Praying with accuracy, joy and impact

Being Heard

All of us want to hear God and be heard by Him. And He gives us wonderful promises of this: He knows all our words, even before we speak them (Ps. 139). We call and He answers, with a promise to show us "great and mighty things we don't know of." (Jer. 33:3)

But in recent months, God has expanded my thinking about prayer with this question:

"Did you ever think that I just enjoy having someone to talk to?"

I began to wonder if Mary's greatest gift to Jesus was not just that she prioritized Him over housework - but that maybe it meant a lot to Him to have someone who really listened?

We have no record of what Jesus shared, but I have always assumed it was great teaching. What if it was about His day? Or an awesome sunrise He saw on the way to Bethany? Or funny stories about what the boys had been up to?

As we renew our minds once again to pray with impact, let's remember also that we're a community that prays as Beloved Ones who rest in knowing we are heard. We delight in the conversation, whether it is deep wisdom or His latest funny story.

Prayer can be intimate exchange; a joyful burst of confident declaration; a time of silent communion where a sigh says everything. But above all, it is time with a Friend ~ Allison

What does it mean to live heaven to earth?

If you're not heavenly minded, then you will be limited as to what you can accomplish on earth. We're being made in the image of Jesus. He's not being made in our image. Life in the Spirit is a life lived above circumstances, crisis and trauma.

We can come before the throne of grace in confidence. Jesus is in heaven interceding for us and I think He's praying about the way that we should be thinking; the way that we should be seeing; the way that we should be speaking - in the sense of thinking and seeing from His perspective above.

In stillness, thanksgiving and worship, I want to know: "What does heaven think about this? What is God seeing that I'm not seeing?" I want to call things what God is calling them and I want to pray what Jesus and the Holy Spirit are praying about it.

It's a part of my lifestyle to not act on things until I see it the way God sees it. And then, I want to be with it the way He is with it. I want to tackle the situation the way that God would. It's a perspective that doesn't root my life or my prayers in circumstances, but in the Mind of Christ for everything I face. ~ Graham

How have you grown in intercession since you've been in the Warrior Class?

The difference is that when I do battle for someone, it now comes from down deep within me. I know, I don't just hope, that the Lord is doing battle with me. He is my strength, my joy and my salvation.

With TWC, I have come to a level where the Lord is a part of me. When I breathe, I breathe in the Lord and He fills me with Joy and Love! There is no separation between The Father and myself in our relationship. - Carlos Munoz

*I love that I can ask Jesus what He is saying in His intercessory prayers over specific people and He will tell me! Then it hit me, He will get what He asks for **every time** so I can be 100% assured that I will too, when I pray what He says.*

Knowing what's coming, with absolute certainty, means I can get a head start on shouting with joy and celebrating thanksgiving now.

Now "when you pray, believe that you receive and you will have it" rings true for me!
- Barb Rarden

"I have a greater understanding of permission to explore the landscape of my inheritance, and authorization in Christ. This has bred vision.

Peace and freedom are now integral components of my prayers.

I am being fashioned into a radically joy-filled **"possibilitarian"**! - Joanie Falk

Working with a crafted prayer is having the promises and outcome(s) of a situation or event, and then simply rejoicing, declaring, and spending time with Daddy.

Listening and gathering those promises and declarations is like being in on a secret with your best friend and creating an amazing gift for the recipient.

My prayer life looks nothing like what it was before TWC. Now it is a joyful, interactive dialogue that I can't wait to engage in!

Kelly Megonigle
Watchmen Team Leader



How would you define a "Joyful Intercessor"?

"A Joyful Intercessor is a person who enjoys bringing people and circumstances before the Lord, because it is a conversation and an exchange knowing you are being heard and hearing back from the Lord as well. So it is never a burden."

- Mark Barber - Pioneer Team Leader

"Being a joyful intercessor involves breaking off religious preconceived ideas of what prayer "is supposed to look like." Instead, it's getting to spend time in deep awe-inspiring conversations with my Best Friend. It's like the warmth of being at my favorite coffee shop in the comfy chairs by the fireplace! And while we're talking, He reaches over and graciously shares some of His fruit with me - Joy!"

- Beckie Hayes - Pioneer Team Member

"To me, it is choosing to stay in that place where The Lord lavishly pours in His affection; invading my heart with His tangible love; knowing that God will come through regardless of what my feelings or circumstances are saying."

- Maricela Damerow - Dream Team Member

Rejoicing Always ~ *Graham Cooke*



"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks... for such is the will of God concerning you." 1 Thes. 5:16-18

When you rejoice, your ability to pray increases dramatically, because prayer is always sandwiched in celebration.

Why is it the will of God? Because a rejoicing "prayer sandwich" makes everything possible, open and available to us. Joy and rejoicing are rooted in God's persona: who He is and how He is known in heaven. Joy is who God is. It is the abiding atmosphere of heaven and it is its expression here on earth. Therefore, joy is an environment that we should be creating as a Warrior Class community and inhabiting on a personal level in our homes, in our work places and in our intercession assignments.

I think that's a key part of who we are and our role in the earth. Wherever we go and in whatever assignments we pray into, we take that atmosphere of joy and establish it in those places. We want to live in the truth, "On earth as it is in heaven". That's the atmosphere I want to walk into in every place I go and in every event that we create.

We're learning as a community how to cultivate an environment and an atmosphere so that anyone coming into a place that we've been praying into, comes into a sense of who God is. They are touched by God even if no one talks to them or prays for them personally. We're all contributing into creating an atmosphere of heaven's favor for people to walk into on earth. You're in *our* environment now!

Rejoicing is our response to God's nature, both in us and around us because we are confident that He is with us. What if there's a place where you can't have any other thought than a happy one? What if part of the transformation in the renewing of your mind is that you learn to think like He does? And He doesn't think from a place of misery. He thinks from a place of joy.



Scripture says, "In His presence, there is fullness of joy." and "As He is, so are we in this world." "The Kingdom of heaven is righteousness, peace and JOY in the Holy Spirit." In John 15:11, Jesus said, "These things I've spoken to you so that My joy might be in you, and that your joy would be full." If joy is who God is, then by definition, it's also who we are to be. Because He is always moved from joy and delight, when He lifts up the light of His countenance upon you, all your burdens seem to roll away. There's a joy in His presence that we are seeking to embrace and establish in the Warrior Class and life.

In John 17:13 He said, "But now I come to you; and these things I speak into the world so that *they* may have My joy made full in themselves." Isn't that incredible? Even when God is connecting in the world with pre-Christians, His joy should be present. No wonder the angels said that Jesus was "glad-tidings of joy" when He was born. Joy was being restored to the earth... and there He is!

Rejoicing is the earthy manifestation of the Kingdom. We're always making signs and wonders, miracles and healing that - and of course they are. But one of the absolute evidences of the Kingdom is the joy that we carry into any situation. There's something about you that's meant to be linked to the joy and delight of God. We're learning to live every day under His smile, because we're learning to think about God in the way that He really is.

It's vital to our growth and development in The Warrior Class that we allow the Spirit to develop our internal atmosphere of celebration. Joy is one of the signs that we are processing our life well in our relationship with God. Look at verses on joy. They are so often partnered with difficulty. "In this world, you will have tribulation,

but be of good cheer. I've overcome the world!" It's as if He's saying that no matter what is happening, there's no reason to stop rejoicing. Maturity is evidenced by our joy in oppositional circumstances - and we are a community dedicated to growing up into all things in Christ.



The Holy Spirit is the happiest person I know. Nothing gets to him... nothing. He lives in a place above all the "stuff". When we live in Him, He lifts us up to where He lives.

Yeah, we have to go through things, but we don't have to come under the weight of them. Jesus yoke is easy and He promised us a light burden. It's funny that you can read verses like that for 30 years and realize that it has grown incrementally. In five years time, you can read that verse again and discover that it has more power and it adds more substance to you because you see it in a deeper way from all you've walked through with God. We want to grow like that in joy.

Rejoicing is engagement - and we choose our place of engagement. Don't let anyone choose that for you. YOU choose. That's why we never take our cues from the world around us. We're citizens of heaven first. We live life from the inside to the outside. We choose to engage from our internal place of His presence. We don't allow externals to overtake us internally.

As warriors, we are learning how to let our internal atmosphere overwhelm the external world we encounter. We allow our joy, wonder and anticipation to go first into everything we face and into every assignment we take on.

**When something seems big, step back into a place of rejoicing.
Practice being thankful.
Worship who God is for you and then be still.**

It is how we are to live our lives and it's why we approach our intercession from this place. All our listening, all our learning, all our praying needs to be rooted in the foundation of rejoicing.

It's a distinctive of The Warrior Class: intercessors who meet every assignment and every part of life from the stance of joy - rejoicing always, full of thanks. How could we not be renewed by our intercession, when that is where we are listening, praying, proclaiming and declaring from?

It is what will make us and keep us the joyful Special Forces of warriors, game-changers and champions that we are!

Rejoicing always ~ Graham

Rejoicing Practice

How can we be more intentional in our joy?

Think of a circumstance that you find challenging or pressing - and consider:

Where are you taking your cues from? External circumstances or your internal perspective? From earth bound problems or heaven's possibilities?

Read a Psalm of rejoicing aloud to God.. or write one of your own!

Make a list of all the things you are thankful for in that situation.

*What aspect of God's nature is the opposite of a negative you are encountering?
Is your nature growing in this too because of your situation?*

*Is this an entry for your Warrior Journal?
A battle where you can upgrade your internal atmosphere?
See the last Training Journal for key questions to ask...*

and REJOICE over the answers you discover!



As most of you are well aware, one of the core values of The Warrior Class is that we "work with a chemistry set, not a rule book". It means that from the time we started until now, we haven't decided in advance how everything works. We know that the further we go on this road-less-traveled (or quite possibly, *never* traveled), we will make discoveries that cause us to adapt, change and experiment with what might be possible here. We try new things, take risks and learn from our mistakes.

So get out your test tubes, Bunsen burners and chemicals; it's time to explore once again.

This time, our focus is on our intercession for assignments. While we've made a few tweaks in style along the way, the basic premise has remained constant. Gather intel. Process it and create a Crafted Prayer for places that Graham goes. Our Crafted Prayers have become more "Crafted Declarations" as we moved into creating a Faith Statement and Declaration. But someone else has always generated what we're praying.

This has worked on many levels, but we think there might be an upgrade available to us. Our current way doesn't give you much practice at creating Crafted Prayers, unless you're doing them in your own life (which we assume you do).

But now YOU will create a prayer that uses the specific targets given to us by our intel, but with language and a style that resonates with you.

For every place Graham goes, we will take the intel and create **PRAYER POINTS**. These will come both from the intel as well as the practical areas - such as the Prayer Points for "Mind of a Saint" that went out recently regarding items such as "Call for delegates to have and act upon their open doors, favor and finances to register." There was a lot of great feedback on using these, which was a clue that this might be worth exploring further.

**PRAYER POINTS are like being handed a compass.
They will give you direction and focus - but you will write your own prayer.**

They are the targets that we want to hit in intercession with sharp, concise lighting strike declarations. They are the areas where we want to connect with what heaven is doing and create the atmospheric conditions in our prayer, rejoicing, worship and thanksgiving for it to come to earth.

It allows us to keep "one heart, one mind and one voice" - which is essential in our praying.

How it will work:

1. Members will listen and send in intel to their Team Leader, just as before.
*Note: our baseline is that we "expect to hear from most of our members, most of the time".
The intel process is your training ground for your learning. Take risks. Dive in. Love the learning.*
2. The intel will be reviewed and sorted and we will create key Prayer Points.
3. These will be posted on our closed TWC Facebook page; on our new website under the "Intercession" menu in "Prayer Points" and in Member Updates.
4. If this was **your team assignment, we're asking that you follow through by crafting your own prayer based on the Prayer Points**. Send your Team Leader what you come up with or contact them if you have questions. We'd love to see what you create! You could give us a good example to share with others.
5. If this wasn't your team's assignment, then crafting a prayer is optional.

Good Truths to Remember in this Process...

Waiting on the Lord is not passive. We wait with active expectancy, rejoicing & joy.

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Graham talks about a year where he listened daily but never heard anything. God would answer later on, but not then. Eventually, God did speak during those times and then began to speak before!

Graham's perspective?

He was putting the time in.

Practicing stillness; Learning to rest in the joy of being with God - not just getting a response.

He developed greater sensitivity.

Enjoy it.

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God is always with us. He never leaves us nor forsakes us. He is tangibly present on days and we can feel Him. Or He is present to our faith and we can trust Him.

Either way,

He is present.

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It is God's responsibility to talk. It is ours to be present in stillness & joy to listen - *confident* that His sheep hear His voice.

We've all had practice crafting prayers. You had to do it for your Entry Level Process. But you've grown since then and there will be parts of this process that will have greater meaning to you now.

Just like when you used your "Insteads" to craft a prayer, there will be times now where you will use our Prayer Points to create your own prayers.

Whether it is for a personal prayer, gathering Intel for an assignment, or creating a Crafted Prayer from the assignment Prayer Points, every part of this process that Graham has given us is essential. It's been adapted for our unique TWC community and remains key in listening for intel and/or creating prayers with impact:

General Preparation

Preparation sets the table for all that follows. In our familiarity with the Intel and Crafted Prayer process, we may find ourselves rushing over our time of preparation. If so, slow down and return to our vital foundation for listening and prayer.

1. Read passages about God's love, His purposes and His ways. Refresh your inner man with passages like Psalm 139, 2 Timothy 3:14-17, Psalm 27 & scriptures on your Helper - the Holy Spirit (John 15). If you are challenged by stillness, listening or any part of the prayer process, *this* is the place to go. Read brilliant passages about the nature of God aloud before diving in. It sets your internal atmosphere and everything becomes possible.

2. Review and meditate on crafted prayers in the Bible. Matthew 6:9-15; John 17; Romans 12:14-21; Ephesians 1:15-23 and 3:14-19; 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Then...

1. Be thankful to God for His promises to you. (Jeremiah 29:11-14)

2. Be thankful to God for what He has already done (Philippians 4:4-7)

3. Continue to worship with thanksgiving. It brings you into His presence. (Psalm 100) If it's for a TWC assignment, rejoice over the meetings, the delegates, Graham and God's unique plans for this community even before we know the specifics!

4. Come to stillness. Prepare to listen. (Psalm 46)

5. Clarify what you want to know: about the prevailing atmosphere of an assignment, the key fight, Graham's deposits and the promises for him and the community you are listening for. Ask the Spirit for understanding of any dreams, visions or words you've had.

6. What are the Father, Son & Holy Spirit praying about these? (Hebrews 7:23-25 and Romans 8:22-30)

7. Gather your thoughts and write them down

8. Go back to the Lord for clarity, expansion and further insights.

9. In the place of stillness, begin to craft words and phrases that are concise and targeted from the key elements you've heard.

10. Take it back to God to refine into Lightning Strike phrases and eventually a prayer that you develop with Him until you can pray and declare it often with confidence.

11. Move into proclamation, based on your faith in who God is and your understanding of His will. Accept that it will be in His time and His way. Pray until resolution comes.



THE TRAINING GROUND

ALLISON BOWN

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It was the spring after the harsh winter at Valley Forge and the young Continental Army was on the edge of ruin. For those who had lived through cold, starvation and disease, the future was still daunting. They were up against the greatest known army in the world and 90% of them had no previous military training. George Washington's "army" was largely a collection of farmers, businessmen and merchants with guns. Lots of passion. Very little experience.

Enter the man who changed the course of history: A German general named Von Steuben. He had trained Prussian soldiers for decades and he made this offer to Washington: "Give me your men and I'll return to you an army".

On that field in Pennsylvania, Von Steuben created the exercises that became the U.S. Army manual on tactical training, still used today at West Point. In two months, he turned a haphazard group of willing volunteers into a corps that was capable of thinking like soldiers. Von Steuben understood that their most important weapon was their **mindset**, not their gun. They had to see themselves as warriors to fight like warriors. The hours were long, the conditions still rough but the men gave themselves to the training. They had seen enough fighting to know that they were going to need it.

The Revolutionary War would go on for several years after this. It was not a quick victory and the young American army still had to rely mostly on strategic raids rather than an all out assault. But in the end, they prevailed in their fight for independence.

I stood on the Training Ground at Valley Forge in 2002 and encountered the heart of God to see His people discover the passion, joy and strength to become nation changers. It changed me, as all encounters do, though I couldn't have imagined then where that passion would lead me today.

**Intercession and our Prayer Assignments are
TWC's primary Training Ground.**

**They are an essential practice field where we can take our
learning into the "clash between two Kingdoms".**

Warriors are born to live on the battleground, not just visit it. For us, it is our place of intimate habitation where we discover the majesty and supremacy of God... and that intimidates our adversary. When we live refreshed, joyful and restful no matter what the circumstances, he is at risk. Therefore, he will work overtime to distract you from the Training Ground.

The enemy wants you to be uncertain. But relax instead! Remember, we're pioneering a new form of intercession. None of us came to this as experts in the type of Prophetic Intercession in which we are engaged. We're *all* learning. Our leadership

conversations on TWC intercession are usually around where we're connecting; where we could upgrade next and how we can do that. We really *are* exploring what's possible with a trained army of intercessors.

You're having experiences that are helping us write the guide that others can come after us and build on. Together, we have the capacity to create our own training and experiences that will open this territory for many others to follow and expand.

I'm always fascinated by the game-changing events of history that take place in relative obscurity. James Marshall saw something shiny in a California river in 1848 and the world rushed in. Dr. Edward Jenner inoculated an 8 year old boy in his home and Smallpox could be defeated. Baby Moses in a basket floated into Pharaoh's court; Jesus was born in a stable and would raise a girl from the dead in a small bedroom. And the actual moment of resurrection? That had no human witnesses at all.

God excels at doing magnificent things in every day places. An army (and I believe a nation) was created on a field in Pennsylvania - and we are creating a Kingdom corps today in TWC that is highly unique. *You* have a part of that. Take every opportunity to see what's possible on the Training Ground of our Intercession Assignments and in your personal prayers. See yourself as the warrior God sees you to be and embrace the process so you'll be excellently equipped for awesome battlegrounds; not only in TWC, but in life.

Powerful Questions to Ask:

**How do you see yourself in The Warrior Class?
Does it align with who God says you are here?**

*"Until you take yourself as God sees you seriously,
He will not release your provision." - Graham Cooke*

Who do you want to become in TWC? Write it out.
What kind of character? What will be your greatest strength?
What will be your greatest contribution?

**What opportunities have you taken?
What others would you *like* to take?
Create a plan for doing that.**

Take risks. Try something new. Upgrade your mindset as a warrior.
Give yourself to your training.

Navy Seal Motto:

**"In the heat of battle, you will not rise to the occasion, but
will revert to the level of your training."**

~ contributed by Danny Cox - Vanguard Team

THINKING

I am demonstrating a present/future perspective by:

It is only recently that I realized that I live with a sense of dread. I now plan and look forward to exciting adventures to squelch this feeling.

By praying through my identity statement and declaring God's goodness that is beyond measure, this dread is lifting and my perspective and attitude towards the future is becoming optimistic and joyful.

I awake, declaring God's goodness and base my hope on that, not on what I think is going to take place during the day.

Marcia Reinhart - Watchmen Team

LANGUAGE - How we talk about ourselves, God and others

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

Example/Evidence: I am finding that the more grace I have for myself, the more I have for others. A couple different people have told me this year that I heard them share their deep failings and didn't judge them. In my religious days I was very pious and judgmental, especially on the inside. I am more aware of who I am: Beloved because of Jesus, and it has given me love for others.

- Kalen Lee - Gold Team

WORKS-Evidence of doing what we are learning : I am practicing on purpose.

Whenever the Holy Spirit leads, I go up to complete strangers to give them His encouragement and His words. I practice on purpose even though I may make mistakes.

**Bo Kim
- Northern Lights Team**

BEHAVIOR – I am persisting in Christ: in joy, delight and desire – rather than persisting against opposition.

In every situation/circumstance, whether good, bad or ugly, I purposely focus myself on the fact that if I'm in Christ so are my circumstances. From this place I look for the upgrade, or "lesson" that God wants to give me specifically in this period that He wouldn't be able to give me in any other time.

Example: After going through a period of being tested (in a course I was doing) my leader told me that she didn't like my approach. I didn't confront or argue with her (God was showing me her heart). A few minutes later, after helping her with other things, she thanked me and said that I had done a great job! (Loved it! – smile)

- Dulce Gerath - Watchmen Team

FAITH - Evidence of moving from believing to knowing: I am more confident in the "yes" and permission of God

Example/Evidence: I am more confident that the Lord smiles on me, rather than frowns... I am learning the "Yes" (great) over the "Gosh, are You sure?" (good)

- Sue Kernitz - Stonebridge Team

WORKS – Evidence of doing what we are learning My actions demonstrate intentionality - I am practicing on purpose.

Example/Evidence: I am far more intentional about making opportunities to say prophetically encouraging things to people. I am purposefully connecting with people knowing that is part of my persona in the Kingdom. (Level 2)

**- Kristy Lindvall - Northern Lights Team & volunteer
Administrative Assistant to Betty Hutchens / Leadership**

THINKING: I am demonstrating a present/future perspective by:

Knowing and living in the truth that my life is not based on, nor to be lived in the past. My old self, my old nature is dead. My past is dead. My old dead self has no power and no authority, It has no victory. It has no rights. It has no position or status. It is dead, buried and silenced. I live in the ever present Presence of the Almighty. My focus is on who God says I am and His will and plan for my future and His Glory.

- Ed Pellitier - Discovery Team



Intel: Just Jump! You'll Land on Your Feet! By Faith Donaldson ~ Discovery Team Leader



On one of our monthly Team Calls a discussion developed around Intel. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn, stretch our brilliant minds, and claim an upgrade.

Here are some of the questions that the team raised. Perhaps similar questions have crossed your mind.

What if I don't get anything when I listen for Intel?

What if what I'm hearing is my own voice, not God's? I don't want to get it wrong and give wrong information.

How should the Intel should look?

So, what is Intel anyway? Here's how I look at it: Intel is used by an agency (TWC) of armed forces (TWC Warriors) that obtains (rejoices, worships, listens), analyzes (discerns), and uses information of strategic or tactical value (for Graham's assignments).

HOW FANTASTICALLY FUN IS THIS?!

We cover Graham with how GOD sees Graham's assignment in heaven, and then we partner with God to establish the outcome.

Here are some things that you may find helpful:

Intel is an enriching relational time between you and God. You open your heart to God's heart to see His plan and His perspective for Graham's assignment.

The only way to become comfortable receiving Intel is to do it. Practice establishes your place of REST in what God is sharing with you.

You cannot fail at Intel. You're learning and discovering. Taking the risk is the first step; you cannot fly if you don't flap your wings and jump!

-You have permission to flounder and feel uncomfortable. Intel may be new to you, and anything new requires experience. Eventually it becomes as familiar as breathing.

-Use your Intel sheet that your leader has given you. Read each question – pause – reflect – then ask God what His answer is to each question. Listen – write it down – and trust that what you have been given is from God's heart. Slowing down the process will greatly benefit you.

-If you get that "weird" image, word, vision, or thought that doesn't seem to make any sense, don't dismiss it. You may be holding the missing piece to the Intel puzzle. Keep digging and take risks.

Remember, your Team Leaders are there to help you. If you hit a bump they will help you over it.

Trust the Intel that you get – Go for it – and get ready to partner with God in an amazing way.

Intel is wrapped in ever increasing JOY and always leads to a great VICTORY!



Recently, the Father has been indicating to me that "other ways" of communicating will be growing between us in my time with Him. I am a visual person and visions are one of the primary ways we communicate, but just recently when praying for intel for the Game Changer Event, I actually heard the Lord speak phrases for intel.

Meanwhile, my wife Anna experienced a vision in which the intel was contained; a first for her!. We both got an unexpected upgrade in our communications with the Lord.

- Mark & Anna Barber - Pioneer Team Leaders



In TWC, we are faithful intercessors who desire to walk intimately with the Father; interceding in the present with great expectancy for hopeful future outcomes. I recently was rewarded with discovering a beautiful outcome - named Beth!

Years ago I had met Beth in Tahoe during a local conference. The Lord highlighted her in my heart and immediately upon meeting her, I saw something so tender and precious in her spirit. Someone had brought her to that gathering who was thinking about becoming a part of our community. I was excited about that, because I wanted to mine the treasure the Lord revealed to me that was buried in Beth.

Unfortunately they went to another community and we had no more connection. I was concerned because I felt the place she was connected with did not currently have the capacity to nurture her. From that moment on, Holy Spirit would often highlight her to me and I would lift her before the Father, declaring blessing and favor over her life. I stood believing that someone would see what I saw in her and desire to mentor her, showing her who she really was in God's eyes.

A couple of times a year, I would see the phone number of the person that brought her to that conference and I would pray for her once again. Her face just never left my heart.

Years later, I became a Team Leader for TWC and had the joy of welcoming a new member named Beth to our Diamond Team. The fact that *it was this same woman* never occurred to me, since I never knew Beth's last name. After reading my welcome letter, she recognized my name and remembered our encounter at that conference. She sent me a picture asking me if I knew who she was.

I immediately recognized her from that picture and her radiant countenance brought incredible joy to my heart! I saw a transformed woman! She had been living out a difficult chapter of her

story during the years we had not seen one another. At one of the lowest places of that chapter, a couple of my Warrior Class team members - Judy Austin and Susan Morningstar - took her in and mentored her with all that TWC has equipped them with. They reflected the glory of God and His fruit in their everyday experience.

Beth lived in their atmosphere and over time she saw the beautiful nature of God and who she was in His eyes. They brilliantly coached and mined out the valuable treasure that was hidden in her! It was an amazing, redemptive process that has taken her out of that low place and has instead brought reconciliation and restoration to her life, a glorious testimony of God's faithful intention towards her.

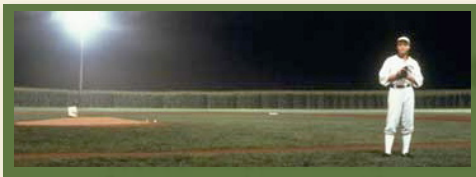
I sowed prayer. My amazing team members sowed their love, time and resources. And we have all reaped a great reward! Beth is a beautiful woman who has become a passionate worshiper and now a TWC warrior. Allison remembered that it was one of the most impressive applications and interviews she has had. It has been such an honor to be a part of her journey! We were blessed to see the outcome this time. As intercessors, we often don't, but we trust the power of the word and the declarations we proclaim over those we meet.

God's word does not come back void. It will accomplish all it sets out to do. Be encouraged! You too have the privilege to partner with God to shape destinies and uncover His treasures in the earth.



TWC Members Judy Austin, Beth Ledet & Susan Morningstar

What's In It for Me?



About a year ago as I was sorting intel to send to Graham, I suddenly found myself watching the last few minutes of the movie *Field of Dreams* on something like an internal movie screen. It was the part where Terrance Mann has just been invited into the cornfield and Ray wonders why he doesn't get to go. He recites all that he's done without question: building the field, driving across country.... and Shoeless Joe comments, "Are you asking what's in it for me?"

As anyone over the age of 10 will agree, we all understand that it's not good manners to wonder about this, so Ray gives the socially acceptable answer of "no" - but we're not fooled. He wants to know!

I love the part that comes next. I always have. Shoeless Joe smiles and says, "I think you'd better stay" and nods towards home plate. Ray sees that his estranged father is actually the catcher and he whispers, "Dad, it was for you." But Shoeless Joe pauses at the cornfield's edge, understanding what Ray doesn't. "No Ray - it was for you."

Note: I usually do not give away the end of a movie. However, since it was made in 1988 - you had your chance... just sayin'

So what's the point? That's what I asked the Holy Spirit, since He was responsible for this impromptu movie showing. Why this scene? And why in the middle of sorting intel?

"Because you never ask Me that question" He replied.
"What question?" I wondered.
His response stunned me.

"You never ask Me, 'What's in it for me?'"

My thoughts began to race with spiritual propriety. Wasn't I doing this all for others and for God? I didn't expect a payoff or reward. Wasn't just getting to do this amazing job enough? Apparently, not. Could it be that hidden in my work, there were unclaimed upgrades just waiting to be discovered? And in a moment, my approach to intel, prayer and prophetic words changed forever.

It seems I had been walking around with what Graham calls a "poverty mindset" on this issue: accepting less when so much more was on offer... embracing an old religious way of thinking when the God of abundance wants to make the most of every opportunity for all involved! This mindset was as ridiculous as a kid on Christmas morning explaining to his parents why he's not worthy of all these presents because he hit his sister last summer. How absurd would that be? And isn't it a parent's greatest joy to see their child dive into to what they probably had to sacrifice to give them? Of course.

So how could God be any less?

I began to look at the intel in front of me and I used my new found question: "What's in this for me, God?" He began to show me how one of the upgrades He had for this community was one that we had been exploring. The raw intel had insights that helped me better understand His perspective on what He was cultivating inside me. The scripture that the TWC member had used also had great meaning for me.

We all want to receive our "unclaimed upgrades". Is it possible that there are some in the very things you've been giving away?

So here's your homework:

Look back at intel that you've sent in for TWC assignments.

Go over prayers you've crafted for others.

If you've written prophetic words for friends or remember the content, review them again.

Have you encouraged someone by sending them a scripture? What was it?

Now, use your new question:

"What's in this for me?"

Is there a part of your Kingdom that it is Your good pleasure to bless me with as well?"

And every time from now on, when you have a contribution to TWC, in intel, in prayer, in sharing a scripture or a prophetic word, embrace the God of abundance and joyfully ask Him:

"Papa, what's in this for me?"