



Training Journal

for Warriors, Champions and Game Changers

Reframing Risk:

Training for Gaining

Allison's Journal:

Over a year ago I read a classic speech by Theodore Roosevelt that began a season of meditation on the value and concept of risk. In it, he talked about the courage of those who choose to be warriors rather than spectators.

"It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs... who knows great enthusiasms, great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause. Who at best knows in the end, the triumph of high achievement and who at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails daring greatly."

Fear of failure is a key tactic of our enemy to keep us on the sidelines and inhibit the inheritance of our destiny. Kings, prophets and disciples all succumbed to it at times... and provided priceless stories of the goodness of God's response.

Nothing has changed. A people without fear, who will risk because they are so greatly loved, are highly dangerous and will face resistance. We understand that while we may stumble, we cannot ultimately fail because we are aligned with the One who has already won the war. We have permission to try, to learn and to grow stronger in the process. The power of old histories of loss are being swallowed by New Man encounters with outrageous grace and perfect love.

In the year since I've considered what it means to "dare greatly", I've gained a new lens on the concept of risk. Courage and confidence are not cultivated on their own. They are an inevitable result of being vulnerable to a majestic God. The relational stories of overcoming in our TWC community are powerful and numerous. They remind us that we are not alone in this process and that it is worth entering and remaining in the arena to behold.

We are encountering, comprehending and establishing the quiet confidence of the Mind of Christ; individually and together. We are becoming a people for whom all things are possible because of who Jesus really is; an army in training to take God's fight to the enemy - and win.

Be encouraged. We're getting there. - Allison

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Taking Risks & Passing Tests

by Graham Cooke

God is releasing us to a new level of His presence, where His believing can become ours. That changes how we approach God in whatever circumstance we find ourselves in and how we approach life, people and our TWC experience. A “leap of faith” into new territory isn’t risky if we’re learning to rejoice at a level beyond what we’ve previously encountered. And as we recognize and cooperate with the tests prepared for us, we are realizing that what once felt like a threat is the perfect opportunity to advance.

Rejoicing is the key that eliminates the risk

God’s word to us creates faith and our rejoicing in that word overcomes any negatives that comes against faith. Joy lifts us out and away from negativity because when we rejoice, we become partakers of His divine nature. Rejoicing positions us to take the leaps necessary to rise to the next level that God has prepared for us. We can move upward, confidently climbing towards the outcomes intended by the Lord, realizing that when we are partnering with His word and His promises, there actually is no risk involved.

I don’t have to know the details of the process to take risks. If I have the word of the Lord regarding the outcome, all I need to do is walk towards Him, knowing that everything I need is ahead of me. I can trust God to show me what the process is so I can cooperate, but I’m not waiting here for the specifics before moving forward. When Peter wanted to walk on the water towards Jesus, the only instruction the Lord gave was “come”. He didn’t throw him a 40 minute teaching of 14 steps to walking on water. He just let Peter know he had the right to be there and had permission to come.

There was no risk involved because there are no risks for God.

He wasn’t risking anything. If Peter had kept his eyes on Jesus, there was no risk for him either. It was only when he considered his circumstances that risk entered in. If you keep your eyes fixed on Christ, there is no risk.

When you rejoice and get into a place of thanksgiving, you never think of something as a risk. There is no sense of peril. Whatever it is that you have permission for is so blindingly obvious to you that you just get out there. Half the time, you’re not even aware of the miracles that occur until afterwards. You look back and think to yourself, “Wow, did I just do that?” You are completely unaware of it in the moment because your eyes are fixed on Jesus. He has this way of being so captivating that you don’t see all the obstacles. People around you are thinking “How on earth can they do that?”

But you’re not connected with earth at that moment, so you don’t see it the way they do.



Where we get into trouble is when we move our eyes off of God; suddenly realizing the position we are in and it feels precarious. When our eyes stay on Him, in rejoicing and thanksgiving, it just feels ordinary and normal. Not outrageous. Not scary. None of those feelings at all. Though afterwards, there is often a sense of wonder, “My Lord, did we just do that?” And He chuckles, “We sure did, son”.



Powerful Questions for taking risks:

What promises and/or prophecies do you have in this season from the Father?

Are you walking out to the very edge of your permission with these?

If not, what is the fear or source of passivity in you that resists doing that?

Who does God plan to be for you “instead”?

What promises do you have in your prophetic, inheritance words or in scripture that you can create a declaration from?

What specific things can you rejoice over, bringing your words and your heart consciously together to vocalize your confidence in who God is for you in this as an act of praise?

Tests Build a Staircase to the Next Level

When we know the process for passing our tests, refining seasons cease to feel threatening and can be embraced for the upgrades that they offer.

There's no risk of failure because God is always delighted to let us take our tests as many times as we need to.

But we can accelerate our development by remembering four keys:

1. Discover the joy in your current test.

If the Lord is with you in the test (and He is), there's joy. What's the delight in His heart for you in this? What is He seeing about your test that you're not? He's happy and excited about this test because of all that He has planned. When you connect with His joy for you, you'll be able to stand still long enough to perceive all that God has for you in this situation.

2. A test is about an encounter with God's presence.

After we connect with His joy, look around and discover where God is and go and stand next to Him to get His perspective.

3. Then agree with His purpose in giving you the test.

What's this really about? What does this mean Lord? What am I to do? I know You're up to something. What is it?

4. Partner with God

Then you can embrace what He has already prepared for you to receive.

All tests are specifically designed for you to pass joyfully and receive an upgrade. It's a normal part of life to go through a process of learning and then be tested on it. God is favoring you by giving you a test. How high a pass mark do you want?

1 Peter 1:6-7 "In this you greatly rejoice, even though now if necessary, you have been distressed for a little while so that the proof of your faith, which is more precious than gold, tested as by fire may be found to result in praise and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

"If necessary" means you might not always have to be distressed by it. What if distress is only an occasional experience, not a common one? Not all tests are hard or difficult if you know the four steps listed above. What if those steps take the negative sting out of the trial?

The great thing about a refining test is that the only things that get burned up are all the things you don't want anyway: doubt, fear and unbelief. God is just answering that desire with a refining test that will upgrade your faith to the same level as His.

What if testing builds a staircase to the next level that you've been wanting to get into anyway?

I've always discovered that when God is ready to fulfill a promise, He often prepares me with a test. There are some promises that He's made that require an increase of faith to get into. Tests push us into a necessary place to receive.

What if testing is one of our most exciting encounters with God?

What if it's a really safe experience designed by God for us to become bigger and better?

When we come into the full revelation that there are no risks with God when we keep our eyes on Him and we embrace our tests because we know how to make the most of them, we'll be positioned as a refined Warrior Class that are more than conquerors, no matter what the challenge that is before us. A formidable force that I'm glad to be aligned with.

Thanks for joining in the fight!

Graham

Powerful Questions for Passing Tests:

What refining tests are you currently experiencing?

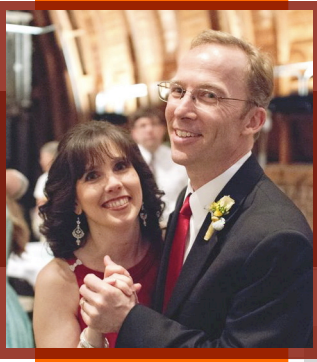
What is God's purpose for the test?

What part of His glorious nature is He developing in you?

What negative mindset is it displacing?

What are the promises/ prophecies that you are being prepared to inherit through this?





Paul Porter

TWC Member - Pioneer Team

Stepping Out of Fear and Into Favor

As I write this, my family and I are on the cusp of closing on a rural property where we plan to start a small farm. Stepping into this dream is a culmination of stepping out of fear and into favor. I found in my journal that it was exactly two years ago this month when I first heard Graham say in *The Art of Thinking Brilliantly*, “What would your life be like if you had no fear?”

My answer then was, “Heaven” because I couldn't imagine my life without fear. Over the past two years the Lord has taken me through increasingly challenging “pop-quizzes” of faith where I knew I could choose fear or press through and see what was on the other side.

This involved simple, practical things like making phone calls to farmers to ask questions; or the expensive loss of a real estate deal. The deal may have failed, but it was extremely educational and prepared us well for the final and much better deal.

We're currently making changes that seem pretty foolish, but we couldn't be more excited. Commute times, finances and the physical work involved put us "all in".

In every test, I found that on the other side of fear was favor.

The emotion of fear can still show up, but my expectation is now that fear is not the indication of an impassible barrier, but the promise of abundance, God's help, and permission granted to experience Him in a new and wonderful way.

We are excited because we see the progression of the Lord moving us forward. We see the Kingdom unfolding in front of us, and dreams that a year ago we thought impossible are now a tangible reality.

I learned/am learning the significance of so many TWC concepts: identity, proactivity, instead-thinking, expecting goodness, expecting favor - and how they play a role in everyday life.

**There's no room for fear;
only wide-eyed wonder like a kid
skipping through Willie Wonka's
chocolate factory.**





TWC Champions Share

"What risks have you taken in TWC? What did you gain?"

The Risk: Stepping into the prophetic and risk being really off and embarrassed.

Why it felt like a risk: I needed to "feel" that what I "hear" is really from God and I rarely, if ever, had the feeling I was looking for, whatever that might be. Because I didn't feel any different than if it was my own thinking, I didn't trust it and didn't want to risk sending it in.

The gain: I learned to just engage in the Intel and trust the quiet confidence I have that Holy Spirit IS speaking it to me, He IS helping me, He IS guiding me! We both know, it's His word released through my yielding to His Spirit in me; as a daughter sharing His secrets.



*Marian Vaine
Gold Team*

The Risk:

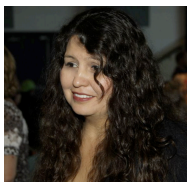
I stepped in to a new space that the Lord had opened for me to explore.

Why it felt like a risk:

Because it was new for me. It wasn't until I soaked in Graham's prophetic word on "Latitude and Indulgence" that I was able to step in to that space and reach for provision from within.

The Gain:

I find myself confident that the missing piece is not missing anymore.



*Maricela
Damerow
Dream Team*

The Risk:

I have been in an anti-trust mode from childhood 'til now. TWC introduced itself to me as non-judgmental, where I could honestly share my experiences, be me, make mistakes and still be accepted.

Why it felt like a risk:

My life's training taught me that people were not trustworthy.

The Gain:

My new mindset of being joyfully vulnerable came to me from a crafted prayer for Graham. I now declare this for Graham, Theresa, myself and others and have begun to experience increased confidence. I'm beginning to feel like I belong somewhere, to experience God's love and therefore feel safe.

This is definitely the beginning of living the upgraded lifestyle.

*Joy Price
Vanguard Team*

True Mentoring: Training for Gaining

Many of you were present at our TWC Training Day in Anaheim, when Graham was asked “What were some of the greatest obstacles that you overcame in your early development?”. He answered, “My mentors”. To which it seemed natural for me to add, “I understand that.”

The room roared with laughter, though I noticed a few wide eyes amongst the crowd. Graham chuckled “touché” and offered a high five. We both knew there was nothing negative in the statement. In fact, it actually meant that he had done well.

**A key question in any mentoring or development process is:
How much do you want this?**

**Enough to risk failure? To overcome your fear of looking silly
or not being able to impress someone you hold in high regard?**

All disciples who want to rise to high places have to come to terms with that question because all great mentors (and mentoring communities) are true friends who won't rescue us from those fears. They are committed to fostering champions who discover the perfect love of God for themselves. (1 John 4:18). They have learned in their own journey the power of that Keeping Truth and know you'll need it too.

In TWC, we've learned that the #1 obstacle in your course of development will be fear. Your Old Man calls it “insecurity”, “timidity”, “self-consciousness” or “being care-ful” (as in “full of care”)... but it's all fear. It is the central barrier to “taking a risk”. What if I give a wrong answer? What if I make a mistake?

**A sense of risk is a fear of loss.
Loss of approval. Loss of security. Loss of life.**

Good mentoring relentlessly trains us in the personalized love of God - so that we exchange a fear of loss for a passion to gain the next part of our life in Christ. Mentors keep you pointed in the right direction but are elusive enough to foster dependency on God, not them. It's *your* history with God that will keep you on the tough days, not theirs. You're not losing support. You're gaining experience in the power of the one with the One.

When Loss is a Good Thing

In Phil 3:7, Paul writes that he has counted all things loss that he may gain Christ. I used to think of this as “sacrificing for Jesus”. But look at what he lost in verses 5 and 6. He lost being a pharisee, a legalist and a murderer of christians. He lost his wrong mindset that these were positives - and his confidence in having to do it all himself. *Those are GOOD things to lose*. Paul went on to make it simple: count everything as loss because all the best there is to be gained is in knowing Jesus.

**What if good mentoring encourages us to lose a life that isn't worth saving
in order to gain the one we haven't imagined yet?**

**What if all we had to lose were things that were good to lose,
and “Training for Gaining” became our primary focus?**

It's a fresh lens on a warped perspective of loss. You can see the need for reframing with phrases like “I gave up smoking”. Dude! Like stopping a life threatening practice is a sacrifice? Sure it's a challenge. But you're *gaining* a healthier life. The only risk is if you hold on to a behavior that's killing you.

Allison Bown
Director of The Warrior Class

Phil. 3:4-7 If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ.



The One Thing We Can Never Lose

If risk is fear of loss, what would be the worst thing we could lose?

That would be the loss of the love of God... and there's NO risk of that occurring.

Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. It can't happen in tribulations, distress, or destitute circumstances; not from demons, or a guilty verdict on our poor behavior; because Jesus already took that condemnation so there's none left for us. (Rom. 8)

The truth of the unchangeable love of God allows our faith to expand because faith works through love (Gal. 5:6). When we are secure in the love of God for us, a sense of risk fades and faith rises. Everything looks do-able because when the Jesus who adores us is standing with us in an "impossible" situation, it's the most natural thing in the world just to go to Him when He says "Come". Nothing to lose. You're safe because He's safe.

What Can I Gain?

If we had nothing of value to lose and everything of eternal significance to gain, how would it change our approach to our mentoring process in TWC? What if our previous "obstacles to overcome" became accelerants to our growth?

What would you attempt for God in TWC (and in life) if you had no fear of loss?

What if we were dead to insecurity because we were so alive to being Accepted in the Beloved? How fast could we grow? Is receiving the fullness of the love of God for us the key to acceleration? No wonder "Becoming the Beloved" is the foundation of Level 1!

What if we loved the learning so much and lived so fully loved, that we didn't care anymore if we needed redirection? If we knew that what we could gain would totally outweigh the uncomfortable moments or miscues?

What if offense was never an option on the days we felt unseen, unheard or unappreciated, because we had no fear of rejection? Could we love learning to live for an Audience of One?

What if our "mentors" were the people who kindly refused to speak to our Old Man and only spoke the language of our New Man? It might sound like gibberish on days to your Old Man ears, but what if you knew you'd get it by immersion if you continued forward?

The True Price to be paid

Every Kingdom friend, mentor and apostle God sends comes to show us what there is to be gained in a way that makes letting go of the old a passion, not a price.

There IS a real "price to be paid", but it's a faith-filled investment in our future made from the deposits of our life in Christ.

So maybe there's a better question than, "How much do you want it?"

**Maybe the real question of true mentorship is:
How much of your New Man do you want to invest in your destiny,
and in the destiny of others?**

Training for Gaining

When I first began to attend the church Graham was in, I was so terrified of having to talk to him that I once hid in a broom closet!

When I prayed later to get understanding of this ridiculous behavior, the Holy Spirit simply asked, "What are you afraid of?" A light bulb went off. "I'm afraid of saying something stupid." To which the Spirit simply chuckled,

"Sweetheart, that's inevitable."

The Comforter sure has his own brand of comfort! But I heard the affection in His voice and together we began unwrapping His perspective where kindness displaced fear. I cooperated with the work and He did the healing.

That was years ago and I had no clue that the debilitating fear that rose up then could later have been an obstacle to life with my grand friend and pal... though no doubt HE may long for the days when he heard far less of my words! LOL

I jumped into that process of overcoming because fear was a giant that had once ruled my life and I had no intention of going back to that Egypt.

And God knew that it was a necessary loss needed to position me to gain all that He had ahead.

That fearful lady doesn't sound like the Allison you know, does it? It's not. It's an Old Man that is so dead, she's hard to imagine. My primary request of God has never been to know my future in detail, but to have submitted to the training He provided and be ready for my destiny when it arrived.

It's a request He's never failed to answer.

What "obstacles" in your life might really be training for a future you have yet to imagine?

Training for Gaining

*"Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, **forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press** toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." Phil 3:13-14*

Training is a process of learning, conditioning and practice, practice, practice. Paul wrote to the Philippians that he knew there was more to gain... but he was certain of how to get there: **Forget what's behind.** Lay that weight aside (Heb. 12:1) Press, lean, pursue what's ahead. TWC training isn't just what's in the assignments. It's as much in gaining a New Man mindset in the Old Man thinking that is revealed.

1. Identify what you're leaving behind - and get to the Truth, not just the behavior.

*The key question that the Holy Spirit asked me is great Training for Gaining:
What are you really afraid of ?*

The superficial answer was that I was afraid of a person, but that wasn't the root of it. The underlying fear was rejection for being an idiot by someone I held in high esteem. But keep going...Why? If you follow that thought, **the lie** becomes more apparent: I believed that rejection from another human meant I really was stupid and (wait for it - here comes the REAL lie...), *God doesn't love stupid people.* (Read Graham's thoughts on this in Prophetic Wisdom, beginning on p.199. Pure gold.) **Satan wanted me to believe that if people didn't approve of me, then God doesn't approve of or love me either.** So silly. God doesn't love based on behavior. Not to mention, the foolish are who God *loves* to use (1 Cor. 1:27), which makes me well qualified! Every lie of the devil is meant to reduce you, confine you and eliminate you. Don't cooperate with that process.

2. Cooperate with God's process. Don't settle for a superficial fix it.

Someone could have rushed in and held my hand; telling me it was all okay, explaining away the circumstances. Thank God I didn't know anyone back then to do that! It would have been a band-aid on a life-long lie that God wanted to displace with His truth. My Old Man was a performance addict. God was DELIGHTED to have the opportunity to introduce me to the courageous New Man Allison and highlight how dead the old gal was!

When I connected with His delight in the process, the process became delightful

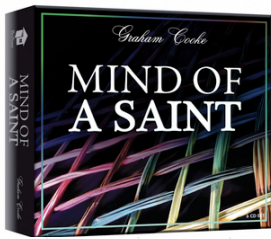
3. Discover His "INSTEAD".

- a. What are your **really** afraid of? (or "nervous" about; or "uncertain"; or "self-conscious" over...). Partner with the Holy Spirit to find the true cause. Make a list.
- b. What is God's opposite "instead"? Promises in scripture? In your prophetic words?
- c. **What aspect of God's love is your specific opposite?** There's something about going beyond just the word "love" that has power. When I look at the Fruit of the Spirit - they ALL work through love. (Maybe that's why it is the greatest?) For me, it was the **kindness and patience** in the Holy Spirit's response to me that illuminated the lie and displaced the fear. The tone of His voice told me it was okay if it was a process. He was glad to go with me and that made me glad. His confidence became mine.

4. Write a Crafted Prayer or Declaration. Your words connect you with the Truth that lives in you.

A line from one of mine for a "missing piece" says, *"Thank you that Your mind is mine. Your wisdom is my inheritance. Your steadfast love for me never fails."* Pray the provision. Declare the Truth so that you Behold Him and Become more like Him. It's not "positive thinking". It is aligning with the Truth.

And enjoy the journey! *Allison*



Training for Gaining from MIND OF A SAINT

"Thank you Lord that I'm no longer trying harder to get it all done. I am learning instead to follow Your rhythm for my life."

"Thank you Jesus that I'm no longer worried over how I pay to go to a conference. I am learning to trust You and listen for Your creative ways."

"Thank you God that I no longer have to feel less when someone else is brilliant. I am learning how much You love the wonderful ways you made me!"

"When the key element of your identity comes from a negative, then your experiences will always be negative. The mind of a sinner can receive forgiveness, but still lives under a shadow of guilt. Many Christians don't enjoy their relationship with God because they're afflicted by doubt, fear and unbelief about themselves... They lack the freedom to enjoy, explore and possess the fullness of Christ.

Any repentance that is not a response to goodness will not last long. When we give power of agreement to a negative perception, we damage our emotions and our thinking makes us captives.

When you know you are a saint,
then you will be occupied with righteousness
because a saint is one of the holy ones!

Jesus said He came to bring "Good News to the afflicted, to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and freedom to prisoners...recovery of sight (New Lenses!) to the blind... To comfort all who mourn giving beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for sorrow and the garment of praise for the spirit of depression.

There's a difference between captives and prisoners. We can be captive to a religious system that doesn't set us free and we can be a prisoner of a lifestyle that we don't understand is fully dead - so we're always asking Him to 'Help me with this. Help me with that'.

INSTEAD:
Thank the Lord that I am no longer _____.
I am learning to be _____."

Real Life: Evidences of Transformation

Some great examples of the STORIES that are to be included with every "Evidence"



Faith: I am demonstrating increasing trust and conviction of who God is for me

In the last few days, I had a chance to review journals from both one and two years ago. I had gone through "Becoming the Beloved" almost exactly one year ago, and when I went back and looked at those notes, I could see who I was and who God was for me at that time - and then contrast it with today.

To say that the difference is profound is not even close. The difference is light-years away and a change that only God could have accomplished.

The change is so great that friends who haven't seen me for 1-2 years don't recognize me!

EXAMPLE: *Instead of frantically trying to "fix" my sons who have been a challenge, my focus today is standing on my promises and asking for help when I need it from those who I trust to remind me of who I am.*

I have shared my identity statement and crafted prayers for my boys with some trusted women in my life. When I am struggling, they remind me of WHO I am.

Christine Taylor - Northern Lights Team

Works:

My actions demonstrate intentionality.

ACTION: I want to be intentional about sharing the kindness of the Lord with young people.

STORY: *I had a student come to the door selling newspaper subscriptions, and I did not want another paper, but I really did want to help him with his scholarship efforts.*

I offered to make a donation, and he thought I meant a dollar or two. When I said, "No, I was thinking more about \$25.00", he was surprised!

I ended up purchasing a subscription that he will give to someone else, and as we sat on the front porch doing the paperwork, I asked for his name and said that I would pray for him to get into college.

Then we sat and talked for about an hour about Jesus and God and (he being Muslim) we shared back and forth about the Koran and the Bible. It was one of the most wonderful experiences of sharing the kindness of God.

Ann Fickert - Gold Team

Thinking : I am thinking in positives, reframing negatives

"More and more my first reaction to a situation (problem) is to ask God "Who are you being for me right now and who are you going to be for me?" I love the rest that comes from thinking this way.

STORY: *At our Wednesday gals group, after enjoying a time of fellowship over one of Graham's books, we began discussing old photographs .*

It brought up sad emotions. We talked and decided to ask God to help us Reframe every old memory that was not pleasant into a verbal blessing and a declaration of payback! This turned some of our negative history into our Christ given destiny!!!

Suzette James - Diamond Team

FACEBOOK Follow Up:

Prison, Freedom & Praise



Ron Martin - Stonebridge Team

Freedom. It's the goal of every prisoner, right?

Reality is seemingly defined by the cell walls around you. You muster strength to look out your tiny prison window to gaze upon a better life just outside those walls. Instinct kicks in and the goal of your prison-life is simply to find freedom from the thing holding you captive. You wear yourself out kicking, screaming and fighting against your prison. Yet, hopelessness saps your strength until you eventually stop looking out that window.

Over time you forget the truth. A truth that pricks your heart with holy agitation. A truth that says: Christ already set you free to live a free life. Sadly, you still see the walls around you as you rise and fall from the battlefield, clamoring for a freedom you know is rightfully yours.

Gazing upon the futility of our efforts, I can't help but wonder if maybe we've been fighting on the wrong battlefield.

What if the real battle is not for freedom?

What if the real battle is for Trust?

A trust placed in the wrong thing may be the very thing enslaving us. Credit cards are a great example of this from my history. The kindness of the Father showed me that I was trusting credit cards in times of need until He challenged me to put my trust in Him instead of the cards. A shift occurred and my behaviors started to change.

**Instead of fighting for freedom by modifying behavior,
I noticed that "Where trust leads, behavior will follow."**

The real battle was choosing where my heart was going to place its trust.

Fighting for something you already have is really just limited vision. Look out that window again and dream. Once I shifted the fight onto the battlefield of Trust, everything changed. The fight was fruitful. The vision of my heart opened up and lifted higher. I caught increasingly better glimpses of the wide-open that spaces my kind, gentle and loving Father designed/desired for me to inhabit. I rested more. I started realizing that freedom was only part of the experience He wanted to give me.

**The hopelessness of prison eroded and in the decision between Prison and Promise,
I realized the battle for promise was worth the fight.**

Lastly, ask the Father, "Where's the **real** battle?"

"What new areas of trust are mine to explore?"

"What is the promise waiting for me?"



On March 24th, Ron Martin posted on the TWC Facebook page and initiated a grand dialogue.

It included this thought:

..."The simplicity of it is this: both prison and promise require fighting some battles.

It's just that the battles of prison lead you nowhere while the battles of promise lead you into freedom, blessing and wide open places.

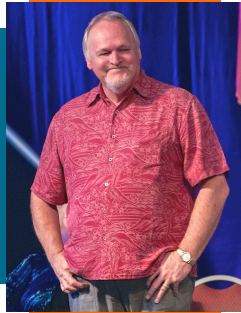
Time to choose the better battle..."

In our TWC process, we are continually embracing the wisdom to "Have another thought".

It seemed that you might want to hear a few more of Ron's...

The Fight God Initiates

A Prophetic Word - Graham Cooke



What
are
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What
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"There is a series of battles coming to the church and to us as a people. However, this is a different type of battle, one that many of us have never seen before.

**This is not a battle initiated by the enemy;
he's not responsible.
This is a war whose origin is in God.**

God is coming to fight for us. He is launching a first strike over the enemy. He is the one starting trouble, and He will finish it. He is giving us a certainty of victory as we learn how to stand. Our lives may have trouble now, but God is going to trouble the one who is troubling us.

He is looking for enemy activity. He is looking for evidence of our own inability to change, and He will disarm the enemy and teach us a process that will rearm us with weapons of warfare and breakthrough.

God is setting foot in our lives to reclaim territory. He will produce in us an anointing to break out of the trap of the enemy, of circumstances, and of bad habits. The Lord is also laying the foundations of a war-faring community that will rise up and police the heavens.

God is moving, and we must move with Him. He is declaring war on the enemy. There are battles over health, employment, families, finances, sin, bad habits, immorality, mental health, depression, ministry, business, leadership, and revelation. The church has been held back from claiming and releasing her supernatural inheritance.

Remember, this is God attacking the things that have been attacking you.

It is not the enemy attacking your health, it is God attacking the thing that makes you unhealthy. He will release healing gifts and miracles as you learn how to respond to Him.

These battles that God will wage in us and through us will be the making of us. They will serve us as our training ground and our proving ground, and the Lord will teach us obedience, authority, and power in these days. He is training our hands for war.

Every attack of God upon your circumstances will see you increase and prosper. Every weapon of God will release us and prosper us to thrive in the Kingdom. Men and women of war will rise up. There will be a tremendous intercession breakthrough, and we will come into worship anointings that will touch the throne. There will be a river of encouragement that will touch this state and the nations.

**A prophetic community will rise up that knows how to fight.
An army will emerge in the audience of the current church.**

We're in the trenches now, but God is going over the top to take on the enemy and we must go with Him, secure in His power to protect us.

In these battles God is establishing us in our rightful place. He is enlarging us. In these battles, a window of opportunity has opened for something new to happen in the church. We are coming into the end of an age and the church must be positioned to receive all that God is releasing. There will be some easy fights and some hard fights, but the harder the fight, the bigger the breakthrough.

Remember, the Lord says, "I will fight for you, and you must learn to fight alongside Me. Stand with Me in faith and you will see the salvation of God and its awesome power to deliver and set free.

Fight for each other... and have this mind in you that says to the enemy, "If you attack one of us, we're all coming after you." Take every enemy attack as a personal and corporate insult to the person of Jesus. Learn to be outraged and indignant at the enemy. Lose your passivity.

**Do not let your response be limited by your vision,
but let it be expanded by a child-like faith.**

It's time for a regime change. You are no longer subject to what the enemy is doing. You are now vulnerable to the goodness of God. These battles are only designed for a purpose of breakthrough. You must learn to strike the ground.*"

*Graham originally gave this word in 2003 and again in 2009.
It has yet to be fully acted upon.*

I believe that TWC and the communities that we impact have permission to inherit this word in fullness. - Allison

*See 2 Kings 13 for the story of the danger of going halfway

From Graham's comments
following this word:

"When things go wrong in our lives, very often we view them from a natural level and we miss that God is highlighting an area in our life that He wants to fight in; that He wants to stand in; that He want to contend against the enemy.

God is attacking what is attacking us. Not only is He fighting for us, He is teaching us warfare.

Never allow your circumstances to attack your prophecy. Use your prophecy to attack your circumstances!

We're learning about vengeance and how to receive under pressure.

When we look in the natural, we can shrink in terms of our faith. When we understand things in the prophetic, everything expands on the inside of us...

Most victory comes through process...
and in the process many of you have become bigger.

It is time to own up to just how big you really are...."

A Final Thought...

The true prophetic word always deserves our focused consideration and meditation. For years, I have written a personal response to the Word of the Lord when I hear it. These usually become journals that grow... and this is the first entry in mine for this word. Consider what your personal response to Graham's word is, as together, we explore what it means to us to be a Kingdom company of warriors. - Allison



*Religion uses people to provide a select few with position.
The Kingdom uses position to provide people with freedom.
Jesus, You used the greatest position of all to gain the greatest liberty possible.*

Now it is our turn to become so captivated with the beauty of Your life and sacrifice that we will become passionate warriors who fight to see You inherit what You paid the ultimate price to have.

*From our freedom, to free captives from a message that only declares their lack,
and open a highway into the territory of Your abundance, joy, passion and permission.
Champions who fight from love, for love.*

*People will follow warriors and game changers who exude absolute confidence in
Your overcoming goodness and the abundance of Your grace.
Therefore, we pursue an upward journey to become more and more the true image of Christ,
so that when people engage with us - they become captivated by You.*

*We do not consider our earthbound numbers, resources, circumstances nor history.
We consider only the provision of the Kingdom before us.
And at the time of Your choosing,
We are and will continue to be trained to win the fight that You initiate.*