

Intel Catalyst

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TWC Intel Development Training

Welcome To TWC Intel Training From Allison Bown

Our goal is to equip and empower Warrior Class members who have a passion for prophetic intel. The next few weeks of training will give you tools to explore the world of an Intel Specialist and begin to discover where and how that fits for you in our TWC territory and beyond.

You're here because we see qualities of an Intel Specialist in you:

- A passion and compassionate heart of prophecy
- Excellence and consistency with prophetic intel opportunities
- Vision for our shared Kingdom Assignments
- Evidence of solid discernment and prophetic sensitivity

The qualities of an Intel Specialist we see that you are and are becoming:

- Confidence to take risks. You know it's okay if you don't get it right every time.
- Love the learning and have a teachable spirit.
- Delight in conversations with God. He is your friend.
- Your solid gifting is paired with a heart of encouragement - always positive focused.
- A self-starter and contributor to TWC who willingly explores new territory and upgrades

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This is our exploratory stage - both for you and for us. We'll be giving you tools and fresh lenses to see and encounter the prophetic in new ways. No doubt, YOU will have some key contributions to make. We expect that!

Take notes not only on what you're learning, but what you encounter in the training process that we can use to broaden the path for the others who will follow you. Each team that trains is a pioneering group that is blazing a trail for others inside and outside TWC.

Prophetic intel is new territory in the Kingdom.
Thanks for being on the cutting edge.

Allison



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Jumping Into the Helicopter

By Christine Casten

I love the stories Graham shares through his teachings. Somehow, I can relate to them in so many ways! One story, in particular, reminds me of our opportunities in the Intel process. In Growing Up in God CD2, Graham tells the story of two kids playing.



The little girl has a princess doll. The little boy holds a dragon, which chases the princess all over the room. The dragon corners the princess many times and the princess thinks of all these creative ways to overcome the dragon. Finally, she runs out of creative ideas and is about to be “eaten.”

At this point, the same little boy who had been chasing her with his dragon says, “Don’t worry, I’ll save you!” Unexpectedly, he pulls a helicopter from behind his back. The little girl puts her doll in the helicopter and off they run out of the room, leaving the dragon far behind!

In TWC, gathering Intel is like the introduction of the helicopter in the story. The Lord offers a completely different perspective than the way prayer intercession has operated in the past. We are not facing off with the dragon. It is not up to us to think of some creative way to overcome the situation. We get to jump into the helicopter God provides, sit next to Him and have Him point out the best solution! How fun is that?

From that helicopter, we are in a position of seeing things from the perspective God has for the situation. In effect, we fly over the territory to release God’s strategies and promises. We do not war on the same level as the dragon. We rest comfortably in God’s helicopter above the dragon, which means we cannot be “cornered.” We do not play by his rules. We fight from a different vantage point.



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Wisdom for Processing Revelatory Words

Excerpts from “Prophecy and Responsibility” by Graham Cooke



Human beings love clarity. We have been taught since birth to see and understand every detail and nuance of the things around us. We want to know every step of the journey. We prefer trips where every landmark, every turn, and every sign is clearly spelled out for us. God isn't like that. Sometimes, He deliberately operates in vagueness. He is vague for a reason: He wants us to explore the possibility contained in His mysteriousness.

God wants us to explore our relationship with Him.

He wants us to discover new things in the spirit. He wants us to ask the Holy Spirit questions about who He is, what He loves to do, and how He works. When He doesn't tell us something specific, He has a twinkle in His eye and a smile on His face because He knows He will soon have the joy of unfolding His plan with us.

He is deliberately vague so that He can entice us into exploration and discovery. He is always bigger than our experience of Him. His will for us is so huge only faith may discover it. His dreams for us are so big only a creative imagination may access it. The Holy Spirit increases our experience constantly, pulling us into a greater place of personal trust and outrageous faith and teaching us to move beyond mere logic and reason to a place where we can dwell in the bigness of God's calling and not be minimized or disenfranchised by our obvious humanity!

Prophecy isn't a perfect science, but while a static, scientific formula cannot be applied to it, there are certain trends and precedents that God usually operates through.

Two types of prophecy exist: inspirational and revelatory prophecy.

Every believer is able to prophesy on an inspirational level, especially in times of worship, because we have all been filled with the Spirit of God. The root of inspirational prophecy is spontaneous encouragement and blessing.

While inspirational prophecy is an important part of church life, revelatory prophecy is far deeper. Revelatory prophecy isn't spontaneous. It's often crafted, it's usually planned, it's generally rehearsed, and it's always prayed through before being given. Revelatory prophecy is simply too directive to be shared lightly.

A revelatory prophecy can include the following:

Words of Correction

We have not walked this way before. Our lives with the Lord are a constant learning experience. Usually when we do something for the first time, we learn how not to do it! Loving correction is a vital part of growth. It's always about the learning.

Words of Direction, Opening Up Something New

God loves guidance. On every journey there is the seen and the unseen that accompany us on our travels. In relationship with the Father, we learn His ways and come to the place of understanding and interpreting His heart and mind. Prophecy tells us of the unforeseen and provides tactics and strategies to aid us on the road of life.

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Words of Warning That May Require Repentance, a Change of Heart, a Change of Lifestyle, or a Change of Attitude

For a whole variety of reasons, words of warning are extremely important and can aid us considerably in our walk in the Spirit. First, we may be about to make decisions that are wrong for us and we need to be redirected.

Second, there are unscrupulous people who have personal agendas in our lives for their own satisfaction. I have met many such people, full of promises and offering all kinds of help and support, professing that God has sent them to help me. How do I navigate my way through this myriad of human support without becoming cynical, bitter, wary, or suspicious?

I value my purity. I want to keep my innocence. I would rather be naïve than cynical; that's my choice. I need protecting. That's what a word of warning does for me. It protects my purity and my innocence. It protects my heart and my life from taking wrong turns and making wrong decisions.

Third, we live our lives in a war zone. We are caught up in a battle between darkness and light. Any soldier will inform you that advance intelligence is extremely valuable in a confrontation. Warnings protect us from the evil one.

Words of warning should be in line with God's passion to keep us close to His heart.

Words Highlighting a Way Forward, Defining a Faith or Prayer Agenda

God is always previous. He is so present-future in how He perceives, thinks, and speaks. As befitting One who knows the end from the beginning, He does not want us running around being ignorant of His plan and purpose. He loves and needs us to see the way ahead and walk in a more purposeful manner.

New and future words give us a compass heading on life that enables us to pray more effectively and make the most of opportunities that the Father has created for our favor and blessing. In the Spirit we declare what God proclaims over us. We receive His agenda for our enlargement and can agree with Him. Prophecy is a marvelous gift in that regard.



Revelatory Protocol

Paul's advice to "examine everything carefully" was merely reinforcing the procedures used by Old Testament prophets. Very few of the great prophetic words in Scripture were spontaneous words.

If I get a directional or correctional word from the Lord, I almost always write it out. Usually, I use bullet points so that it is easy to read. Then I make an appointment with the leader and the rest of the team to give them the word. When sharing a revelatory word with leadership, it is very helpful to write down as much as possible. At the very least, we must try to encapsulate the main headlines of the prophecy. This facilitates the communication process and makes it easier for the leadership to understand and receive the prophetic word.

When I give the word to them, I do it as humbly as possible: "This is what I feel like the Lord is saying to me in regard to the direction of this church. I feel like this might carry some implications for what we do." They listen, and we pray together.

At that point, the accountability for the prophetic word passes from me to them. They are now accountable for it. We are only accountable for the way we presented it.

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Interpretation

Interpretation is a key part of every prophetic word. It is very possible to hear the Lord perfectly but misinterpret what He has said and, therefore, botch the word.

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Prophecy opens up the possibility of increased participation and cooperation with the Holy Spirit. There are questions that naturally occur after prophecy is delivered. Prophecy provokes questions.

We should encourage people to have a shelf where they put words that they do not understand or that have no fulfillment for where they are in life at that moment. God has spoken something, the fullness of which will be revealed in time. We are expecting an interpretation and a greater clarity as we prayerfully wait.

Never manufacture an interpretation, even if people try to push you into a corner for one. Be honest: "I don't actually know what I meant by that, but that's what I felt God was showing me. Let's pray together and as we seek the Lord, maybe an interpretation will come clear." I once had a word for a man that didn't become clear until two nights later when God gave him the interpretation in a dream. Interpretation is up to the Lord. He is big enough to take care of business like that.

Application

A revelation, an interpretation, and the application can be given by three different people. That is why it is important that we don't look to prophecy alone for guidance, and why we should encourage people to have a shelf, write things down, and share them with other people.

Some days, it won't be possible to give that application. In times like that, we need to be willing to humble ourselves and tell the individual we are praying for, "You know what, I haven't got a clue what I mean. This revelation is all I've got; I don't have anything else, but I am really happy to pray with you." I have found that most people appreciate this kind of honesty and usually take the word very seriously, despite the lack of obvious application.

A word of prophecy usually contains three parts: a word of knowledge that can open up the situation, a word of prophecy that can speak to it, and a word of wisdom that brings clarity as to how to proceed. In the application stage, I am often asking God for a **word of wisdom**: "Now Lord, what do we do? We've had a true revelation and an accurate interpretation, but where do we go from here?"

In many prophecies, there are specific **action points** that need to be pursued. Every time a person gets a word of prophecy about his or her ministry, we need to discuss their character. Character may not have even been mentioned in the word, but that is irrelevant. All successful ministry has to be built on rock-solid character.

Timing is another question to ask the Lord about. We have to make sure people don't rush off, quit their jobs, and move into ministries before confirmation has occurred. I have seen that happen too many times before! People suddenly leave everything they have ever known and jump unprepared into ministry because they want it now. However, generally speaking, after the calling comes the training. When there is a prophetic call on someone's life, he or she has to go through a period of training and development.

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Application of prophecy is worth the pursuit.

- Word of Wisdom
- Action Points
- Character
- Timing

Conclusion

I do not want to be known for my gifting or my ministry or my books or my words; I want to be known for who I am in Jesus. One of the reasons I am not afraid to tell a story that makes me look bad is because I do not want anyone to have a false idea about me. I am very, very human. I am not the finished product by any stretch of the imagination. I am on the same journey as every other man and woman is, and I aspire to be something greater than I am today. The only lovable thing about me is what Jesus has put in me.

These protocols are a way to build relationship with the people around us. Going to my friends with a word, and relying on their help to judge and weigh it, connects us. It gives us all an equal stake in what God wants to do next.

“But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good,” Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:21. We must inspect the fruit of people with supernatural gifting, both in terms of ministry and character. Even more importantly, we need to inspect our own fruit. Our ministries have to be open to being tried and proved. Even our good track record needs watching. We must not get complacent about the ministry. I expect my ministry to be tried and proved until the day I die, and I would not have it any other way.

Applications for TWC

In these excerpts, Graham is largely talking about working with churches but there are distinct applications for our work within TWC:

- The value of crafting and considering words over time.
- We have permission to wait. We understand God may be vague at times because He is interested in our personal upgrade of relationship with Him.
- The value of sharing our words with a prophetic team to gather wise counsel and various perspectives.
- One person may have the revelation, another the interpretation, another an application - so don't try to force any one of those. If you don't have it, someone else may.
- There is permission for words that correct course for us or a community we are praying for; that keep Graham and us safe; that highlight a way forward or open up a new direction. It will take a seasoned team to evaluate and develop these well.
- Our own relationships with God and with each other are joyfully built as we work together in the prophetic.

Key questions to ask:

- Does this word also imply an upgrade in character for an individual or a community? What is that upgrade?
- What is the timing of this word? Is it for Graham's upcoming trip or a for a time in the future?
- What action is required by the community in regard to this word? "What does it mean and what must they do?"
- If it is a word of caution or direction, are there more details available?
- What is this community learning in this? Is there any unlearning that also needs to occur?

Signals of Transition

By Allison Bown

We've learned in TWC that times of transition have a few predictable elements. As an individual and for TWC corporately, the Intel Training is a significant upgrade. By understanding these signals, you can use possible adversity to accelerate your growth process.



1. Transition usually brings every insecurity to the surface.

When I first came to work with Graham, Theresa Cooke shared this wisdom with me. (Actually, she talked about how *Graham* had the ability to bring every insecurity to the surface! LOL). But the principle is the same. You and we are in new territory. The enemy will work overtime to get you to disqualify yourself for all that you feel you are not. It's his only hope.

This is a continued exploration for ALL of us, so we can't make a mistake! There's grace for our learning. Have fun not falling for this trap and allow your confidence in Christ in you to rise instead.



2. The lie of "backlash"

Many of us have been told to expect the enemy to attack when we've had a success or venture into new territory. The good news for us is that we have chosen to LIVE in the clash between two kingdoms, not just visit.

This means that there's *always* something going on and we take all of them as an opportunity to practice our peace and joy. If family, work or circumstances around your life seem to rumble a bit during this time, it isn't "backlash" - it's life as a warrior, which all of you are!

3. Feeling "wonky".

This is a word Christine uses to describe transition. In transition, things can seem to be a bit off balance, which is because they are! It's not an overwhelming feeling, just a little disorientation that is difficult to define.



Being a 9th generation Californian, I've been in my fair share of earthquakes. Right before you can actually feel the shaking or hear the rumble, most people have a sense of vertigo - a bit of dizziness for no apparent reason. Your body is feeling the shift and working to adapt before it actually occurs.

Experts say that the best way to "ride" an earthquake on open, grassy ground is to take off your shoes. Your feet have natural sensors that bring balance and make it easier to move. I see that as a type of worship and simplicity. Worship restores equilibrium with how big God is and going barefoot is childlike and simple. Keep everything simple. It's all just learning.

Not to mention that earthquakes are a natural process in which the planet realigns its surface. That's what transition is but when it's a big jump (as this Intel training is), we may experience personally and corporately a bit of vertigo and shaking. It's just good news that we're aligning with God's higher purpose for us all.

Just Play with the Stuff

By Allison Bown



In 2007, I was part of a small group of about 75 people who traveled twice a year to Vancouver, WA to attend Graham's Prophetic School. There was no application process, just a willingness to make six trips in three years. I was just a face in the crowd, sitting with a few ladies I had met at previous schools, and still wondering just how prophetic I really was. I felt I was far more hungry than gifted and the Father's heart Graham expressed in "Approaching the Heart of Prophecy" is what I really responded to most.

The training was intense at times, with activations to be done on the spot that stretched me greatly (especially with Graham wandering around). I tried really hard to be sure I had done all of the suggested assignments and had journals full of notes. But through it all, I felt so unsure that I was getting it right... and I was trying very, very hard to "get it right".

Before one set of meetings, individuals from the community there were available for prophetic ministry. We walked about with a tape recorder and stood in line to receive prayer. I approached a lovely woman and teacher, Janice Seney, and prepared to be profoundly prophesied over. I was *not* prepared for what she laughingly said:

"Sweetheart, relax. You're not going to blow the world up!"

Janice went on to say, "Just play with the stuff. God loves it when you play with His gifts. You're so concerned about getting it right and He wants to see you explore the prophetic with JOY. You're worried that you'll get it wrong... but He's not. Just have fun with it."

That word shifted my heart and gave me new lenses with which to view my process. Integrity is something I've always valued highly, but my sincere passion for excellence had become a fear of making mistakes. It was good to esteem the word of the Lord, but not to assume that the world would not end if I got it wrong.

And I suddenly realized that I was pretty convinced that it would!

So I had to make a choice: to take risks and potentially miss it (and look stupid)... but learn. Or to step out only when all my prophetic ducks were in a row (something "prophetic ducks" resist!). I could find the joy and laughter in the learning or I could turn it into an anxiety-laden, ministry exercise.

Of course, at the time I had no idea that one day, I would find myself in conversations with Graham and other leaders, having to venture my own prophetic insights and knowing how to stay in the rest and joy that creates sensitivity to the Spirit. God has meticulously made sure that I had pieces that no one else had... and I had to share them. And when that time came, He wasn't allowing a hat-in-hand tone. He required me to speak with confidence, strong in knowing who I was with Him and grounded in the humility of who I was without Him.



I've missed the mark more than once, but there's been some pretty amazing bulls eyes that have had profound impact. As a prophetic builder with my strongest gifting in wisdom and strategy, I don't fit into most prophetic models, so the confidence to be only who God created me to be has become even more important. I can rarely take my cues from what others are saying because my perspective is often unique. It's become a blessing... over time.

**Be confident enough to share what you have,
and humble enough to learn from your mistakes.**

People who are hard on themselves, make endless apologies or are overly brash often have an upgrade in knowing how dearly they are loved. If that happens, embrace your next level of identity gladly. You are embarking on an adventure of exploration, where you will understand more of who God crafted you and your gifts to be. You'll discover more of how and where you thrive in the prophetic intel landscape. There will be times where the activations will challenge you, where you may say ridiculously silly things or miss the mark entirely.

When that happens or when you are faced with choosing whether or not to take a risk, remember:

“Relax. You're not going to blow the world up. Play with the 'stuff'”.

You never know where those qualities may take you in life.

