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## Grace Invitations

By Christine Casten  
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The process of growth fascinates me. I have learned to love process and embrace all that comes with it. Every adventure has its ups and downs. Every new phase of development takes me on a journey deeper into His heart. Every invitation to the next step, or stage, offers the choice of free will to accept it or leave it. It is time to consider the abundant grace God offers in these invitations.

I have grace to say no. God's beautiful sovereignty continues to bring me back around to that invitation over and over until I am finally willing to accept it. In His grace, He still loves me, beckons me and woos me. My no does have consequences, yet, He is also able to redeem the time as I fully submit to His will.

**I have grace to say yes. God's invitation to me is not typically the easiest or smoothest path.**

Often, that yes requires the cost of laying down more of who I was for the sake of who I am becoming. The cost always pales in comparison to the reward of knowing and partnering with Him along the way. I never regret saying yes to Him. No matter what was given up in those moments, the joy set before me is a closer connection with my first Love.

Human nature has a tendency to hold to what is comfortable. The old nature gravitates to what is already known, even when it is not the best, healthiest or positive direction. Just like a rocket ship waiting to be launched, the potential to climb is present, but until the switch is flipped and the booster rocket ignited, the rocket will never see the outer reaches of space.

**The choice to let go of what is comfortable is the flip that switches me into a launch of incredible proportions.**

His grace covers me. Throughout my journey, I have changed. The earlier invitations were met with a desire to know what was coming. I would consider ways I could hedge my bets, put one toe in the water, or have one foot on each side of the fence. But, I found that mindset created a double-mindedness that kept me from rising. Rather than berate me, God just opened my heart to deeper places of trust.

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Grace made me stronger. God took me through the healing I needed, developed within me a reliance on His faithfulness and opened me to a deeper understanding of who I am in His eyes. He always spoke to me with kindness and invitation. He modeled the power of forgiveness and unconditional love. As I adopted more of these traits, I strengthened in identity, connection and call.

Growing in grace re-sensitized me. My sensitivity to Him increased and Father promised never to be harsh or heavy-handed, for that was not needed in our relationship. In fact, He said that anyone who approached me in that manner was not operating from His heart. After all, why would He reveal Himself through another person contrary to His nature or to what our relationship had become?

**Grace draws me to Him. Grace is the resonance, sound, and signature of Him that draws me to His heart.**

His grace taught me to recognize and attune myself to Him. It is the grace that allows me to distinguish and discern which voice is His, myself or another's voice. It's that signature I look for when others speak into my life. It's the tie that connects and binds my life to the life of another: running mate, friend, mentor or partner; the like-mindedness that means no matter our call, we can have a dynamic relationship as we passionately pursue our King.

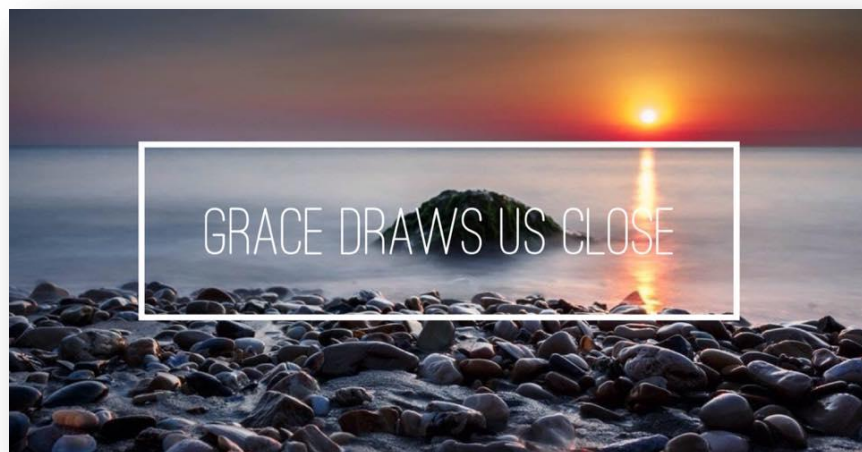
Grace opened me to more. It offered my freedom to choose. It shifted my thinking. It changed my life. Grace strengthened my internal ground. It altered my beliefs about myself and expanded my sensitivity to the Father's heart. It opened discernment and impacted how I align myself with others. Grace saturates every invitation to the next step in my adventure of life.

What grace invitations is Father extending to you now?

What has deepening in His grace taught you on your journey with Him?

Please post your responses on Facebook...let's celebrate grace and encourage each other.

*The invitation to Grace is kind. . .*





# Foundation in the Faith

**Sharon Rudolph**  
Director of Training

In 1 Corinthians 2:1-16, I found two Foundational truths. First “but we have the Mind of Christ” (verse 16), wisdom from heaven, not this age. I first heard Graham Cooke bring this verse to the forefront in 2011. Then shortly following the Lord brought “so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God” (verse 5) which took me deeper into God’s Word. These truths were in line with the other foundational truths that I knew, so I ran with them. Father connected me with many of His servants from various backgrounds to plant and water as He caused the growth.



We each have a Foundation in the faith, a Foundation that TWC chooses to build upon with simplicity and Biblical truth. I am so appreciative of the ones who have gone before me and taught me these truths, supporting the Word of God, in uncluttered words and stories: from Oswald Chambers and Madame Guyon to Ted Dekker and Shawn Bolz, with lots of Graham Cooke throughout. But always, the Word of God is the central focus; everything must line up.

In TWC we have developed training to help each one of you on your journey build on the firm Foundation of Christ’s saving Grace, Father God’s covenant keeping love, and Holy Spirit’s presence and power. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 3:11 “for no one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ.” Moving forward, TWC is continuing to build on that Foundation that which will facilitate within you solid growth that can withstand any fire.

I know for me, that has been my personal experience in Warrior Training and that is what our training will continue to accomplish as we explore and expand in this territory of empowering Kingdom establishers, knowing all the while that “God causes the growth” (1 Cor. 3:7).

My question to you is “with Jesus as your chief cornerstone, how is your foundation? What do you treasure most *from His Word* in that foundation?” I’ll start a thread on Facebook. Feel free to join in.

# TWC Training

## Your Part-nership

**Your Part-nership in The Warrior Class is vital to our tribe.** As maturing warriors we invite... well, actually, expect.. you to take part in conversations in our community. The expectation rests on the fact that you are a warrior. Warriors have a voice to be shared. Our tribe needs to hear your voice! You are valuable, your journey is important and we want to get to know and support who we are and are becoming!



**As warriors we equip and empower.** Yes, we have the training levels and modules, but we augment, clarify, celebrate and reinforce what we learn through our conversations. Relationships thrive on communication. Each of you have a part in that communication. No matter if you walk into a conversation (i.e. training call, engagement call, specialty training, Facebook post, etc.) with 1 or 1,000 words about it, you have a part to add.

How do you step into to your part-nership with those conversations? You may come with a revelation of how God transformed you in an instant. You may come with experiences of walking the topic out. You may come with a question that is as basic as...“I have no clue about this topic...so what’s this all about?” But, I bet, through the conversation, God will bring something to your heart to share.

So, many of our Church traditions/training taught us to be silent. They have discouraged questions and exploration.

**Maybe each time you speak you counter the silence?**

**Maybe each time you get your brave on and share, you grab hold of courage and kick fear in the face.**

What if the choice to speak your part is a PART-nership with God to sow into identity, encouragement, discovery, depth, conversation, connection, celebration and voice? It might be for yourself or for another. Or, it might just glorify what God is doing in a way that opens the door to a whole new territory in your life or someone else’s.

Your part creates Part-nership with others. It’s not about being profound or posturing or performing to some ridiculous or unreal standard – Really... That standard is fear based, anyway! It’s about being real, authentic and true to where you are, what you are learning and what you hope to understand.

Your part also brings your Part-nership with God into the conversation. It allows others to join into the excitement for His majesty and sparks the creativity of possibilities, exploration and discovery that transforms and shifts.

Embrace your PART-nership in our process and add your journey to the story we are writing together.



## **Fire Starters**

Below are some questions and/or quotes to spark our thoughts and conversations on Facebook. We will post them on FB over the next few weeks. Consider one or all of them...then post your thoughts on our Facebook page as each post comes up.

What part of your warrior nature is God developing the most right now?

How is He empowering you to use it?

If rest is a weapon, post a picture of what you think this weapon looks like...tell us about your choice.

Many of us have experienced (or are experiencing) seasons of grief...what do you feel makes lament one of the highest forms of praise?

As you have prayed the Fall Crafted Prayer for TWC, what has God revealed to your heart? About yourself, TWC or His promise?

## **As we head into 2019:**

Who is God going to be for you?

What aspect of His persona is He revealing?

Grace is the resonance, sound, and signature of God that draws us to His heart. Share what His grace sounds, looks or feels like to you?





As we head into our Worship Ebb, my hope is that we journal what the Lord has done for us this past year and who we've become. This year, the Lord was faithful to point out who I'm becoming through life situations. There were many opportunities that came my way, and a lot of GRACE in who He is, and who I am in Him.

**In partnership, we explored the current terrain while preparing for the New Year to come.**

One thing that stood out was enjoying being in the present. Whatever I'm doing, I'm fully there; as well as keeping my JOY at the forefront of who I am, laughter is such a beautiful sound! I'm looking forward to what the Lord has in store in 2019.

- I wonder as we head into the New Year what prayers will be answered?
- What kind of healing will take place in people around us?
- What will we get to experience this year?
- What is our heart's desire heading in 2019?

I truly enjoy dreaming with God and exploring what is possible or better yet, what is impossible that only He can make possible. Our dreams and promises are always on the Lord's mind.

**He is faithful to bring reminders that He is the author and finisher of our FAITH. (Hebrews 12:2).  
That's a great promise!**

I'm wondering how many of us have dreams that need to be picked back up, held up high to the Lord, and (as a gift back to the giver, placed it at His feet). He that has promised is FAITHFUL! He plants DREAMS inside of us, as a seed that slowly grows; we see glimpses of a promised land and with everything in us, we say, "YES!" Yes, to the process of becoming what He sees when He looks at us. It's what all heaven is cheering on, the final version of us through heaven's lens. What a thought!

These days I've been paying attention to my DREAMS. I'm looking for His sweet touches in the day and in the night. What is He thinking? Who is on His mind that I need to pray for? One question that Lord asks me is, "Teresa, what do you want to see?" That's a grand invitation to exploring my heart's desire...I love to share that heart-space with Him.

During our Worship Ebb, think about what God is DREAMING for you? What would you like to experience in 2019?

*For more information on our Worship Ebb, please check the website.  
A publication about that a Worship Ebb is will be sent to you the beginning of December.*



*Our coaches often talk about the growth and discoveries found by our Warriors on training calls, but one thing you might have missed is how God continues to inspire and stretch our coaches in those calls. As you read Madeline's discoveries, one thing to note is how God continues to train and develop us all. We love the learning!*

Oh, for the joy set before me! Through the preparation and hosting of a recent training call, I discovered the "Treasure of my Inheritance." While I've had sufficient practice hosting training calls, my topic on "Activating a Corporate Prophetic Word" was new for all.

**Stepping into this endeavor was a risk that was well worth taking.**

One way this was highlighted was seen in my partnership with Holy Spirit. "Within our heart we can make our plans, but the Lord chooses the steps we take to get there" (Proverbs 16:9). From the selected TWC Corporate Launch Word to my personal upgrades in identity, I trusted His lead and was not disappointed.

Discovering the treasures within became fun and pure in heart like connecting dots in a children's coloring book. When doubt came knocking, I simply remembered His benefits. Writing this training piece has enlightened and affirmed the prophetic gift that is unique in me. So when He reached His hand out to me, my JOY couldn't be contained when I saw the gifts I had longed for yet didn't expect.

**Here are a few gems that I received personally from this activation:**

- I am seeing my dream in becoming a prototype for other leaders to follow.
- I am hearing God's whisper for TWC on the importance of community for growth.
- My promises are my life-line. Gaining sensitivity to the Holy Spirit is huge.
- I have lifted off! I am being pushed and lifted up by His righteous right hand.

Through this activation, I received a *key identity statement* "Like Abraham, I stand for righteousness." I am becoming fully convinced that God is able to do what He has promised so that my faith can be counted as righteousness.

**Question for you to ponder:**

What area is God calling you to do something you have not done before to gain what you couldn't otherwise receive?

Madeline

# Website Feature of the Month

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## WORDS IN MOTION

The Warrior Class is a community in motion. We continually develop and grow as we closely follow Holy Spirit's leading. The Warrior Class is an organism: a living and breathing part of the body of Christ. That means we are dynamic rather than static.

As a community we experience ebbs and flows. We take territory and then focus on establishing our gains. Just like our own personal process of growth, God puts His finger on the space before us and points to the promises and provision He pours out over us. Sometimes, that means we add new language to describe the new territory, concepts or warrior nature He continues to refine.

What contributes to the unity of our tribe? Well, the obvious answer is God's unifying presence in our culture. Another response includes the promises He speaks for where we are and where we will journey...the part, or role, we have in His Kingdom and the destiny The Warrior Class is created to live out.

Language is an important part of every culture. It is important because it captures a wealth of wisdom and experience all summed up in one word or phrase. Words are a bonding agent that allow us to share deep and expansive concepts quickly to set the grid for our next comments. Our words are always evolving.

We have a lot of moving parts in TWC. As a new word is discovered and filters through the rest of our community, we sometimes need to stop and say...wait, what does that word really mean? A new word is an invitation to discover what God is doing, what is behind that word and how it has developed. It's a chance to say..."Hey, how is that word/phrase reflecting in me and what God is showing me now?" "How can I go deeper into the new discovery the word/phrase represents?"

We aim to capture many of these words and phrases in a support tool we call the "Quick Guide to TWC Terms." This guide is there to help you understand the language and adopt it into your growing TWC vocabulary and...it's recently been updated. Check it out at <http://www.twclass.org/resources/quick-guide-to-twc-terms>

Consider the words you don't know as an invitation for more. If you hear a word you don't recognize...just ask. It's our joy to share what we think that word means and unpack it for just a minute. Our words have power and we want you to add your voice and understanding to the momentum and breakthrough these words create!





## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Jodi Bradley*

### **About me:**

I'm a beach girl through and through, raised on Anna Maria Island, FL, currently living in Jacksonville, FL with my husband of 10 years, and 6-year-old bundle of energy. I joined TWC in 2016 knowing God had more for me than my current understanding of who He is, and the abundant life He promised had more than my current living experience.

### **In what ways are your thoughts and language being upgraded in TWC?**

**Instead** of always wanting more but thinking it unattainable, I now experience limitless possibilities.

**Instead** of always seeing and giving power to the negative, I now have permission granted to rise above, see from God's perspective, and speak His heart.

**Instead** of mediocrity and passivity, I now have a plethora of tools to activate in partnership with Holy Spirit.

### **What part of God's nature are you discovering?**

His unrelenting love. I used to think it was conditional love limited by how I performed as a Christian, and He was ever willing to withhold love when I didn't do well. Feeling unaccepted for who I was, I began to not like myself. Yet His unrelenting love came like waves, washing off all I didn't think I was, revealing that I am His baby girl, who He relentlessly loves, always.

### **Becoming the Beloved:**

Since exploring Becoming the Beloved in level one in 2016 I have come to realize, I am Becoming the Beloved. Being God's Beloved isn't just in my identity as the Beloved, (it is also part of every other aspect of my identity). I am His Beloved bride, daughter, spouse, shepherd, water walker, fire starter, Baby girl, I am a Beloved mother to my son, Beloved wife to my husband, Beloved friend, mentor, and coach. It is who I am all the time. It is not an identity I take on and off. Its who I am all the time.

### **Identity Statements:**

I am His **water walker and fire starter** - who leaves behind living water and passion's fire everywhere I step, enveloping the whole world. *Abba is my Living Water always flowing in me and my endless fuel that forever lights my fire of passion. I release Living Water full of excitement, joy and grace for others to deeply drink, and passion's fire that burns away impurities leaving pure gold in the hearts of all warriors.*

I am His **lion-hearted, sure-footed shepherd** - who goes after the one, with the One for the One, over treacherous terrain no one else will tread. *Abba is my lantern in the darkness and my hind feet that guides me safely over every path. I pass the lantern to the lost, beat down and exhausted warrior to find their way back to Abba's heart.*

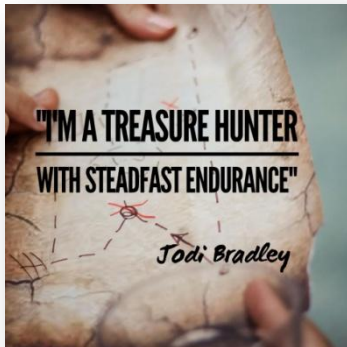
I am His **worshipping, territory-conquering warrior** - through a lifestyle of worship I shift atmospheres for Kingdom breakthrough. *Abba is my King of Kings of love that takes down every wall and fortress of resistance through worship. I open a place for others to enter into a lifestyle of worship all their own.*



I am His **avored treasure hunter** - with steadfast endurance and perseverance to joyfully excavate gold and jewels from every circumstance and journey He takes me through. *Abba is my **never-wrong treasure detector** that always uncovers bidden gold and jewels anywhere I tread. I open a place in others to experience the treasures in themselves to excavate.*

I am my **Father's baby girl and Jesus' Beloved bride** - partnering with the Holy Spirit to follow in their footsteps, personifying the presence of the Trinity on Earth for Heaven's sake. *Abba is my **adoring Papa**, who always looks on me with eyes of complete, fatherly love and affection. Jesus is my Beloved husband walking with me hand in hand, unashamed while the Holy Spirit is my encourager always calling me up to who I am. My love relationship, full of intimacy with the Trinity, encourages others to ask, seek, and knock.*

I am His **woman of wonder** – confident in the knowledge of who I am and what He created me for; fearless before the enemy for he has nothing on me; armed with my shield in the spirit that deflects any attack – my sword of love that vanquishes the darkness – my whip of light that releases His truth. There is no territory that I cannot claim, no people group I cannot free. All freedom is mine to usher in, for as I hear the cries of His people, I answer with His heart. *Abba is my **battle squad - my armor bearer, my weapon smith, my strategist, my trumpet blower, my banner guard**, providing me with His protection and victory-ensured weapons of Kingdom warfare, announced with His mighty battle cry. I lead His massive army of warriors to take back the land of favor, promises and inheritances lost, restoring them as His rightful heirs, showing them the way of the warrior.*



I am His thunder and **lightning atmosphere changer** – the rumble of the thunder breaks away anxiety and fear creating safe spaces that will release His peaceful presence and His lightning love. *Abba is my **endless electricity of peace and unlimited lighting battery**, He in my relentless love that creates a rumbling in the spirit that breaks away all that stands in its way, I release His storm of reformation.*

Jodi Bradley

