# The Warrior Class

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# Training Journal

For Warriors, Intercessors and Overcomers

# Warrior Advantage



In this Training Journal we cover the Warrior Advantage gained through The Warrior Class as we train at the highest level. With the battle all around us, we choose to be a contender, making our way through this life, aware of the epic battle raging. We in TWC chose to train on the grounds of life, intercession and to hone in and out of our skills in our TWC community.

We seek to live with determination, resolve, and resilience to stand, take ground and partner with God until, one day, we have seen the final battle ground give way to the Lord.

We've heard stories where someone enters a battle inexperienced and does not know how to fight. That fighter might get a hit or two in, but most often, the fight advantage goes to the one with the best training, weapons and skills.

We use the word "warrior" to describe who we are and who we are becoming. Warriors train at the maximum level possible...Many would assume maximum level training means we are always pushing, striving, etc. But, training with this intentionality means we recognize the ebbs and flows...we know how to live and fight out of rest and love; pacing ourselves for the journey before us.

We have an arsenal of weapons at our disposal and, as we grow in skill with each weapon, we learn when and how to use it. We also train through intercession, identifying strategies of heaven and partnering with the Lord.

With every territory we cross and every battleground we enter...we are aware of the training at hand, finding treasure from every season of life and taking hold of what the Lord offers through the ups and downs, thick and thins, rawness and strength of our journey.

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# What is the Warrior Advantage?

It is the choice to prepare, to take all that is offered and see things meant for evil turned to good. It is the advantage of building capacity, resolve, resilience, grit, inner strength, focus, and taking hold of all the fruit of the Spirit as weapons in the clash around us.

It is an invitation to recognize the advantage we gain by going through this training individually and together, bit by bit and day by day.

It is the advantage of having others who are likeminded, encouraging and honor motivated to remind us who we are in the midst of those times when the air is thick and visibility is dim. It is the advantage that comes in choosing the lifestyle of a warrior, not compromising heart for the One we truly serve.

"This is the Warrior Advantage. This is who we are. This is who we are becoming. This is a lifestyle that creates a Kingdom impact on this earth."





# Q&A with Graham & Allison TWC Training Days







**Allison:** So when Graham and I got together and we looked over the questions for the 2017 Training Days in Anaheim --we had some of our own—and a few weeks back we just decided instead of doing a standard Q & A, what we wanted to do was just unpack our journey together of it.

**Graham:** So, anyway, the Warrior Class began because Allison wouldn't leave me alone. Actually, it was something in Allison's heart that I responded to. She is the architect of it.

**Allison:** Then Prayer Partner Network opened up, but it was like my journey with Warrior Class started in a coffee shop in Sacramento with a list of emails and second-hand instructions from Graham that said "make it relational"

**Graham:** Prayer Partners, it was a nice idea that had no business being alive (laughing) because we realized the main problem was that it was too functional and we wanted something more relational. We wanted to create a company of people where God could dive into their midst. We wanted a community. We wanted something we could look at as a tangible expression of who God is and watch how it grew and see where that took us.

So all this stuff that we're doing in the latter years was some stuff we weren't really doing in the former years. It wasn't so much about the mission, it was more about the relationships, the internal growth, the people falling in love with Jesus and then discovering their own identity, and then creating some battles for us to learn stuff together. I liked the Prayer Partners but it was based on the household of God, and we needed something that would be based on the army of the Lord with a little bit of that thrown in.

Just watching that interplay, the ebb and flow, between family and army and all of that stuff has been really fascinating for both of us.

The thing is, we all have to realize there is no security in what we're doing together. There is only security in who we are because the job, the ministry, will mess you up just because we have to respond to so many things. Life in the "doing" context messes you up. It's like being in a 747 in a force 10 gale wind and you realize that nobody on that plane is in charge! Ministry is a lot like that. You've got the enemy, you've got your own health, you've got life issues you are dealing with, you have all kinds of pressures, so the work we do together will mess us up if that's all we have.

That's why so many churches and ministries implode. So building the relational thing was the best way for us to get through everything by becoming friends and trusting one another and allowing each other to have idiotic moments and bad days and not demanding an explanation.

We wanted a company that we could move from the household of God to being a disciplined army that could take territory.

Allison: One of the things that I think, too, and we've talked about this in recent times, is how many times we have reinvented that relationship. For me, of course, when it started out, most of you guys have heard this story—but the first time I had listened to Graham just in the audience so I was terrified of him! Of course, my famous story was in the back hallways of the church, I could hear him coming down the hall talking with somebody...and I just had this panic that he was going to come around the corner and I was going to have to say something to him. So I just opened the first door I could find to duck out of the way and I realized it was a broom closet, and I didn't care! I could just hear the Holy Spirit laughing *for hours*!

**Graham:** Big hyena laugh?

**Allison:** Yeah! And not knowing what was coming next, but on the way home—fear had been my whole operating system—I remember on the way home, He asked me, "Sweetheart, what are you afraid of?" And I thought, "I don't know." So as the conversation went on, I realized I was afraid of looking stupid. Of course, I'd just been in the broom closet...

Graham: There's your sign!

Allison: But there have been so many times when our relationship went from someone I knew publicly, to mentorship, to friendship, and they all still exist except I'm not afraid...But it was a journey of losing my fear, losing my fear of failure, not understanding, because there were so many times--all the things I had to get over—all the insecurities. At every level, all the insecurity would come screaming to the surface of "all you're not" and "Why should you be here?" All of it—I went through it so many different times, sometimes intentionally and sometimes not, because there were things that Graham did that I did not understand. I remember asking the Holy Spirit, "Is this his personality? Is it where he is upgrading?"

And the Holy Spirit just said, "No, sweetheart, you never have to figure that out. It's all just training." So I had to trust Him, but I also had to learn I had to trust Graham—teacher, mentor, friend.

**Graham:** I think it is just really thinking about people and sometimes you come up against people who don't know how to think about themselves. So you just start the process because as a mentor, that's why you're there. Just ask the Lord, "So how do You see this person?" and then just talk to what you're seeing because you can bring things into being by calling it up. You don't need an introduction. Simple. Then you just drop it and leave it. Then you trust the Holy Spirit, who is the real genius, and all you're doing is giving Him something to work with in your own circumstances and with other people. So you just say what's good.

Here's the issue: the real power to change people is not in what you say to them, it's not in what you do to them, for them, it's how you make them feel. That's what God is such a genius at. It's not in the encouraging thing you say. It's in how you make them *feel* about themselves because when they feel that, their lens suddenly becomes wide open and they see it, and they hunger after it, they think about it, and then they start talking differently.

Always connect with how you want people to feel about themselves. Everyone has the same three needs: The need to be loved, the need to belong, and the need to be significant. Always make people feel loved, like they belong, and understand their own significance in the scheme of things.

**Allison:** I think one of the things, too, that I've watched Graham do so brilliantly is always meet those needs at a high level. Sometimes what I've felt I needed, he would respond to with what would really fill that place.

**Graham:** I think a lot of us—you know, we're all trained by the world and circumstances—to want our needs to be met on this level. That's always going to be a moment-by-moment thing, and it never changes because you never grow up. But the Kingdom doesn't operate like the world does. The Kingdom gives you a gift on the level above you. Why? Because your real need is not to get that need met. Your real need is to get out of its orbit and get onto a different level. Your real need is to have a life where you don't have needs like that. So that's why we say we don't call people out on their stuff, we call them up to another level.

And I think that is how the Lord is with us. He knows you like nobody else in the world could ever possibly know you. He knows you better than the collective mindset of 10,000 people who know you. He doesn't just know you here, He knows who you are in Heaven. He knows who you are in the Kingdom, and He is totally going to talk to you about that because that is your real life.

So He is going to bring you up to different levels. Some of the situations you're facing right now are new-level situations. The reason things are not working right now is because you're trying to resolve them on this level instead of going to another one. Right? You're learning that, "OMG! I should be on this level! The reason I'm not getting any answers or something is not working is because I need to go to a different level where everything works at that level, but it won't work on this level," because the plan of God is to pull you up.

You've all go so many upgrades! It's why we keep saying there are unclaimed upgrades all over this room.

The reality is some of you—there is a level above you that some things in your life will work at, and then there are other things in your life that will only work three levels above that. It's not like He's going to call you up to one level and deal with everything there. He is thinking about three or four levels in you. What if the warrior right now is four levels above the daughter, or whatever? What if I'm teaching you this? What if I'm teaching you that? What if He could teach you how to live on five different levels because that keeps you at your most relational with Him? Because you're always going to have to be talking to Him about that!

# Allison's Activation

TWC Training Day

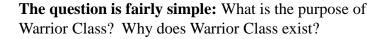


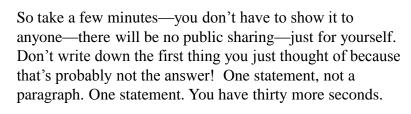


I always really value one of our foundations of Warrior Class is you thinking for yourself. So I'm going to have you write at the top of some paper. I'm going to ask you a question and I want you to answer it for yourself.

# I like questions of exploration, which means I often put them at the beginning, not at the end.

Questions at the end are questions of comprehension. Thank God this is no longer a standard educational school!





Now stop where you are. Write that purpose in four words. You don't have to use sentence structure. Write four key words from what you're thinking.

Now write one.





# Connection Between Prophetic Intercession and Expectation

by Allison Bown Co-Founder of TWC



The way we have always created an atmosphere of learning in our culture of Warrior Class is that it's caught as much as it is taught.

# So now it's just time to catch because we're all going higher, which is just huge!

So I have been actually thinking about this question—well, the Holy Spirit asked it probably about four months ago—and so I have just been in this place of thinking about this with Him, and here's the thing: In questions of exploration, there is never one right answer.

See, that's the thing—there is something true in everything all of you wrote because you're hearing this experience. This is not a question with one right answer because a lot of it is going to be what is true for *you*.

# Warrior Class is a very personal, unique experience. It's going to be completely different for every single person.

You learn this really quickly when you're teaching because you will teach and ten people will line up to say 'thank you' and tell you what they got out of it and it will be ten totally different things! It better be, because that means the Holy Spirit was interacting with them, and that's who we are interacting with most of all.

So reducing everything is how I refine truth. The one word for me on why does the Warrior Class exist was "smile." In everything at the end of the day, I want to look and see Jesus smile. It's become a simple assessment in my life.

I love that we have evidences of transformation and all the different tools and the training that we have, but I realize that all throughout the journey the one thing that I kept looking for above all else was His smile.

Wisdom is relational and there is a smile of God that is the ultimate assessment of everything we're doing personally, corporately—are we a company together—because we have an individual persona and we have a corporate persona. I learned this in school with my kids. There were classes that I loved a lot of the individual kids, but there were classes that I loved because of the class—I loved who they were together. It had their own personality. It's just the smile.





I think that as much as I always wanted to figure stuff out and pull from Graham—somehow we just left that realm and one of my favorite things is we'll just be in that space together and not say a word for like fifteen minutes, then I laugh.

But I feel like I've gained more in those times where we've just sat and we can't talk because of the goodness of what we're seeing and who God is.

Last summer when I realized the transition we were in, it wasn't until about July that I knew that it was my transition, too. Graham and I were having a discussion in his office and he asked me a question about today, which I totally can't remember what it was, but I remember that I looked inside of myself and Jesus had been standing in the territory of the Warrior Class for so long that I was just used to Him being there, and I looked and He wasn't there anymore. And I looked up and Graham was smiling!

I realized I went looking for the smile. It wasn't that He wasn't smiling at me anymore, not at all. He had just moved, so I wanted to move to where He was to be looking at that smile. It's so powerful in its simplicity, and I really want to say for the times where you're in this deal and you feel uncertain, and it feels unclear, and you feel like you're not doing enough, or you feel like you're doing too much, there is too much going on, too much to absorb, bring it back to the simplicity of, "Is He smiling?"

## So many of our conversations have been around the power of agape.

There were times where I did not understand what Graham was doing and where it just felt like he was asleep in the boat. It was actually that way. He actually loved me too much to put me anyplace else but in the hands of Jesus, and we're always safe there.

We talk about how we want to create safe places for people, and I think Warrior Class is one of the safest places for people to learn to make mistakes. If you ever feel like a failure, just open Prophetic Wisdom to the third module and read the first part that talks about God loving a failure.

I think sometimes we talk about wanting to listen, as a prophetic people and as prophetic intercessors, we're listening, but I think we need to look first. Look, then listen. Look until you know in your internal atmosphere you are coming from a place of His smile. You're not going to see it or sense it if there is anxiety or concern or the uncertainty, the self-doubt.

Graham and I had this discussion for a couple of years, and we had really different perspectives — Graham would say, "No, Al, coming into the Warrior Class we're looking for people who are already warriors," and I said, "Uh-uh, no we're not.

We are, and are becoming....that language will save us! It gives you permission to fully encounter your identity and who you are becoming.

### But we don't want to rest at one level when we're coming up to the next one.

At that level there is a place, guys, where you stop being uncertain, where you stop wondering if you're the only one going through it, where you stop wondering what people are going to say or if you've said too much.

Or you will get into the next place where you are uncertain, and all your insecurities are screaming and you don't know what is going on, and one of the keys that you'll feel that line come rising again, one of the greatest places of overcoming is when you are in that new and uncertain place and you acknowledge it but it's not what gets seen, "Okay, yeah, I see that this is here. But here is what is true..." Truth. This may be true and how I feel, but *this* is the truth...

Here's my key statement: As prophetic intercessors, what's possible with a core of prophetic intercessors who live in expectation and anticipation of the question, "What is possible?" I think what makes us a prophetic people is that we live in expectation. Expectation is future. Expectation is about what's out here and what's up here, not just out in a linear fashion but, really, more up here.

The thing we know at Brilliant, the thing that I know with Graham is that he, and we, are all going to this higher level of much more of an apostolic view and manifestation of who we are in the world. One of the reasons this is the last—for this season—Brilliant event that we're doing in this sense is because we're really targeting working with smaller groups and corporations and businesses and influencers, taking all that we can learn—you know, you guys have been the forerunners.

# We have been the forerunners of what is now manifesting in the Brilliant community.

What we learned about learning in the Kingdom together is now what we're taking and expressing to a whosoever in Brilliant. We have stood in that gap.

Most of you have heard me say I believe that intercession is not just prayer because the classic verse that *I looked for a man to stand in the gap, not* "I looked for a man to pray." Our lives are an act of intercession. So we, as a company of prophetic intercessors, have been out on the forefront learning about how we learn, learning about how we develop, learning the harmony of overt development with covert relationship and always making sure the relational piece is there.





# Reflect, Dream, Expect

by Christine Casten
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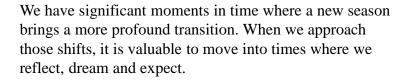
Reflect: It's important to recognize the sacrifices and fortitude of those who have gone before us.

**Dream:** We begin to assess the prophetic words highlighted for the coming season. We look to the heart of God and explore!

**Expect:** As we enter expectation, we lift our eyes to what is possible.

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**Reflect:** Before taking any next steps, it is important to recognize the sacrifices and fortitude of those who have gone before. Forerunners build relationship with the Lord, take the hits, and pour into their own journeys in a way that brings breakthrough for others. Within our community, we carry a deeply rooted gratitude for Graham and Allison for all they have poured in through the years.

The foundation we stand on is solid. Both ensured we are established and grounded in the precepts that opened the door for our Warrior Advantage.

They lived it out first and found the capacity to grow, refine and distill their experiences to share with us. With the individual and collective wisdom gained, they pointed us to the Lord. They generously offer us the training and tools necessary for our own relationship with God to thrive.

We are here because they each carry a passion for the body of Christ to rise.

We hope to carry this passion forward and tap into those strong foundations while learning to live out of our God given identity as a community with purpose, intentionality and hope.



## We also reflect on our journey. We take the time to think through the following:

- How we have grown together as community in this season?
   What obstacles have we overcome? What treasures have we mined?
- · In this season, what areas of growth have been the most significant in each of our own journeys?
- What forward momentum is God identifying as His current provision and promises? For Brilliant? For TWC? For each of us?
- What next steps seem to be present? Does any area of breakthrough, reconciliation, revelation or spiritual depth need to be acted upon or embraced before the next steps can be taken?
- We assess what needs to be laid down in this season and not taken into the next one. We pick up those things we will carry with us, leaving room to add more along the way.

**Dreaming:** Moving from reflection, we begin to assess the prophetic words highlighted for the coming season. We look to the heart of God and explore what His hopes and dreams are for us. We recognize we may not know the challenges we will face. However, the hope we hold for the fulfillment of His promises is enough to say, "Yes."

# In dreaming we consider what is possible.

We grab hold of His vision, knowing without one, we will perish. But also knowing the vision the Lord lays out comes with the momentum of heaven to see it come to pass. We rest peacefully in His hands as He opens the doors to what lies beyond.

**Expectation:** As we enter expectation, we lift our eyes to what is possible. We feel excitement build and look to see who stands with us. Just as we did in Anaheim, we link arms together. We know the battle has heated up. We are now worth being contested. But we also know that together we can navigate it well and celebrate the victory that comes in the end.

Just as Graham has taught us, every fight is a good fight... because we already know the battle is won.

Will the next season require all we have to give? Most likely. But the Warrior Advantage reminds us: the more we offer Him, the greater our capacity becomes to receive and express His nature and heart. At the end of the age, His heart and our hearts for Him and others are what really matters.

# Resolve & Resilience

by Karleigh Wood Director of Intel



Two important traits of a Warrior that contribute to our longevity and Kingdom impact are ~ **Resolve & Resilience.** 

No matter where you are in your training, we are faced with opportunities to increase in measure in these.

**The definition of resolve is:** to decide firmly on a course of action. It involves a mindset of Hebrews 6:11 which says "We want each of you to show this same diligence to the very end, so that what you hope for may be fully realized."

It's a stance in our heart that says I am moving forward no matter what comes! It's a decision to keep our heart tender to Him and not become battle hardened. It's a decision to not allow any obstacles and/or any duration of difficulty to become our place of stagnation. It's an inward decision to not allow offense to set in. It is a decision to stay the course set before us knowing and discovering the power of the one with THE One.

It involves faith, process and opens up a beautiful place to grow in trust, dependency and see Him move in awe and majesty.

# Resilience is also an important trait for a Warrior.

The definition is: the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties, the ability of something to spring/conform into the image of Jesus.

It is applying this muscle and tools we gain through resistance and coupling it with many opportunities to overcome and look more like Jesus, thereby creating an increased capacity within us.

# Resilience also involves persistence.

It's an internal choice that compels us to continue and not give way. Sometimes, we don't know how we will respond until we are tested. We don't know the true condition of our heart and mental resolve.

Both traits of resolve & resilience provide support to our identity, aid in our longevity and contribute to the advance of our Kingdom call and impact.



What does He want you to be resolved about?

What new mindset does the Lord want to give you related to resolve?

What does He want to do in your heart?

What is my "why" that keeps me moving forward?

What does the Lord want to give you that will enable you to press on for the upward call of Christ?

What does the Lord want to renew in you to assist you in becoming more pliable, more elastic and enable you to bounce back obtaining more of the shape (character and qualities) of Jesus?



# Who Are We Becoming As Intercessors?

by Allison Bown Co-Founder of TWC



"Who are we now, and who do we have the potential to become?"

"What are we expecting to be in the Kingdom?"

"What is our mark in the Kingdom?"



Who are we now, and who do we have the potential to become? What are we expecting to be in the Kingdom? What is our mark in the Kingdom? Did you know that the best intercession for Graham is people that fight with him, not [stand behind him and] push him at the dragon?

You know the prophetic word over his life—he is here to slay a religious dragon and wake the sleeping giant.

About a year ago in conversation we were saying we believe those things are happening at the same time. You don't have to slay the religious dragon first and then go wake the sleeping giant. So what if you wake the sleeping giant and he slays the religious dragon? It has always been our call.

The eyes of expectation are at the heart of prophetic intercessors.

What are we expecting? What is our corporate persona as prophetic intercessors? I think some of our questions will be changing as we look to what is the next invitation for us in intercession. What if our questions are built around expectation and anticipation?

What we discovered and had developed—it's amazing—but as Graham has taught us, God is too creative to just leave it one way because then when we get in the new territory the old stuff doesn't work the way that it did. That doesn't mean something is wrong, it means something is happening.

So many times I've realized with God if I'm having a lesser conversation with Him, I just feel like I'm getting nothing. Then I just realize with God (and with Graham) why, because the conversation is up here. So what's that one? I think that is so much of what we get to...so expectation is going to give us eyes to see. And you will see what you're looking for! So if you're looking for the negatives, if you're looking for the problems, then you're going to find them in yourself. When you get the right lenses there, usually the other ones follow pretty quickly.



"What should Graham expect?"

"What should we expect at Brilliant?"

"What are you expecting?"

"We have to prepare for the coming capacity that it will take for the best or otherwise it will overwhelm you."

Expectation never stops looking for [the goodness of God]. You will not stop looking until you see it. Huge act of warfare.

**One of my questions is:** I wonder if we're leaving the territory where we ever really even articulate the negatives anymore at all, we just go where the expectation is.

## What are you expecting to find?

That's a great question we can at some point use with Graham when he is going into new places. I think we are exchanging adventures for events. What should Graham expect? What should we expect at Brilliant? What are you expecting?

I think prophetic intercessors, one of the things they do is they expect the best. The world says expect the best but prepare for the worst. I don't think that is the Kingdom at all. I think the Kingdom is you expect the best and you prepare for the best.

We have to prepare for the coming capacity that it will take for the best or otherwise it will overwhelm you.

It will seem too much and our nature will be to want to reduce it to manageable proportions. You say we can handle this, but what was Jimetta talking about, that thing like you can prepare to carry what God is going to bring in your skirt—you always have your skirts on—or a wheelbarrow, or what if you have a whole 18-wheeler? What is the size of your expectation? But we have to learn how to prepare for God's best, which is always going to be out in front of us. So expect the best and prepare for the best.

# That's what makes us prophetic. We prepare to see it. We steward it and expand it.

Without the prophetic eyes of expectation as intercessors, then what happens is we discover the precious and we steward it by holding onto it. We just want to do it so well. This was so my mindset because integrity is huge with me. So I just wanted to do it so well, but actually stewardship is releasing. It's receiving freely and giving freely.





# **Healing - Creative Miracles**

by Teresa Morrison TWC Admin | Director of New Members

This is my story: I was in a ministry where miracles were common place - i.e. there is nothing that God could not do when we are gathered in FAITH. People "were" miracles (including myself), so it wasn't hard to pull on the hem of His garment and worship the beauty of the Lord with one heart and one voice!

# You will always know when the Holy Spirit is active. People get touched, healed and set free!

For ten years I basked in this kind of atmosphere. Then one day, as Graham says, "He went missing" or so I thought. I have been in hiddenness for about 11 years. (read Graham's Hiddenness and Manifestation). It was a time for me to mature, the baby lamb got placed on the ground filled with hope, and Jesus said, "Follow me." My reply was, "Yes, with ALL of my heart!" TWC has been the place where I've learned to practice rest, unpack, sift and gain a new lens (Thanks Graham!). Graham has taught me to gain wisdom and to thrive in possibilities.

It was my turn to speak at the Training Day. It felt like my chest was going to explode! I knew that the Lord wanted to heal, that He wanted us to come together as BELIEVERS and believe! What was He going to do!? I wanted to know, but needed to yield.

# My intention was to stir up FAITH and AWAKEN us to the BEAUTY of His HEART towards us.

**I BELIEVED** that the Lord was going to heal us over the course of four days, whether it was physically, spiritually or emotionally. Some were standing in proxy; meaning "in place of" for someone else.

When I spoke to the TRIBE I had a bracelet on that said, "She believed she would be healed, and she was!" And as many of you know from my Facebook post, I got healed on Saturday of Celiac Disease, for which there is no cure. I had met the Healer of my soul time and time again. I now have encountered the "THE HEALER" in a new way. It began with a conversation with Him as I baffled my doctors with my health and autoimmune issues. I began to talk to Jesus about healing me. I declared it, until breakthrough appeared! He hears us, He knows us and most of all, more than anyone in the world, He cares.



Connect with your HEART'S DESIRE. (Psalm 37:4).

Write down your EXPECTATIONS. (Is: 59:1)

What are the DESIRES of your HEART for this year?

Are they BIG enough? If not, review them again, and again!

Can your DREAMS be so BIG that they will need a miracle to accomplish?

Can the Lord do exceedingly, abundantly ABOVE all we could ask? (Eph 3:20)

We can all look at our lives and say, "YES!"



# Miracle

by Kelly Megonigle Director of Training



I took a page out of Jeremiah's book where he accepted an invitation to "arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will announce My words to you." Jer. 18:2. My acceptance to the potter's house was a Disney film about the 1980's US Olympic hockey team called Miracle.

One of the parallels was about mindsets – the Olympic committee's goal was to not be embarrassed. Herb Brooks, the coach who applied and was awarded the job of coaching the team, had a goal of beating the unbeatable team, and of coaching a group of young men, who were all amateurs against a team of professionals.

He would lead a team of individual young men into becoming a family and – in the end – beat unbeatable odds and bring home the Gold because they were inspired and pushed toward a common goal.

These young men changed their own mindsets and then continued on to change, at minimum, the nation's mindsets as the goal of Gold started looking within reach.

Another parallel was about the training in which they engaged. In many cases the players and even the assistant coach did not understand the intensity or purpose of the level of training they engaged in. They fought it a bit, complained about it and yet, in the end, the training helped them sustain the ability to finish the game successfully and achieve the goal of winning not just avoiding embarrassment.

There were many others that the Lord highlighted for me personally and I hope, if this has intrigued you or reminded you of the events themselves, that you will enjoy a trip to the Potter's House and spend some time watching and listening for Him to announce His words to you!!

As I was watching the film, it became a story that had many parallels to TWC, and it was fun to pull them out and reflect on how they applied. There were many, but I will only pull out a couple as I did during the training time.

- Mindsets
- Training



Can you remember a time when you realized that the Lord had already trained/prepared you for the opportunity when it arose?

What circumstance(s) might you need to raise your expectations (upgrade your mindset) from avoiding embarrassment to winning?

What are the different ways that the Lord engages with you when He invites you into conversation?



# Being Seen

by Sharon Rudolph Lead Coach | Warrior Team



My talk in Anaheim was based on all the Lord has done for me since coming into the Warrior Class. My old man default was to only allow others see what felt safe to me.

## But the Lord had other plans.

As I walked with Jesus on this Warrior Class journey, He removed my good Christian mask so I can live with unveiled face. (2 Corinthians 3:16-18).

It's fun when the Lord brings circumstances that reveal your next assignment. The Lord posed the question to me, "Since you have some leading to do, how about being intentional about learning leadership from TWC?" Thus my journey into Warrior Class leadership began and brought forward richer aspects of my identity, and increased my capacity and my faith. The same excellence TWC has in developing identity I got to experience in learning leadership.

When you are part of a company of people who are aligned with the heart of God something happens if you allow yourself to be seen and you know that you are. Risk is not so scary. It becomes fun. Youth is renewed, dreams reborn, the Kingdom advances.

I believe you will be joyously surprised to find that the Lord had the real you planned all along and He has a great journey for you to walk with Him so that you may realize and embrace that you.

Embrace your training, engage with fellow warriors, practice what you are learning, the results are so worth it!

What part of God's goodness are you seeing in your life that beautifully outshines your old defaults?

How has God used your training to open up space for you to be who you are?

What is one aspect of leadership in the world around you that needs an instead?

What have you learned in TWC that might provide that instead?



"Risk is not so scary.
It becomes fun."

# Value Who You Are Dream Again!

by Madeline Rooney Champions Team Coach



As I approached our Champions Team focus, I had a pretty good sense that God was continuing what He had started in preparation for what is ahead. What I didn't know was the depths He would go for me to see it's fulfillment. I am captivated by His gentleness and how He uses foresight to connect the here and now to something He initiated several years ago.

To look back and be able to say "Wow, that situation or that prophetic word is THIS. Today, right now!"

I adore process and how God is a builder. The Lord allowed a series of circumstances that highlighted just how unhealthy some of my connections were. Specifically, some of those closest to me. There was something there that was keeping me from standing up on the inside and being who I am, confidently.

There was a VALUE piece that God was wanting to connect in a very specific way and all that He had built prior was about to make perfect sense.

I could almost hear God saying "Look, you need to value who you are first...then I can take you to the next level."

When I value who I am, people will hear my confidence, they will hear ME. My current way wasn't working. I needed to be set free from what was holding me back. Remember when I mentioned I love to look back and say "Wow, THAT is THIS?" Well true to the Builder's style, seven years prior I had been given a prophetic word. THIS is THAT. This word hit it right on, exactly.

Fast forward to our most recent Base Camp Training where we were asked to dream. It was time to connect with God's dream for us. We got to see how our identity statements and dreams connected to our unique journey. I saw a sign recently that said, "Be who you are, everyone else is taken." Bingo!

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As you consider your current circumstances, what are some ways are you acting according to your promise/purpose?

How has stepping out in your permissions accelerated growth in your identity and purpose?

How has God's gentleness made you great?

How does leaning into your circumstances help you overcome?

Is there currently a specific prophetic word that God wants to remind you of today?

Be yourself, everyone else is already taken

Value who I am, speak confidently into others, and most importantly, be ME.

# READY, SET,

# LET'S GO!

### **SYNERGY**

I am amazed at how relative our training is to our personal lives. Just like Christine Casten said, I felt the depth of the atmosphere... in our training in Anaheim. Our time together in TWC was rich, fun and encouraging. You could really feel that we were all stepping into this new season, and embracing it with intentionality, resolve and passion. The synergy was extraordinary, and it pulled us all up. Everyone left at a higher place.

I wonder... Is this new season we have all entered due to a move of God? Is this new season here because of who we have become? Or is it here because our hearts are aligned with the One Who makes all things new and beautiful, and we are intentionally partnering with Him?

■ Connie Jennings Champions Team Coach

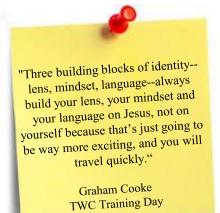
### **ENRICHING MOMENTS**

A glorious end to a glorious weekend. As others have testified, the time with Graham, Shawn, the Helsers...amazing. But for me some of the most enriching moments were moments spent getting to know some fellow warriors. Don't underestimate yourselves. You touch hearts with Heaven's glory and goodness.

Thankful for each of you.



■ Pam McCormick (missionary in Haiti)
Warrior Team



### **JOYFUL HEARTS**

Hard to express the joy of personally meeting so many fellow warriors and hugging the ones on this journey together.

So many joyful hearts in one place was amazing! Our times of praying through the room may have actually been some of my favorites. Thanks for being the awesome warriors you are! I am expectant about the next time we gather together.

Adel Forsythe Warrior Team

### WARRIORS FACE TO FACE

Expectation was *more* than I expected. What a wonderful time of learning, expansion and revelation. The worship was amazing. I am still singing the songs in my spirit. I had an awesome time meeting all the warriors that I interact with on Facebook. I got a chance to meet beautiful, bold, loving warriors. They all have hearts of gold. Just being at the conference was a game-changer and upgrade. It is one thing to interact online but another to be able to see and meet these awesome warriors. I feel so blessed to have gone and met all those who went. Thank you for being who you are.



Sharon Mackins
Champions Team

# Together We Thrive!











### **OVERWHELMING JOY**

I'm new to TWC and this was my first Graham Cooke event and it's hard for me to put what I experienced into words!! It was AMAZING! I've never been to an event that even comes close to this weekend. As soon as I walked into the doors, I knew I was walking into something completely different! I've never felt that kind of atmosphere before in such a large group. I've never gone that deep in worship, and I've never felt more *unity* of the Spirit even with a small group of close friends as I did in that large room full of strangers! And the joy......oh my goodness! I just had encounter after encounter with people there who were filled with overwhelming joy! Not once did I hear a complaint or grumbling! Even in the long line to get in everyone was smiling! It was just WOW!

Kim Martin New Member

### THANKFUL

Kim, this was my first event as well and I feel many of the things you expressed, and more. Thankful for the opportunity to be part of TWC and this event.

Jenni Beigler New Member

### **COMMUNITY**

I am CONFIDENTLY taken away in Expectation of the incredible Story and Journey that God has planned! TWC and Expectation *exceeded* everything I imagined! I was so blessed to have hugged, loved, cried and celebrated with a community of warriors! Connected in spirit no matter the distance.

Renee Relf New Member

### **POSSIBILITIES**

So far, I'm undone in the best possible way! Thank you, Warrior Class for all the possibilities opening up for us as we intercede for this wondrous event. Father God is so happy right now! Thank you, Graham Cooke, for this amazing legacy of which we get to be a part and continue forward!

Sharon Rudolph Warrior Team | Lead Coach





### **INCREASE**

The brilliance and opportunity to travel light continues to increase and overwhelm me each time I read my training notes. God is a quickening spirit and I am resolved to travel light with Him, in His character and nature, without baggage. Living, breathing, walking, traveling in a different spirit above, not in and not below the circumstance, the head and not the tail. Whenever I experience negativity, it is a wonderful opportunity to give it to the Lord and to receive His love gifts and traits instead.

Billie Holt Warrior Team

### ABOVE ALL, BE YOURSELF

Many things were impacting during Training Days, but two stood out (at least for now!). I loved Sharon Rudolph's demonstration of how she came into TWC and the transformation that took place. She stepped out and showed up as herself. It was an ah-ha moment for me. My hat and sunglasses are off!!!

Barb Ruplin Warrior Team

### LEADERSHIP TRAINING

I found Leadership training to be brilliantly amazing. Each person that shared brought an authentic level of themselves to the forefront allowing us to engage and rise a little higher. It helped to create an energy in expectation that settled in a beautiful peace. It was especially encouraging to me to hear Christine describe TWC leadership being as a flock of geese flying, each one rising up to lead from the front moving everyone forward. As warriors I saw it as battlefield commissions. For myself the process of connecting-the-dots was a prophetic story that I will continue to unfold.

Juna Light Stayner New Member Coach

