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Training Journal

for Warriors, Champions and Game Changers

The Nature of Exploration in TWC

The Qualities, Mindsets and Actions of Kingdom Explorers

Allison's Journal:

It has been over ten years ago that I first heard Graham use the phrase: "Walking off your map". Like all good adventures, it sounded like a great idea... and it was. It is just that I didn't realize at the time that there was no existing bridge in my life from that intriguing concept to living in its reality.

That has been a journey.

Since then, my life has been complete reinvented - as has Graham's - and many of you have found or are finding your own familiar world not so familiar any more. We are unlearning a great many of our previous perceptions and discovering a vast territory of possibilities. We're uncovering some unknown obstacles in our thinking and using them as opportunities for growth.

At its core, TWC is a company of explorers and pioneers; ones who often change the game by discovering a new way to engage with it. We are not following a path in intercession, training or leadership that has been already laid out. We have our compasses in hand and are taking notes as we go.

**We are drawing maps that many will follow,
and having the time of our lives doing it.**

Enjoy exploring these pages and contemplating the qualities of the adventurer that you are.

It's a good journey that we are on!

Allison

Q & A with Grae

Is Everyone a Pioneer?

Graham Cooke

From TWC Training Day - Radical Permission 2 - Anaheim 2014



TWC Q & A Session at "Radical Permission 2"

All of us should consider ourselves to be pioneers. There is territory out there that has your name on it, so you are a pioneer in your own life. You need to be forging a way forward. We should love that sense of exploring and at least be doing one or two things a year that are really "Lewis and Clark" in nature.


It's really important that when you explore territory, that you always carry a stake with you and stick it in the ground. Bang it into the ground in that space and say, "Lord, I want to bind myself to this work. I want to be a stakeholder in what You are showing me right now and the territory that's opening up for me." If you see yourself as a stakeholder in territory, then you will protect that territory, you will explore it, you'll mine it, and you can bring people onto that property and show them things. When people connect with you, they will connect with the place where you live in the Lord.

We are all opening up territory that will require occupation. Some territory is best occupied with friends. That's what we're doing as TWC. We are exploring territory and eventually some of that territory will be real de facto truth for all other intercessors in the nation. At some point they are going to be impacted by the journey that you are taking.

**I've been involved with intercessors for years,
but I have never seen a group take this road like we are.
I believe that the impact of it is going to be considerable.**

So, put your stake in the ground first and become a stakeholder. That spiritual territory becomes deeply personal, and it needs to. You have to explore it, and you have to establish it in you. Get a handle on your placement in Christ in it and in your identity. When you are exploring that territory for you, you will build foundations in it. It will also build foundations in you, because that territory has to stay. You are not just going to pass through it on the way to somewhere else.

That is where we leave the connection of exploring in terms of Kingdom and the world. That is where they separate. The territory you are exploring stays with you forever. The land becomes you, and you become the land. You are the territory, like we know that Jesus is the territory. He is our Canaan. He is our land of promise. So when we explore Jesus, we're exploring territory. But that territory is in us because He is in us. So you are the territory, and the territory is you. You have to own it.

Then, we look at who are we partnering with in this because with a bunch of friends, you can establish something much deeper. Together, you can start to build some height on it. Fellowship changes the dynamic of the journey. You will need other peoples' perspective to open up that territory in a much bigger way. As it develops, we look at our circle of friends and the people that we are on this journey with, and the ones that we are sharing this territory together, because you may see what could happen in the west; they might see what happens in the east. We may be going strong on our own, but we are always looking for authentic partnership to explore that truth, that revelation, that territory, and see what opens up when a bunch of us start thinking about it. 

The Nature of Exploration in TWC

All of my life, I have been fascinated by explorers. As a kid, I checked out every book at the library on the subject, being far more drawn to true stories of adventure than to childhood fiction. In recent years, these tales have provided valuable lessons, along with our own Warrior Class exploration team, of the nature of Kingdom Exploration. In Anaheim, at our TWC Training Day, I shared some of our discoveries that have become compass points to us... indicators that help us find our way as we navigate our Radical Permission to explore! ~ Allison Bown

Compass Point #1: Exploration Requires Focus

When an explorer embarks on a journey, they know what they are going after. While there will indeed be many unexpected turns in the road, world-class explorers have a specific target that keeps them from getting sidetracked. It is another lens on the concept of Kingdom assignments: know what you are called to invade, establish and expand... and what you're not. So far, we have identified some key Kingdom territories that God has entrusted TWC to explore, map and broaden. These are our primary focuses:

1. The Territory of Relational Process

TWC at its core is about the process that makes us rich and engaging in that process in a relationship with God and each other. Our lens is that everything we encounter is training for reigning, so it is all redemptive. We have invaded the territory of Joyful Intentionality and everything we do is done with a vertical perspective to who God is for us now, as well as a horizontal scope of who we become together on the journey. Great explorers work in teams, not solo.

2. The Territory of Joyful, Targeted, Prophetic Intercession

We bring that relational process into redefining intercessors as joyful, powerful and prophetic. Our first stance in prayer is thanksgiving, worship, stillness and listening. We pray like the adored ones that we are, always focusing on what God is doing "instead". Our prayers are not random, but crafted. We are renewed and refreshed through our relationship with God and each other as we live in the "clash between two kingdoms".

3. The Territory of Investment

We have seen, invaded and are establishing the territory of sowing in the direction that we are going; of investing our time and our finances into our shared passions. Members don't see the \$30 each month as a "fee", but as a seed being sown into developing our own brilliant lives with God. TWCers were some of the first to sign up for Team Brilliant events in 2014 and our members, along with their guests, were often a significant percentage of those attending. Those who truly couldn't come, often joined by live stream when offered and poured over reports and recordings. Many of you freely gave offerings for Graham and Theresa that went far above and beyond. You signed on for additional training in leadership and intel because you were passionate about them. No poverty mindsets in this mob!

4. The Territory of Kingdom Leadership Culture

Building on Graham Cooke and Gary Goodell's books on *Permission To Do Church Differently in the 21st Century* and *Where Would Jesus Lead?*, our genius team of Directors, Lead Coaches and Team Leaders have created a leadership culture that:

- coaches instead of instructs; values questions more than quick answers
- empowers choices instead of giving directives
- goes first to open up a space and cheers you as YOU decide what to fill it with.
- trains in a culture before training for specific jobs
- values leading from amongst, not pulling people along from the front.

We want to continue to explore and expand a leadership culture that gains its momentum from its members and facilitates growing up into all things in Christ in a dynamic and creative way that values your unique journey.



Compass Point #2: Explorers Prepare

For the dual race to the South Pole in 1912, Roald Amundsen was meticulously prepared. Robert Scott, his competitor, was not. Amundsen lived with Eskimos to learn their ways in the cold. His men were required to be extremely fit and proficient with every piece of equipment. He used proven methods with dog sleds, whereas Scott decided to try the untested concept of ponies and motorized sledges. Neither worked. Amundsen's supply depots were numerous and had many markers. Scott's were few and marked with a single, small flag. He missed them all.

Amundsen and his team were the first to the South Pole. Robert Scott and several in his team sadly perished on the return trip.

Preparation is key in any successful exploration. It is why we have the Application Process and New Member process (soon to be upgraded to 3 months) upon entering TWC, so that we give everyone time to acclimate, connect, upgrade and align on their TWC adventure. It's why we ask you to take a time of transition (also to be upgraded and given more definition in 2015) between each of your Training Levels.

We want you to continue to dialogue about your identity with God and your team, to contemplate your Warrior Journal and value the journey that makes us rich before moving to the next level, so that when you arrive, you are as prepared as possible to meet your new challenges and adventures.

Compass Point #3: Covering Necessary Ground

On most expeditions, there is previously explored territory to be covered before getting into the wilds. Lewis and Clark had to sail up the well-traveled Mississippi and through the fur trade routes on the Missouri River for several months before getting into the unknown.

Often, God has us cover ground we feel has already been taken. But the key question is, "Has it been established?" We've won the battle for the ground, but have we won the fight to keep it?

In TWC, "necessary ground" can look like time invested in connecting with your team in a fresh way, reviewing the intel process or joining a Training Call. It can be listening to "Living on a Higher Place" again or reviewing your Identity Statement. What haven't you done for a while (or ever) that you can do now? You may feel that you've covered this ground before, but we want to be sure that we keep it covered and growing deeper as we progress forward.

Compass Point #4: Promises or Details?

The day comes for every explorer where you realize that you really haven't gone this way before. Until then, "walking off your map" sounded intriguing and exciting. Now, the lack of details and specifics may feel unsettling and uncomfortable, and suddenly even an incomplete map seems to promise security. Look at the old maps of North America before it was fully explored. They were often a collection of guesses and speculations that were more ...

What the Territory of TWC Leadership

Looks Like to Me

by Ana Cross ~ Discovery Team Leader

Leadership in TWC looks like nothing I have ever experienced – and I've been on a lot of teams in my life! Joyful intentionality, bound by integrity and love. Sounds lovely, but now I've seen it in action! It means:

Listening between the lines for goodness

Never taking offense

Loving unconditionally

Drawing people into True Identity

Coming alongside them in all ages and stages

Always encouraging people upward in their choices

My latest opportunity to practice Leadership TWC style came when one of my team members let me know that she was considering leaving TWC. This wasn't the first time someone had let me know they were considering moving in a different direction. I've never taken this personally because it's not my job to tell people what to do – it is Holy Spirit's!

But while praying about it, Holy Spirit reminded me of a time when I was re-thinking my TWC commitment – was it really where I was supposed to be? Were there some things I would like to see done differently? Was I going to go a different direction or jump in wholeheartedly? The Holy Spirit reminded me, "Not too long ago, you felt just like she feels in your TWC journey". Ask her if she would mind taking the time to write down just what she was feeling, and what ideas she might have for upgrades."

BRILLIANT!!!! No shame, no blame, just honest searching. The outcome was delightful!!! Without any judgment, condemnation or criticism, the question was put out there – "I (Ana) am very interested in hearing more about your thoughts on leaving TWC. I know when I first started, I had a feeling of disconnectedness but couldn't quit verbalize it. If you have thoughts on upgrades, yours and ours, I would love to hear them!" And so it started.

Our member said "Yes". We had lunch together, shared our passion for living life prophetically, and I got to hear some GREAT ideas that I was able to share with TWC Leadership! Some ideas were confirmation of where the enemy was trying to get a foothold, and others were ideas that TWC was already considering but were an issue of timing. (Don't you love how Holy Spirit keeps us all in sync?) All were great upgrades.

And just by going through the process of asking and feeling heard, my team member has jumped back into TWC with both feet! This was an AWESOME opportunity for me to respond vs react, and to listen with my spirit for Papa's sweet voice, gently moving us all upward!

I LOVE how TWC always calls us to higher levels of connection while fighting for the Kingdom! There are blessings and favor to more than cover all of us all the time – as we love the learning together. Brilliant!!





TWC Insights from The Nature of Exploration in TWC

"I truly didn't know I was off my map until Allison did this talk! Clue #1: I want a map, Clue #2: I want details, in the hope that they will give me some sort sense of security. Clue #3- I want to start connecting my dots before I have collected them all. I get to choose: details or promises?"
- Christine Taylor

"I connected with Allison's explanation of covering necessary ground as part of the training to explore. I related it to climbing a 14,000 foot mountain last summer. I did not spend enough time getting acclimated to the altitude and had a tough climb. I prefer getting on with things, but realized that joyful preparation and training are as important as the exploration."
- Marcia Reinhardt

"Exploring is not as much fun alone. As a former lone ranger, I walked a lot of lonely roads. Now I don't have to and that has added so much richness to the process."
- Rick Roberts

...likely to slow you down than speed your progress. It has come time to put your "need to know what comes next" in the hands of the Holy Spirit and embark on the adventure of TRUST.

Trust in the nature of God for you and trust in His promises.

Besides, do you really want all the details of how your life will turn out? Do you think that will bring you peace? Consider if Jesus had done this with Peter when they first met:

*"Hey, Pete! I'm Jesus. We're going to be great friends.
You're going to leave your family and your income to travel with Me.
You'll do lots of great miracles, but you're also going to say some really stupid things that end up coming from the mind of Satan himself.
You'll be the first one that My Dad tells My true identity to,
but after years of friendship, you'll be so scared of getting in trouble that you'll tell everyone you don't even know who I am... and I'll hear it.
I'm going to be unjustly killed in a tortuous, bloody way
and the work that you have been a part of will seem to completely fall apart.
But I'll come back to life, share some important stuff and go back to heaven.
You will meet God the Spirit and He will change everything
in an event that will involve a lot of wind and fire.
You're going to be a very good preacher with loads of impact
and then spend a lot of time getting beaten up and tortured in jail.
Some angels will help you out on occasion.
But the best part is that more than likely,
you'll get to die in the same horrible way I will, but upside down....
Okay - off we go!"*

Do you *really* want to know everything that is coming? I don't. I would much rather choose to know the One who will be with me in the unexpected events in my life and put my trust in my Friend who:

- Never leaves me, nor forsakes me (Heb. 13:5)
- Is faithful, even if I am faithless (2 Tim. 2:13)
- Loves me with an everlasting, never changing love (Jer. 31:3)
- Meets all my needs (Mt. 6:31-33 and Phil. 4:19)
- Gives me a peace that isn't available in the world (John 14:27)
- Guides me in all truth (John 16:13)
- Keeps me healthy and renews my strength (Is. 40:31)
- Strengthens me to do all things (Phil. 4:13)

The list could go on for pages. Hmmm...

Promises or details? I'll take promises!

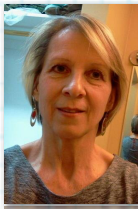
Explorers must be champions in trust. We choose to trust in "Who" more than "what", "where", "how" or "why". God may or may not answer the questions we have, but He will always answer who He wants to be for you, in you and through you.

Our job is to be "Dot Collectors" on the journey. The Holy Spirit is the great "Dot Connector", both in wisdom and in timing. If you only have five dots in a picture that has 25 dots, you aren't going to see anything helpful by trying to connect-the-dots before it is time. Be at peace as you continue to collect, record and ponder the promises, prophecies and pieces God gives you as you go. When it is time, the map will begin to emerge. Before then, all you have are the guesses and speculations ~ an incomplete map that will probably get you off course.

The Warrior Class is a team of explorers. It is one of our many corporate identities and understanding the nature of exploration will be key in remaining encouraged and passionate in the months and years ahead. This life is a journey and Jesus is the territory and the destination. Enjoy the adventure! ~ Allison

What have you had to "Unlearn" in TWC? And what have you learned "instead"?

I found that I had a lot of harsh ideas of my Father's nature stemming from old religious teachings in the early days of my walk with Him...ideas that I had to be good for Him to love me, to "do" right or He wouldn't accept me. You know, performance based thinking. But I have let those ideas go. Now embrace His goodness and unconditional love toward me. Not just the "unconditional love" of salvation that we all have received, but the unconditional love and goodness of everyday living of life as He designed it.



I'm actually enjoying my walk with Him more than I ever have.

~ Debby Schmidt
Vanguard Team

Unlearning is as much fun as learning!

A thought from Graham:

"We learn retrospectively as much as we do in the moment. We are always becoming more in our identity. In our prior persona, we were so sure about many things. As we change and become more like Jesus, some of these old thoughts pass away and more brilliant thoughts emerge. Our experiences with God are defined by different truth we did not know before. We get to "unlearn". It's important to lay aside perceptions when we discover that they are inaccurate or inappropriate...

There is no condemnation.

That thought alone makes both the "unlearning" and the learning enjoyable!"

~ from Secret Sayings, Hidden Meanings

I have unlearned a habit of being distracted by lesser things.
Instead, I enjoy a thousand looks at Jesus through
the enormity of the Spirit's joy.

Kathy Riley ~ Dream Team

One of the greatest things I have unlearned through TWC is: praying the problem instead of what Jesus is praying. Hebrews 7:25 says "...He (Jesus) lives forever to intercede with God on their (my) behalf."

Now, as I ponder the culture of heaven and the relationship between God and Jesus, I just can't see Jesus being fretful, negotiating, begging, or acting anxious while He and the Father were communicating about any trial or circumstances in my life, or in the lives of those in this world.

Instead, I see them dialoguing, agreeing and enjoying talking about us, and declaring their hearts into any situation we are in. I see them getting excited about the possible outcomes and upgrades available for us during this season. I can now imagine them proclaiming wisdom and understanding into our spirits, and that we would know we are conquerors, and that peace, not stress is available. I see the release of angelic warriors for our protection as they pour out grace to empower us to walk in their strength and power.

When I understand that these are some of the things Jesus intercedes towards I can be confident to unlearn praying the problem and begin asking Him what He is seeing for me or my fellowman and begin praying in line with Him.

What a wonderful unlearning process. Jimetta Mayne ~ TWC Lead Coach



More that you've unlearned and learned...?



I am replacing a paradigm that anticipates judgement and punishment when mistakes are made and am learning, as it works in Judo, "the art of falling." This parallel Kingdom concept, just as in the martial art, uses the momentum of an opponent (an opposing circumstance and/or a mistake) against them.

Therefore, there is no such thing as failure in the Kingdom, there is only learning.

There is always something to be gained in Christ - everything is useful! I am learning to process the applicable events in this manner.

Nick Studebaker ~ Northern Lights Team Member

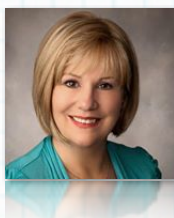
Somehow, through direct teaching, or simply my interpretation of reality, I came to mistakenly believe that every problem, every "dark" and challenging experience, was the product of a mistake or failure on my part. If I had only listened more carefully for God's voice I would have avoided every negative experience in my life. Surely, God was constantly warning me about upcoming pitfalls, but I was too dull or too distracted to hear His warnings so I kept having to deal with the effects of the problems and challenges that came.

I still thought that being "comfortable" was a reasonable expectation of a life lived in obedience and that somehow I was missing it. Surely I could get to a place where I was so attuned to God, that all mistakes would all be avoided, practice and recovering from falls would be unnecessary, and I would be so bulletproof that the enemy wouldn't even try to engage with me. (Ridiculous, eh?) So when things were painful and I felt lost, I knew (and was frequently told) that somehow I had "missed God" ... and I believed it.

Can you imagine my joy and relief when I learned that God was right with me in *every* experience; painful or pleasant, tough or easy? I wasn't "missing it"!

I just wasn't seeing things through the right lens or asking the right questions. I wasn't living a perpetual "long, dark night of the soul". I was being prepared for bigger battles and rising up higher with every experience.

How clearly I can now see what God has brought me through, and how I have benefitted from my toughest experiences. What a joy it is now to absolutely *know* that I am not failing when I experience a challenging time. I've gladly traded in my desire to "be comfortable" for a desire to be powerful and triumphant. Overcoming is so much more exciting and befitting a child of the King than a lifestyle of avoiding, don't you think?



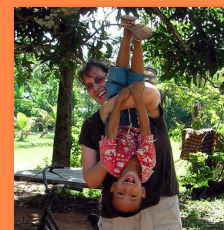
~ Barb Rarden

Dream Team Member

My subconscious expectation was that if I was out of line or missed the mark, I would be corrected, or at least diplomatically redirected.

Conformity was the undertow: I believed that if I complied and did what I "should," goodness would follow me all of my days. (II Pharisees 4:2 ☺)

So when I was asked in TWC to discover my own journey without a measuring stick or ruler, it was disconcerting.



True to Papa's values, I was given a wide open space, a kiss and a compass.

Endeavoring to stay in the lines, I wiggled all the more. But TWC's feedback was consistent, "We trust you to discover Who you are looking for."

It is taking me time to receive, but instead of being dragged down, I am learning to recognize Heaven's attraction to me. He, indeed, is drawing me up into a new dimension of windy, zig-zaggy, untidy joy!

~ Libby Kinhead
Gold Team Member



Greg & Angela Young at
"Overcoming Life 1"

"Up-Learning Grace"

by Angela Young - Discovery Team Member

As I rushed a child to another volley ball game and drove the others to theater class, my mind raced. Did I thaw something out for dinner? Suzy Q asked me to call her and pray with her. I have week-old emails that I have not responded to. Phone calls and appointments need to be scheduled. Home-schooling lesson plans to prepare. Laundry, laundry....I forgot to put in a load! Oh, and I have to stop and get dish soap TODAY! We have been washing dishes for a week with hand soap. Then, during the drive my sweet daughter chimes in and says, "Homecoming is next weekend Mom and I need to go shopping for a dress and shoes."

I could feel my body begin to slump down as I breathed a slow sigh of desperation.

After a day like this I used to fall into bed and say under my breath "Only by the grace of God." This is also what I said when people asked me "How do you do it?" That seemed like the right answer, right? I couldn't do it and it was only by God's grace. Life was hard, but I knew God was bigger. I envisioned that He swooped in to save me and save the day. That was the definition of "grace" in my life.



I could have continued on with that thinking. I would still be exhausted and desperate but I would have survived. But I didn't want to JUST survive. My heart ached and longed to believe that there *must* be a better way. Then, this gift kept falling in my lap and I wasn't taking the time to unwrap it.

I kept hearing this statement: "Grace is the empowering presence of God that enables you to become the person God sees when He looks at you." What the heck did that mean!?!?

So, began my journey of unlearning grace to UP-learning grace; learning a higher way of thinking about God's grace in my life. It started with a reminder that I put in my phone so that every couple of days Graham's quote would pop up. At first I would read it and think to myself "That's nice". But slowly, slowly it began to sink in. Could it mean that His presence in my hectic life was true and that He could see all those tiny details and tasks and endless lists? Did He have a gift or tool to give me that would empower me? BIG yeses to these questions were increasing!!!

Then one day I shared my heart with the Lord in a way I never had before. I told Him I didn't like living this way and that I believed He didn't want me to either. He started to show me what He was thinking when my mind was stuck on thinking overload, stress and exhaustion. He was thinking and saying, "I would never put those on you." "I would never want you to feel that way. "Why do you do that to yourself?" It hit me.

I was putting these on myself and these were my wrong belief systems. God wasn't swooping in to "save" me by His grace. He was with me in every moment, filling me with His powerful, overcoming spirit. I had His tools, skills and mind that equipped me to face every situation brilliantly and joyfully.

He began to hand me His peace when life was hectic. He slipped humor in my back pocket and I pulled it out when tension needed to be broken. I was strengthened by just thinking about how close and aware He was of every tiring detail I was living. I began tuning in to His Spirit on a deeper level and I got glimpses of the way He sees me. In my UP-learning, I've agreed and received His empowering grace, and am becoming the joyful and victorious person all of Heaven knows me to be.

~ Angela Young



Radical Permission to Explore

Questions in Exploration

by
Graham Cooke

Questions are an essential aid to exploration. They are navigational tools that allow us to travel in a new and a distinct fashion. Good questions set us up to succeed and they accelerate our development. The answers empower our growth and change our thinking.

As I said in The Warrior Class Q & A in Anaheim, all mentoring is about asking questions to enable people to think for themselves. We don't tell people what to think, for goodness sake (unless we want to treat them like kindergartners). We teach them how to think, and we do it by asking questions.

Questions evoke a personal process

It's the questions that God asks that empower you to grow in wisdom because His questions are really about the development of wisdom. He is teaching you to be wise in the ways of God and wise in the ways of the Kingdom. Questions are His excellent way of starting a dialog, a two-way conversation, that allows us to explore possibilities and initiate a process that opens up our story and our journey.

**Everything that you are hearing demands
that you question what your response is going to be.**

You can't hear a message and then just go out and get on with your life. Sadly, millions of Christians do that. But everything you hear about Jesus is going to beg a question of you, "If I actually believe that, where is it going to take me? If I actually believe that, how do I have to think? If I actually believe that, how do I need to start living and acting?" There are always questions.

Questions can come in times of crisis or blessing

Some questions come in times of crisis, in times of suffering and difficulty like the ones in Romans 8: Peril, distress, tribulation, and so on. They enable us to take a huge step forward in God when things are against us because often, you know, that is the best time to take ground. There are times for defensive spiritual warfare where you have to learn to keep your own life free from enemy activity. You have to learn how to stand your ground. Then, you have to learn to hold the ground that you've got.

For example, Romans 8:31: "What, then, shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?" That is a really important question for every one of us because we are all going to go through (hopefully) some level of persecution. If you are being persecuted, it shows you that you're somebody in the Kingdom because the enemy doesn't attack nobodies. That, to me, is part of the attraction of warfare. I like warfare because I love seeing the majesty of God. So the question for me in any battle is, "How are You going to show up on my behalf? What is it I get to see about You, Lord?"

Questions can also come in times of plenty, times of blessing and times of high faith. It can be His way of saying, "I want to advance the timing of something." God is always thinking about upgrading and increasing....

Questions that unveil the Mind of Christ

Some questions come because it is time for us to take us a step forward in terms of God's true mindset. He asks us questions when we are struggling with our own life and behaviors.

Many, many years ago, I was struggling with areas of discipline, areas of righteousness in my life, and my continual question to the Lord was: "What's wrong with me?" But He never answered that question.

A few weeks later, as I'm praying, I hear the Lord counter my question with His own question, "Graham, what if nothing is wrong with you? What if something is missing?" I couldn't even *begin* to understand what that meant. What did that mean?

First, He led me to Romans 6 where it talks about how when Jesus died, you died; when He was buried, you were buried; and when He rose again, you rose again with Him into newness of life, and suddenly I began to see that God had delineated what is the old man and what is the new man, and that the old one is dead and buried and everything that was wrong about me died with Jesus on the Cross. Then God raised me up to be a new man. Next, He took me to Ephesians 4:20-25, "*Lay aside the old man.*" In other words, don't deal with it, lay it aside--*Be renewed in the spirit of your mind and put on the new man.*" And suddenly I saw it!

God couldn't answer my question of what was wrong with me because in order to answer that question, He would have to resurrect the old man so that I could have a look at it. This wasn't about my old man, but about upgrading what was missing into something brilliant, beautiful and powerful.

Honestly, that question, for me, opened up a whole new world in Jesus. It took me out of a place of struggle forever, elevated me several levels up, and gave me a lifestyle that I could hugely enjoy. I never again had to be bothered by the areas where I didn't know stuff because I knew there would be an upgrade in its place. I knew now that God was dealing with the new man in me, not the old.



Questions transform mindsets


The fun in the dialog is that you have once the question has come, then God can begin to change your perception, and then change your thinking, and then change your language to agree with Him. We begin to develop a whole new language. We stop speaking in the logic and reason of "American" (or whatever our native language is) and begin speaking wisdom: the intuitive language of the Kingdom, above all else.

A question is designed to allow you to explore something you've never thought about before. You owe it to Jesus to think about things in new ways. Don't relegate a question to your own understanding of the here and now. Understand that the question is designed to push you into a new space, so there is never going to be an easy, quick, slick answer to that question because God doesn't want one. He asks you a question to provoke you to explore something, not just on one level, but maybe on several levels.



Questions are relational

Questions are designed to transform our relationship and our walk with the Lord. They are designed to transform our understanding of ourselves and how we are changing on our journey of discovery. It's not just about understanding something more about Jesus. You have to see yourself in a new way. "Who am I in Jesus? What is God making me into? Who am I becoming? What is my story? What is my identity?"

That is why questions are important to us. When God asks us a question, we understand that He is building His relationship with us. He doesn't want the question answered too quickly because He wants to be in the question with you. One question leads to another and our responses elicit other questions, creating a dynamic dialog that opens us up to learn to live in the question with God. ~ Graham Cooke from *Radical Permission 2* 

Graham's Great Questions to Explore

Here are a few questions to explore. What do these questions open up to you about the nature of God and about your true identity? How do they impact the way you see, the way you think and the way you talk? Check them out. And if you develop some more brilliant questions, then let me know and I can change my list. ~ Graham

Do you believe what I believe about you?

What favor are you finding in the new man for your current circumstances?

I love impossible situations. When will you let Me into yours?

How would you stand in grace if you knew that it was empowering presence?

I put you into Christ so I could treat you like Him. What would that look like for you?

When you imagine all of heaven being attracted to Jesus in you, what opens up to you in that moment?

I am making war on all your negativity. Whose side are you on?

The difficult people around you need mercy, love, grace, kindness, peace and patience. How do you plan to provide those for them?

If all negativity died on the Cross with Jesus, how will you make war on negative thinking?

What if joy and peace never left? What would happen in your life?

Are you ready to receive what I am delighted to give?

If the language of grace is so rich, how wealthy does it make you, and how does that change how you see yourself and other people?

What has been your most recent and most memorable lens change, and why?

What is the one thought that you would like to take through detox? (I love that one! That one took me by surprise!)

What new growth is occurring in your relationship with the Lord, and how will you develop it further?

If God were to speak the truth in love to you, what would He say that would cause you to love Him more?

If the new man in Christ can convert a problem into a possibility, name one of your situations that needs an upgrade. What is possible for you now?

What three words best describe your present encounter with God, and what's the evidence?

As you identify your current breakthrough in thinking in the new man, what are the specific changes that must also occur in your language?

Describe the peace and the love that you receive in the Father because you *know* the old you is dead. (That's a cool question!)

If the new man is the only prime focus of the Holy Spirit, what old man thinking is up for renewal?

(For the full list Graham's questions, listen to the last session of Radical Permission 2 or check out the document from Doris Chapman on our TWC Facebook page. She transcribed them all!)



When God Sings Over Us

By Faith Donaldson TWC Director of Leadership
based on Leadership Training Activation ~ Anaheim 2014

Zephaniah 3:17



*The Lord your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing."*



**When God sings, what do you hear? What is God singing over you?
Why is God singing over you? What happens in you when God sings over you?**

This beautiful verse expresses God's tender heart for you. You may have thought that the only song He sings is one of comfort, like a lullaby. But other translations make it clear that there are many ways God sings over you. Shouts – Loud – Calm – Quiet – Joyously, are a few of the melodies that the Father sings over you throughout your day and throughout your life.

Recall songs that have touched your heart. Remember times in your life when you felt down, only to be lifted up by listening to your favorite praise song? Remember the times you were grieving and a melody comforted you? How about the experience when you celebrated a major accomplishment in your life; when you had goose-bumps walking into Pomp and Circumstance, or the Wedding March, or screaming/singing, "We Are the Champions" after winning the Super Bowl or World Series Pennant?

**When God sings over you He delivers a message deep into your soul
because melody more fully expresses His feelings towards you.**

Music has the power to imprint itself on your heart. I can imagine that God's proclamation, "LET THERE BE LIGHT", came forth as a song that is still singing throughout the universe. He has tuned your heart to hear it. Music can capture a moment in time and seal it to your heart.

Could this be the reason God sings over you?

He is sealing moments in time to your heart so that you will never forget His love for you.

Jonathan David Helser wrote in the song, Endless Ocean, "In the beginning You were singing - In the end You'll still be singing over me." God has told you that His singing over you is intimate and purposeful. He never sings out of key or makes the wrong song choice. When I began to realize this, I also began to understand that what I say and what I do to others is a song that I am singing over them. What is my song? What am I singing? Every word, action, email, FB response is a song that I am singing over another person.

As I was preparing to go to Anaheim, for Radical Permission 2, I kept hearing a song running through my head. It was due in part to the "YAHOO" that is shouted throughout the song. It reminded me of Graham shouting the "YAHOO" that he often does. I heard the Holy Spirit say to me, "Faith, this is the song. This is the one I am singing over RP2."

You and I have the choice of making a selection from a vast playlist of possibilities. What are you singing over people and circumstances? What melody are you singing over yourself? Are you singing in harmony with the Father - joining in His song? Here it is; take a listen. <http://youtu.be/3GwjfUFyY6M>

What are the lyrics saying? What is the melody saying? Can you imagine that the Father and Heaven's chorus sang this over Anaheim? Can you imagine Him singing this song or one like it over you when you celebrate an event in life? Are the songs you sing joyously sung at events with your family and friends?

As Warriors in TWC, this can be a theme song to inspire you. The message of this song can be spoken - sung to inspire others. Inspiration calls us UP to live from a higher place <http://youtu.be/z29olPjFbqg> Can you imagine God singing this over you to inspire you and to open your eyes to see yourself as He sees you?

What is God singing over you right this very minute?
What was He singing over you yesterday?
What will you hear tomorrow?

As I write this, I hear God singing a Bob Book song over me from A Divine Conversation CD *"I Have Loved You"* At At this very moment, God is singing a lullaby over me that quiets my soul and stirs my spirit. From Jeremiah 31:3, "The Lord appeared to him (*to me*) from afar, (*from within*) saying, **I have loved you with an everlasting love.**" Can you hear it? This love song, that He sang over Jeremiah, the Father sings over me . . . and over you.

Singing is not complicated. When we choose a song inspired by goodness, it will always be beautiful. Listen to the lyrics of this last song. Do you hear qualities of a Warrior in this simple tune? Open your heart to the wisdom of a child's song to seal these words to your heart. . . and start singing! <http://youtu.be/Ev9P79uSu8M>

TWC Leadership Responses:

This activation was so impactful. It reminded me of the power of music and the power of purposing to change mindsets by thinking on something else. Music is the perfect "something" to turn our thoughts to. ~ Kelly Magonigle

That God is always singing over me. It is a unique and individual song. It is mine alone. We each have our own song. As I resonate to my song and come into harmony with Papa, I begin to change. As I begin to change, so does those around me. They stop to listen and begin to hunger to hear the song that God is singing over them and so the ripple continues.. - Christine Taylor - Leadership Development Graduate

So very creative and fun especially using music! Lightness and strength all at once allowed individual learning to take place in areas maybe not looked at before. - Ellen Scharffenberg - Lionheart Team Leader

What IS the Lord singing over me? It is a revelation I will continue to explore. - Jimetta Mayne - Lead Coach

Faith showed us through song, that God rejoices over us with singing and how we also do the same as leaders. We rejoice and celebrate over each other. That's so honoring! - Teresa Morrison Director of New Members

Evidences of Transformation

WORKS - Worship upgrade

I enter times of intercession with greater confidence that my crafted prayers state what is essential; when needed I shift the language into positive, active, current statements. I used to be very dependent on formal structures and others to help focus myself on worship. My sense of what comprises worship has grown; I realize that I can move into worship in all sorts of situations! - Barbara Romfo (Level 1)

LANGUAGE:

Transformation: I see myself focusing more on who someone is becoming rather than their behavior.

Evidence: I have a 12 year old son and he is becoming a man, and I've always focused on what he's doing, good or bad, and now I'm focusing on this is who you are and affirming the greatness of God in him; He's gone from being moody, difficult and distant to being a leader, calmer and a speaker for justice and truth. Praise God!

- Rick Roberts (Level 3)

PERCEPTION:

Transformation: About a year ago, nearly the same time that I started this class, the Lord lead me to join a healing rooms. As I started this I stayed pretty much in the background and said very little. As I began to mature in the things that Graham was teaching, I began to get rid of my fear and negativity. He showed me that I wasn't really shy, I was trained to be that way out of fear.

Evidence: As I chose to get rid of the negativity in my life and practice the fruits of the Spirit, I became free and have been able to lead out in prayer and prophecy during meetings and alone with people. Practicing the opposite spirit has changed me from a negative person to a positive one. There was one occasion where the Lord gave me a word of knowledge for someone and it was so outlandish that I was afraid to give it. I took courage and gave the word and it was just what she had been waiting for.

I am now, within this year, one of the associate directors in my healing rooms. And will be soon starting a new healing rooms as Director. - Marilyn Colburn (Level 1)

FAITH

Transformation: I am more willing to take risks with less fear of failure

Evidence: I have seen an increase in my life in confidently stepping out to try things beyond my self and ability. My boss asked me to lead a project at work to raise \$1.9 million. I said yes because I believe God is in this project. I know I can't do this but He can. In the past, fear of failure held me back in many areas. The money is now raised and ready to break ground in June. - Kathleen Maxwell (Level 2)

THINKING

Transformation: My thoughts are more restful and peace-filled. I am no longer overwhelmed by worry, "concern" or anxiety in my thinking. Before I would have spent a lot of time over thinking almost everything. Now I am shifting to being thankful and worshipping.

Evidence: After learning God sees us all as His beloved no matter what, I have been teaching others to claim their peace and rest through thanksgiving and worship. I facilitate a women's group made up of mostly divorced and wounded women. To help them relieve the negativity and stress they are facing, I start with identity training infused with what they are thankful for. We then share our favorite worship stories and music. It's a process and the atmosphere changes to hope. - Ellen Scharffenberg (Level 3)

LANGUAGE

Transformation: I am talking more about who I am in Christ instead of all I am not

Evidence: The Father is patient and keeps refocusing me when I am distracted. He is showing me that worship releases so much of His presence. The time it takes to refocus on His Love and recognize the lies of the enemy has shortened. Conversely, there was a time that I didn't even recognize what was going on. So I guess that I am now intentionally focused on pushing the reset button when I "hear" myself saying...I've disappointed God and lost his favor." I don't even get the thought completed. I am His Beloved and He is mine. - Jane Love (Level 1)



More Q & A with Grae

TWC Training Day - Anaheim 2014

Can you describe the difference between one-on-one mentoring and a mentoring process like TWC, and how does TWC reflect you as a mentor?



Q & A Session with TWC at "Mind of a Saint"

"I don't really believe in one-on-one mentoring. I think it's largely a myth. If you look at Jesus, look at the prophets, they were in schools. You look at Moses, and he had captains of 100's and 50's and 10's, so they did their mentoring in a group. Jesus did His mentoring in a group. And within that you get occasional times of one-on-one, but it's not the ideal.

I have had four mentors in my life, and it was always in the context of a group. My mentors were Gerald, Arthur, Graham (Perrins), and Tony. Gerald and Tony both ran different apostolic networks, and I was fortunate to be on two apostolic teams in 30 years; 16 years with one, 14 years with another, and that was just brilliant!

Most of the time, we mentored each other in group meetings and learned together. After a conference call, Gerald and Tony were very good at saying, "Okay, Graham, you go with Roger and Mike, and you tease this whole thing out here and come back and talk to us." So we would do that, and we would come back and mentor the group in what we were seeing and feeling, and such. There was always a group process involved.

Graham Perrins, for me, is still the best teacher on prophetics in the world. I think he is a genius. I studied under him for 5 years. One evening a month I would drive almost a 600 miles, round trip, to join this rambunctious class of people. Graham would teach, and then we would dialog and ask questions. It was just fabulous. I still read all my notes from those times, and that was 20-25 years ago.

Arthur was just an obnoxious one-off! He was mentored by Smith Wigglesworth and he never let me forget it! And he had a bunch of people around him too. Arthur really taught me to live by faith, taught me to see God, taught me to believe God, taught me about favor, taught me about identity, taught me how to stand, taught me how to walk, taught me how to press in, taught me how to not back down, but mostly in the context of a group. I had some individual moments over the years, but they were rare because I think learning in a group is better.

And it wasn't as if they were going to answer my questions anyway. They all asked me questions. All of them! Everyone of them would look at me and say, "I don't like that question," and that would be it!

"What do you mean, you don't like it?!"

"Well, I think there is a better question!"

"What is it?"

"Well, you think about it and I'll tell you if you're right."

"That's cheating! That means I'm mentoring you!"

"No, it doesn't!"

Occasionally I got questions answered, but mostly it was a provocative conversation because they all were great at one thing: They never took away my ability to learn how to think. They never thought for me. They always provoked my ability to think. None of them did the "how-to" thing with me. They wanted me to learn that for myself....

....Conversations, especially with Tony and Graham, were always designed to make me think. Often, Tony would introduce a thought and I would respond, "Whoa!" Then, he would say, "Okay, why don't you just think about that one for a while," Usually on training days he would come up to me at coffee time and say, "So how are you doing with that thought?"

And I said, "Well, I've got a bunch of stuff on paper."

And he said, "Okay, cool. Let's go and have a chat."

I've mentored lots of people myself, but always in the context of a group. Because, honestly, I don't have time to mentor people one-on-one on a regular basis.

What we are doing here and in TWC...
This is mentoring. This is what it looks like.

**We are all getting access to something new, something different,
something powerful, and in dialogue together,
we get to tease things out.**

This is how mentoring works best: in a group context.

Every so often you get an opportunity to have personal chats, but the truth is: you are supposed to be mentoring yourself. You have an obligation to mentor yourself. It's not somebody else's job to mentor you. Really, when you get a mentor in front of you, you should be asking them questions and then saying, "Have you got any questions that you want to ask me?" or "What are the questions I should be asking right now that I'm not asking?" Sometimes, I'll ask a question because I feel like the question is a doorway into a different space. "So, why don't I just give you the question and why don't you go away and open that door?"

Don't talk about what you're going to do. Do it! Then, talk about what you learned. As you've heard us say often enough, take responsibility for your blessing and for your favor and mentoring yourself in the favor of God.

With regard to TWC, what you're getting is the process that I grew up with. The reality is you mentor yourself first, and then you find other people to associate with and you chat. And you make your conversations intentional. Mentoring is a group thing, and only occasionally - very, very occasionally - it's a personal thing

Good mentoring is about encouraging you to prove who you are.

I can't overemphasize how important it is that each one of us are to be proving our identity day-to-day, week-to-week, because I believe that in Christ, we are all meant to be stand-out people."

TWC RESPONSE

Madeline Rooney
Lead Coach

"Listening to Graham talk about mentoring rocked my world. My thinking was expanded as to why mentoring in a group is better.

Hearing this wisdom I received permission to redefine a mentoring relationship that I am currently in. I hadn't really thought deeply about this, yet thankfully it is never too late to make the adjustment.

It occurred to me that God had given me a wonderful mentor for the best part of ten years who resisted telling me how to think yet she provoked my thinking. Interestingly, it was through that relationship that I came to hear Graham.

True mentoring will open up space for you to learn how to think, and how to respond to Holy Spirit's lead. God gave me permission to move over that line, and now I get to prove my identity and let grace reign as I redirect my focus in this relationship.

I am learning to step back into His rest and refuge and to begin having a dialogue from that place before proceeding. Graham's thoughts resonate in me: "Don't just talk about what you're going to do, DO IT! Then talk about what you learned." Brilliant!



Exploring TWC Treasure

Have you recently explored the treasure contained in previous Training Journals?

These rich resources are on our website, under the "Resources" tab.

Here are some nuggets to encourage you to regularly revisit these golden thoughts from both present and past members, all of whom have contributed to our TWC riches.

"Faith in Father's desire to give us His provision through Holy Spirit begins by asking in faith, then acting in faith, with Holy Spirit being the resource. This is what I call the intersection of faith and grace." - Kathy Johnson "Where Grace Meets Faith" TJ 5

"When the enemy exposes his strategy, we can smile and go in with the "insteads"!"

- Kathy Brown
"How Has the Process Made You Rich?" TJ 9

"We're being restored to who we've always been in the eyes of God."

- Graham Cooke
"The Best is Yet to Come" TJ 6

"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."

- Tim McKeon "Digging Deeper" TJ 9

"The adventure was that I would listen for His voice, not in silence and stillness, but in the midst of all the noise and activities of my everyday life."

- Rita Reidenauer
"Listening in the Noise" TJ 5

"I have had strengths of my identity buried under weaknesses. I have a new appreciation for situations that are helping me see them."

~ Ann Fickert "How Has Your Identity Statement Impacted Your Life?" TJ 7

"Meditation is living in the encounter until you become an encounter to others."

~ Elaine Liston "What Does a Lifestyle of Mediation Look Like to You?" TJ 6

"It's common for just the sound of His voice to heal deliver, identify, guide, instruct, value, invest, affirm, comfort, soothe, sustain, strengthen and erase the sense of being "alone". All at the same time!"

- Bill Johnson "Hearing His Voice" TJ 5

"So what's to be joyful about oops-es? Because we are learning to reach, stretch, expand, transition and elevate our thinking. Papa loves that we say, 'YES'. We are willing, that's our job."

- Charlotte Allen
"TWC Training in Action" TJ 6

"With each trip around the improbable, it is *who* we become in our relationship with God that will make the enemy regret his choice to press the matter."

- Allison Bown
"Worshipping Warriors"
TJ 8

"I take time to remember how I am seen by the Father and how much I am loved, by being thankful and grateful for all that He has done for me through His Son and in the person I am becoming. By the promises He has given me that are precious and I hold very dear to my heart. This keeps me focused on the Lord."

- Anna Barber
"How Do You Encourage Yourself in the Lord?" TJ 6

Using Our Processing Questions to Explore Intel

by Christine Casten TWC Director of Intel

Warriors think differently. They embrace outside of the box thinking and learn to ask great questions about their own process of development. Why? Warriors want to stretch and grow! The questions that keep coming up for us almost always point to an area of upgrade in our training process. And working with our Intel Processing questions often creates great opportunities for growth.

Over the last few years, the Intel Processing Questions have proven a valuable tool for unlocking our revelation and unpacking the intel we receive. They provide a point of consolidation and synergy. The Intel Processing Questions provide a backbone; an internal support which allows an amazing level of flexibility with how we identify and utilize intel now and in the future. And sometimes they challenge us as well.

So let's look at how Intel works and what upgrade may be awaiting you!

First we have an understanding, an impression, a scripture, a vision...however the Lord drops the information about this assignment in our spirit. Then we allow it to marinate as we talk with God about it. At some point, we realize we are ready to write it down so we can send it to our Team Leaders. Then it happens! We freeze and wonder how to take this wonderful information and divide it up into a few questions? Won't we lose something? Good news: Nothing is ever lost. In some ways, our individual intel, broken down among the processing questions, is actually very similar to our lightning strike Prayer Points. Each question opens an opportunity for you to take the whole of your intel and distill it into its most vital pieces.

As we step into the distillation process, we may feel a bit uncertain. Getting a solid footing in this area takes time. But if we are intentional through the process of our own growth, we will find a solid place to stand. Here are a few of challenges we've seen and what we've discovered in overcoming them.

1) Be as specific as possible. Look at the key concepts and see if more detail is possible.

It might be possible to ask ourselves questions that point to strategies God is releasing, obstacles He is overcoming/ displacing or gain better understanding on why that obstacle is present. Then, write those thoughts down. Sometimes we feel we should limit ourselves to one word or a short phrase. But, unless you hone in on one word or phrase, it is ok to write one or two lines of text. Use specific adjectives and descriptive words. They are extremely helpful.

2) Ask Holy Spirit what it means, share more than the initial image or feeling.

All images/symbols can be positive or negative depending on the context. Dialogue with the Holy Spirit as to what the imagery, or impression, means and what we or Graham can do in response to it. Include a brief description of the information and highlight key words or images that stand out.

3) Allow the answer to each processing question to stand on its own.

Intel may be separated among Intel Specialists, which means several different Intel Specialists may see the information. One Intel Specialist may only see questions 1-3, another may only see questions 4-5, while a third may only look at the dreams/visions section. Because of this possibility, the Intel Specialist may not be able to refer to an answer from a different question or section of the intel and may lose the opportunity to draw from all submissions.

4) Share thoughts on what we feel the Lord reveals.

The Intel Processing Questions are available to help us unpack what we understand the Lord releases to our hearts. Our permission is to express our thoughts on His heart toward the specific intel assignment. We are radical enough to trust that He will share a piece of the puzzle with each of us and that part of our journey is to explore that puzzle piece and share our thoughts on what we discover about it. We know the source of the puzzle piece, but we hope to discover what He opens to you through the process of your dialogue with Him.

Intel Processing Questions help us interpret, or unpack, what we sense. They are there to help you break down the information you have already received into smaller pieces. When used from this perspective, the Intel Processing Questions become a great source of help and allow us to step beyond our initial thought, dream or impression into a deeper place of understanding.



Our Current TWC Intel Processing Questions

After listening, worshipping and praying, these questions are your guide in submitting your contribution to crafting our Prayer Points for each of Graham's assignments.

1. What is the prevailing atmosphere Graham is walking into?

What are the key obstacles or challenges for this community?

This tells us the atmosphere we will be shifting through intercession prior to Graham's arrival. It allows us to turn the enemy's plans to our advantage.

2. What is God's key opposite that displaces it? What is He doing "instead"?

Briefly, what does God want to do that shifts this atmosphere before Graham arrives?

3. What are Graham's key deposits for this community, region or group?

List one or two primary truths that Graham is on assignment to deposit.

4. What is God giving back to Graham from these deposits and impartations?

5. Any key Scriptures for this assignment? (optional)

6. Any visions, dreams or specific prophetic impressions? (optional)

Include a brief dream description and your thoughts on what the dream means for Graham and this community.



Unpacking

As usual, we've packed your luggage FULL for the next six months! That's why our Training Journals are only twice a year, now that we have a rich library of new and previous issues. As you sort through all that is here, partner with the Holy Spirit to choose a focus.

Here are some of my processing questions that you may find helpful in your unpacking, especially as you ponder the brilliant inquiries Graham gave us during the "Radical Permission to Explore" session (p. 11). I'm using them now with my favorite question from that list: "If the language of grace is so rich, how wealthy does it make you, and how does that change how you see yourself and other people?"

Join us for a Training Call next month to further unpack your discoveries as we dialogue about what is here. Check your Member Update for dates and times. Be sure to sign up beforehand! These calls fill quickly.

Enjoy exploring all that's here!
Allison

1. What old man lenses might I have in reading these (especially if they are familiar passages or phrases)?

First, write out the scriptures or phrases in the teaching that captivate you. Begin to read them aloud and meditate on them daily. Create a Crafted Prayer of thanksgiving from these truths ("Thank you Father that..."). Let the words soak deeply into your heart. Then begin to consider:

2. What limitations have I put on this truth in my thinking? (Clue: These thoughts usually include the word "but".)

*Situational limitations?
Time frames?
Scope and size?
Development needed in character or skill?*

3. Are there any unhealed places that have contributed to less-than-brilliant thinking? Any areas of unforgiveness where I can encounter the joy of repentance? It is time to exercise our right to be healed, not to remain wounded, offended or self-protective. Time to get to know the Comforter in a fresh way!

4. What would the fullness of that truth look like in my daily life if none of these limitations existed? In TWC? In my community? In my region?