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Abiding In His Heart

By Christine Casten
Executive Director of The Warrior Class

Do you hear the call? Do you recognize the sweet invitation to go to a deeper place in God's heart? It's a place where we learn to abide, or remain, in Him.

I love the secret place of His heart. Learning to "be" in Him has been one of the most powerful weapons I have ever welded. In that deep recess of His heart, I know His goodness and grace. I am protected from the winds, storms and waves.

In the deep place of His heart, I have found other weapons of rest, identity, joy, grace, hope, and healing. Abiding in Him is the only place where my heart cry, my longing for Him, is satisfied. It's the place where I drink deeply of His love.

Several years ago, I was in a season of great trial and tribulation. It was before TWC and I was still new to the Spirit-filled life. I had yet to learn how to fight and stand in Him and my identity as a warrior. I was the person in the Good Samaritan story who had been ambushed and left to die.

In that season, He carved out a place in the Spirit. It was a place where I could be held by Him and where my soul was laid bare. It was a place where I could curl up in His presence, find safety, and somehow have the strength to make it through another day. But, God...

But God knew what that season would bring. He allowed me to go through it. For in it, I learned what abiding really looked like. I learned the rhythm of His heart and developed my ability to understand how He spoke to me. The connection we created in that time developed a bond of love that is difficult to break. I found a solid foundation in Him that has never wavered or changed. He is steadfast, faithful and true.

Fast forward to today. Those moments left an impression on my heart. The door of access had been opened. It was a door no man could shut. I could be with Him in any place, time or moment. And frankly, His heart is the only place I want to be.

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I have found the ability to abide has kept me in a place of clarity and purpose. It has allowed me to be sensitive to His timing and remain in His protection. Abiding has given me the strength to choose Him no matter what. It's where I remember, He is God and I am not.

In my life, I have often had to make the difficult choice of following God or pleasing others. As rising warriors, we will be faced with this choice, as well. In those moments, we will have to consider the cost of choosing Him over another's plans or preferences. It's in those circumstances we will know if our training to abide in Him holds.

We have a call as a new breed of warrior.

We have an invitation to be like Joshua, who stayed in the presence of God even as Moses walked out of the Holy of Holies to head home. We have the invitation to practice abiding in Him so we will not waver in the face of that choice.

In this season of connecting deeply to Him, we are drinking in the very presence of His love. In seasons to come, what we have trained in now will be lived out. Then, when faced with the tough choices, we will speak, move and love from the place of abiding deeply in His heart.

Christine





Sharon Rudolph
Director of Training



In TWC we are fighting for a very precious one - the Bride of our King Jesus. She needs to know who she is and be that in order to be ready for her groom. We in TWC have a voice that calls her up - that is our fight - for each member and for those for whom we do Intel. And just as Holy Spirit reminds each of us personally who we are as part of that bride, we do the same for each other.

This past month I've been using my training to hold new ground and to stand. (Ephesians 6:13). In this process, I've experienced how well TWC does family and how we help each other.

Through Training and Engagement calls, and the many other types of calls hosted by TWC, *my faith grows*. I am in the presence of other Warriors and I rise up - faith builds, joy increases. It just happens whether I say a word or not! (Hebrews 11). We each walk a walk of faith, developing mountain moving faith, building confidence. Hope rises anchoring us to the reality that Jesus already won the battle! And our voices, with the Bridegroom, call up His Bride.

During October, TWC will be hosting 33 calls. Sixteen of these are on the Master Call list. The others are for our specialty trainings.

Why not take advantage of all of the opportunities to grow, increase, and build on TWC calls?

If you cannot be on a live call, listening to the recording releases the same type of blessing. Presence matters. Don't miss your opportunity to practice, to be called up, to have your faith built, to strengthen your voice, whether spoken or written.

In TWC, we have freedom to practice. Know that when you participate on a call, TWC is doing family. We are seeing the best in each other and helping maximize training and development. The goal is to call you up and grow you up to all the fullness of God.

How would you like to practice your voice, and call up the Bride, today?

Sharon



TWC Training

The Rhythm of Training

Where are you in your training? Are you in a flow, ebb or transition time? What does that mean for your rhythm and the practical side of “living the training out?”

We have a large variety of training options* in our community. Moving through the different options requires choice and a connection with God’s heart for the timing of what comes next.

In our performance driven cultures, we often assume that we need to be working on a training level/module or we are not training. The reality is the whole process of our journey is about training.

Part of being a warrior and a champion is learning how to recognize where you are in the process. Through our training journey, you are discovering more clearly the value of knowing where you are in the process. Identifying where you are helps your intentionality with how you approach your day to day in that season.

We have identified three major stages to the rhythm of your training. Knowing these will help you understand more about where God has you and what that means.

Flow: You train in the information, get sparked in the understanding, revelation, perspective shifts, etc. This is where you are actively seeking input, moving through the processing questions and enjoying what the level/module training is opening before you. Many times, encounters with God are happening and it’s a very exciting time. You have an invitation to transform.

Ebb: You have a lot of information you are assessing:

- What have you just learned through the training?
- What are all the new perspectives and upgrades you have just gained?
- What has God revealed about you and what has He revealed about Himself?
- How do those new things apply to your life?
- What it looks like to practice them in your life?



Within an ebb, you are learning to describe what has changed in you and what that change looks like in your day to day. This timeframe can be longer or shorter depending on how much or how deeply those shifts have gone. In addition, even with great depth of change, the timeframe may also be shortened depending on how much acceleration God has for you in this season. God’s presence may recede a bit or may become a much more intimate time of being with Him. You are transforming.

Transition: The transition stage is when what you have learned becomes a part of you. Many times, God seems more reserved as He gives you the time for these changes to become a part of you. You integrate these things into your life in a way that they become part of who you are. You live from this revelation rather than toward it. It has become a part of who you are. You have transformed.

One example is in flipping the negative. In flow, you are learning what this means and how powerful it is. In ebb, you are recognizing the authority you have to use this tool and are constantly reminding yourself to practice flipping the negatives in your life. In transition, you start to realize you are seeing the flip first rather than having to walk yourself through the process. You immediately jump to the possibilities and the outcome because that is what you see when you look at the challenges before you. This tool now becomes part of who you are and it becomes a more automatic response in times of pressure.

*See the website section for more information.



Jodi Bradley
TWC Coach

EXPLORING YOUR DREAMS

MY PART / GOD'S PART



*Partnering
with God...*

Did you know you already use My part/God's part? What if TWC is part of God's dream for your life and you joining was your part?

What if My part/God's part + dreaming, then adding a dash of intentionality = acceleration?

We learn so much in TWC: identity, prophetic words, inheritance scriptures, promises, perspective, mindset shifts, the list is endless.

In my first year in TWC, I admit, I was overwhelmed by goodness. God began speaking to me about slowing down, simplifying and enjoying. Then, I joined Champions team. Woah! How do I slow down, simplify and enjoy now? There was so much I wanted, and I had no intention of missing a single experience. That's when My part/God's part began to form.

We have a plethora of tools. God has a storehouse of provision, and there are numerous ways to access and apply all we have.

My part/God's part opens the door for intimacy and empowers us to intentionally partner with God in everything we do and everywhere He is. He points us to which training to practice when, how and where, and our part is to engage.

It reminds me of David; a shepherd boy killing a lion and bear in preparation for God's dream of being King. David walked his path, oblivious to God's plan, but doing it anyway. Then he receives a promise, God's dream that he would be king. As he comes to this realization he becomes more intentional. Before battle, he asks God how to proceed, asks what God is doing and how he can partner in victory, and every time God's approach is different. David doesn't assume the same thing every time, but is intentional in pursuing his relationship with God.

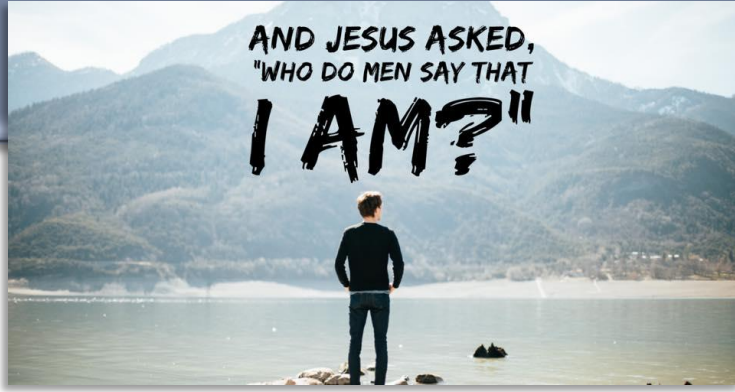
Every situation and circumstance calls for a different response and approach. David screwed up too and guess what? David's mistake wasn't powerful enough to change God's mind, dream, or love for David.

To learn more, listen to the recorded calls I posted on February 22nd, July 20th, September 11th and September 15th. These audio recordings can be found on the video tab of Facebook.

Happy Exploring!!
Jodi



Teresa Morrison
Director of New Members
& Operations



Grow in the
grace and
knowledge of
Jesus
2 Peter 3:18

When Jesus asked this question, it wasn't because He lacked identity. It was because He wanted to see if people knew who He really was. Now we ask each other, "Who do **you** say Jesus is?"

One of my greatest hopes is that the latter part of my life will be greater than the former, in truly knowing the Godhead. One of the things we learn in TWC is that relationship is a lifestyle, it's in the day in and day out conversations with God that build our relationship.

My heart's desire is that the body of Christ would know the beautiful, multi-faceted nature of God. I have found Jesus both in pain and in celebration. In pain, He comes alongside like a friend that sticks closer than a brother. Through the storms, when I cannot see, He is my GPS. Through hardship/disappointment He reminds me of a brighter day!

He is JOY, He is LAUGHTER.
He comes in like a flood, flooding me with His kindness.
At times with silliness or puns He loves makes me laugh.
It is truly His nature that we fall in love with.

I have learned so much about the Nature of God throughout the years and still have a lifetime to learn. There have been many voices/teachers along the way with their perspective and personal experience. I've gleaned from many. Some cause me to think. With others, I covet their relationship with the Lord - like Graham, Wm Paul Young, Shawn Bolz and many more. What that produces inside of me is a deep hunger to know the Lord more and more, to see Him in people, to hear His voice and follow, knowing that like a sheep, He is my Shepherd.

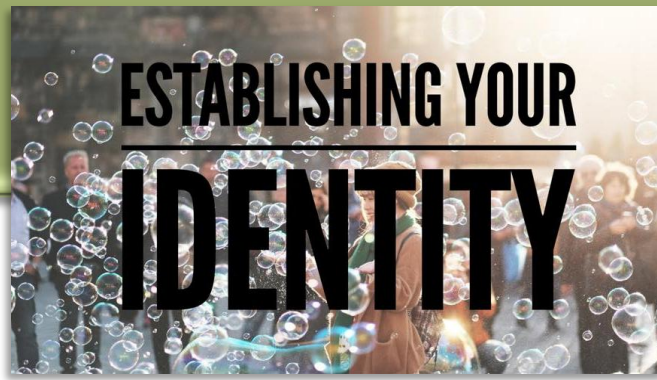
The most important thing in life is knowing Him. When Jesus asks us the question, "Who do YOU say that I am?" With great JOY we can answer according to our experience of Him.

I was listening to one of my favorite teachers talk about the Nature of God. It led me to such a beautiful process of learning to look through a different lens. Learning how to love others and seeing the Lord more clearly as my eyes are being enlightened. I believe it will take a lifetime to learn just how much of a price He paid for us to be free! Oh how He loves us!

Stay hungry,
Teresa



Erin Shepherd-Ham
New Member Coach



One of my favorite things being a New Member Coach is getting to be a part of the foundation being laid as each begins their journey in TWC. I am so excited and honored to be a part of each New Member's journey and to walk through our New Member Introductory Call.

I love hearing each New Member's journey, their heart for God, and sharing in their contagious enthusiasm for the journey.

I find it inspiring and rejuvenating. One of the aspects I am perhaps most passionate about is not a part of the New Member Introduction. I still reference it even though comes in the next phase, Level 1 training. For me, it was potentially the single most transformative aspect of my training in TWC! It is....drum roll, please... Establishing your identity in Christ. Ah-MAY-zing!!!

Just yesterday my health provider was quoting a study in where it found that people "with a purpose" lived on average seven years longer. I wonder how long that would be if it was measured upon Kingdom Purpose and living out who we were made to be!

As I journeyed through my Level 1 training in identity and honed in who I was in Christ and how I am seen in Heaven, my training outlook was exactly what I needed.

Before our training, I had always said, "I don't know who I want to be when I grow up," and I felt lost on what my identity was. I was constantly asking "Who am I?" and "Does it even matter?" I was hungry. So. Very. Hungry. I knew there was deeper; I just had to find it!

Diving into writing out my Identity Statement was both daunting and exciting at the same time. Each identity statement has a special meaning. Some God shared directly with me. Others, he gave to Warriors to share with me. Songs were even involved in establishing my identity.

A fact I love is that a key part of me is sparkly and shiny!! My first prophetic word (from someone who was wanting to say but did!) was that "God loved my sparkle!" My lens on how God saw me was forever changed at that moment. I am so thankful she was obedient and went out of her comfort zone to share that word.

My last statement was also given as a prophetic word to me, although none of the rest was. (So, please do not feel that they have to come from a prophetic word, God speaks in amazingly differentiated ways). I had regretted my life and so many experiences, outcomes, decisions, etc.

He was gracious and gave me an identity of being a Regret Shredder. May I just share that changed my world! *Isaiah 61 – flip it to the Instead! I adore this gift of being able to flip and find the positive.*

So, enjoy the journey and allow God to show you all He has for you and how He sees you!

Erin

Website Feature of the Month

The Power of Choice/Support in Training



The Warrior Class practices the power of choice! You may have noticed, we have an abundant number of options available to support your training. Of course, the training levels and modules offer a variety of growth and experiences.

Once your foundational training in Identity is submitted, you have several of training options at your fingertips.

One area of training involves your training levels/modules. We release and update the current Level 2 and Advanced Training Modules throughout the year. To see what is available, visit the website under tabs: training/advanced-training-modules. (Yes, we recently added another Advanced Training Module last week! Check it out!)

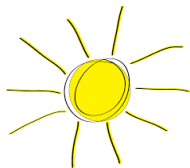
With the many different options we have, it is helpful to think about what we consider our primary areas of training and what is supporting areas of training. You can find this information on the website under: resources/primary-and-optional-elements-of-twc.

One of our delights is in experiencing God's part of seeing transformation in our lives. Our part is to learn what this transformation looks like in our lives and to practice living that transformation out. While all of us practice those transformations in our local areas of influence, we also offer several different options for sharpening those upgrades within TWC, as well.

As The Warrior Class develops, we continue to update this page on our website. We do have tons of options to explore! We are excited to pioneer new areas within our community to help support your growth as a Warrior. These new areas often come from you and the creativity God places in you!

You have experienced our passion and desire to be sensitive to the development of our Warriors. Some of you have asked about other ways to connect to The Warrior Class and support the growth of this tribe of Warriors. Some of those ways are listed on this page.

Our passion is to find ways to support your growth while we continue to be authentic to our DNA as The Warrior Class. We do this by offering a variety of optional training and ways you can connect in TWC, but we are always open to considering new ideas. If you have some ideas or thoughts on how we can add to our training ground, please contact twc.memberservices@gmail.com



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Lou Ann Wineman

About Me:



I began this journey with TWC in July 2016, and I'll never be the same – a good thing for sure. The road has been diverse on a daily basis... from overwhelming, frustrating, and painful, to exciting, freeing, and joyful. Ultimately, leading to the ongoing process of transformation.

My husband and I recently celebrated our 40th anniversary. We have been blessed with a wonderful family including our son, daughter, and 4 beautiful granddaughters. Western Nebraska has always been my home. I grew up in a very small town (population 100), and now live in a rural farming community surrounded by the natural beauty of hills, plains, and amazing wildlife.

Becoming the Beloved:

When I first read Allison Bown's book *Joyful Intentionality*, I was abruptly stopped on page xi of the Preface where she wrote, "When we connect with the passion that God has for and extends to us..." I was shaken by that comment... "God has passion for me?" That was a new and astounding concept for me, and I had to find out if it was true. I have been exploring (or mining, as Allison calls it) ever since. And I have discovered that it is indeed true, but the truth of it runs deep – deeper still – and I've only touched the tip of the iceberg.

I have struggled with becoming the beloved, feeling like I'll never arrive. Only to learn from Graham that "there is no place to get to – you're already there...you're in Christ – rest, relax, and rejoice." Currently I am in a Psalm 46:10 season where God has pulled me aside and the focus is "Be still and KNOW that I Am God."

I can only describe the process of Becoming the Beloved as "multifaceted." Each day brings new discoveries and ancient truths. In that process I am being transformed into a new wineskin – being prepared to receive the new wine that He is pouring out.

1 John 4:10 The Passion Translation (TPT)

This is love: He loved us long before we loved him. It was his love, not ours. He proved it by sending his Son to be the pleasing sacrificial offering to take away our sins.

My New Kingdom Language:

When I joined The Warrior Class I felt like I had stepped into a strange culture that spoke in a foreign language. Instead, crafted prayer, intel, upgrades... what were they talking about? Not to mention creating an atmosphere, inheritance words, identity statements, key territories, and evidences of transformation. As I started to learn this new dialect, one phrase quickly became my favorite - "permission granted." Permission to fail, to wait, to ask questions, and to say "no." Permission to laugh, to love, to be joyful, and to dream big. I have found so much freedom and healing in "permission granted."

It is taking time and practice to become fluent in this new Kingdom language. But as my vocabulary expands daily, it is becoming a part of my lifestyle and my identity.

My Identity Statements:

At this time I am focusing on what I call my "foundational" identity statements. This is a new season for me. One of not only learning to be still, but also going deeper, along with simplifying and getting back to the basics. My desire is to become more assured of my identity in Christ, and to rest in Him.

- I am a child of the Most High God. (John 1:12)
- I am loved by the King. (1 John 4:10)
- I am a friend of God. (John 15:15)
- I am My Beloved's, and My Beloved is mine. (Song of Songs 6:3)
- I have been invited to an intimate "tea time" with the King, in the secret place. I am seated and resting in the heavenly places. (Eph. 2:6)

John 15:15 New International Version (NIV)

I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

