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Who We Are

Warrior Buddy Unity Fellowship on the Journey in TWC and Beyond

By Linda Smallbones



God is connection and relationship. This is the essence of the Triune God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and we are made in their image. They made us for connection with them, but while we are still on earth this does not complete our connection needs as humans. The Father created us with need for relationship on earth that includes depth and unity with others.

A battle tactic in war times is to 'divide and conquer'. In order to defeat the enemy, you divide, confuse and scatter them to gain advantage. In any evil system that prevails in the world, division and isolation are common elements. In South Africa we have an extremely divided past. Before 1994 we lived under apartheid laws. Apartheid literally means "apartness". Laws were made that ensured that black and white people were kept separate – to live in separate areas. Black people were not allowed to go to so called 'white beaches' or sit in places demarcated for white people's use. Apartheid was designed to keep people apart from one another – literally to segregate.

Separateness – especially an enforced separateness - breeds confusion, isolation and a sense of profound aloneness. The enemy loves to make us feel alone and lonely because then he can more easily accuse "See, there is no one there for you. You are alone. No one understands. It's just you who can't cut it, everyone else can. Why is no one here with you?"

John 17 is Jesus's beautiful prayer on believer's behalf for unity. At the time Jesus prayed the prayer, He could have prayed for any number of emerging ministries, there were plenty of works of the early church to pray for! But He didn't. He prayed over our unity. He prayed over our relationships. He asked for the *same* level of unity between us that there is between Him and the Father. The presence of unity in Jesus is so powerful that it ushers in belief "so that the world may believe that you have sent me." verse 21. The presence of unity is a demonstration of the Father's love; verse 23 "May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."

And yet, how often do we settle for shallow connection? In some ways in these time we've lost the art of connection. We generally don't take the time to write

handwritten letters any more, we send an emoji instead. We don't take the time to pick up the phone and wish a friend happy birthday, we send a quick text. We don't even linger over meals any more, catching up on the day. Instead we're inclined to sit in front of the TV.

True connection takes time and intention. Jesus took this time with His disciples. He could have just fed them a meal pill or removed their need for food- they had work to do, they had miracles to perform, they had the Kingdom to bring. Jesus didn't have long on earth... But, Jesus took His time nurturing His relationships with the Disciples.



What does connection require?

- ❖ Recognise that ***you are worth connection***. Do you truly believe that you are worth connecting deeply with? That you're worth getting to know on more than just a surface level? Do you have friends you're daring to journey with more deeply?
- ❖ Connection requires courage. Courage to initiate connection when you can see it is missing and when you can see you can be connection for another. Courage to reach out. It's way easier to simply stay connected to God and stay in the holy bubble. But you won't grow that way.
- ❖ Connection requires stillness and solitude. We need to receive from the Lord in order to be fuelled and impassioned for connection. Jesus did it. We need to too. If we don't receive from Heaven, connection with others will burn us out.
- ❖ Allow yourself to be loved well and to love others well.
- ❖ Be humble and vulnerable, these keep our hearts soft to be open to the connections God has set up for us in advance.

We need to spend time with others to know their worth to the Lord. Just like we need to spend time with the Lord to know just how worthy we are to Him.

“Our hope is that no one will find an individual they can elevate, but they will see us all as one... a collective... People are more important than music, art or apparent success. Also, it's such a joy to know that we're part of a bigger collective – the Body of Christ.” The Rend Collective.

Website Highlight

Referral Rewards

Receiving a blessing is such a gift. It can prove to be so timely in our lives. Did you know that one such blessing awaits you on our website? It is an extra added benefit that we have to offer you.

When you have a friend or family member who wants to join TWC:

Log into our website and click on “My Account” in the upper left-hand corner. In the center of the page you will see a line of choices, one of which is “Referral Rewards”. Click on it and select “Become an Affiliate”.

You will see a link you can copy and send to someone you know who would like to become a member of TWC. When that person clicks on the link, it will send them straight to “Apply Now”.

Once they have gone through the usual application process, including an interview, and have been a member of TWC for 3 months, you will receive a coupon code for 1 month of free membership! How wonderful is that?!

But it doesn't stop there! You can refer as many people as you would like, and there are no limits on how many people you can refer in any given month! So, if you refer 5 people, after they each have been members for 3 months, you will get 5 coupon codes to cover 5 months of membership!

And it keeps on going.....IF you decide you don't want to use the coupon codes for yourself, you have 2 other ways to use them.

#1- any coupon code you receive can be donated to a TWC member of your choice for a month of membership.

#2- you can donate any coupon code you receive to our “Warriors in Need” program that will provide someone with a much-needed scholarship for a month.

This program offers you the opportunity to receive a blessing or be a blessing. Either way it will enrich a warrior's life. Who do you know that's in need of such a wonderful blessing?



SHARON Rudolph
Director of Member Development

Identity and Love

As I listen to the news on the TV at a family member's house, I am saddened by the fear and the ranting. My translation of what I hear is "since I can't shoot my supposed enemy with a gun, I attack them with words." The conversation in the room turned to the fear; fear that what is mine might be taken away or fear that I won't have what I need. There is nothing new under the sun. Jesus walked the planet with the same fears and rants among the people. Jesus has asked us to Love God and Love our neighbors. I am so blessed that I am closer to being that person who loves like Jesus than ever before in my life through this process of life in God in Christ. He is training me to love like Him.

We need community and relationship. Conversation, eye contact, a smile, even with a stranger, does things in the brain making our lives better, more liveable, stronger. This is God's design for us. I do not think that joining together with others in huddles of fear was what He had in mind. During the last Port of Call group get together I attended, I was touched by the hearts and lives of other warriors who are exploring risk and delight in God. Who hope, growing in trust in the God of possibilities. Lives transformed by faith believing that what Jesus did overcomes what they see in the natural around them.

A celebrity got saved. It was in the news. He's releasing a new album. No matter what the chatter on the subject, the ultimate question is always, "what is the fruit on that tree?" Time will tell. He deserves the benefit of the doubt.

**And for each of us the question is the same:
"what is the fruit on this tree?"**

With each step in our training, walking with Jesus, attentive to Holy Spirit's direction, what is coming out? New man or old man? Will I give the benefit of the doubt?

As I talked with these family members about this fear coming in the house through news people who try to present that they want to help the country, I pull in to center myself in Whose I am and who I am – a believer in possibilities, a faithful daughter whose identity cannot be shaken for it stands on the Rock. No matter what happens with governments or economies, Jesus is still on the throne. God is sovereign and I am called to love.

How are you being directed to love today in the midst of this fallen world?

Time of solitude with God, volunteering at a homeless shelter, playing in the sandbox with the

grandkids? The answer varies. The question is constant. God, how do I love today?
What are You focused on? What's important to You?

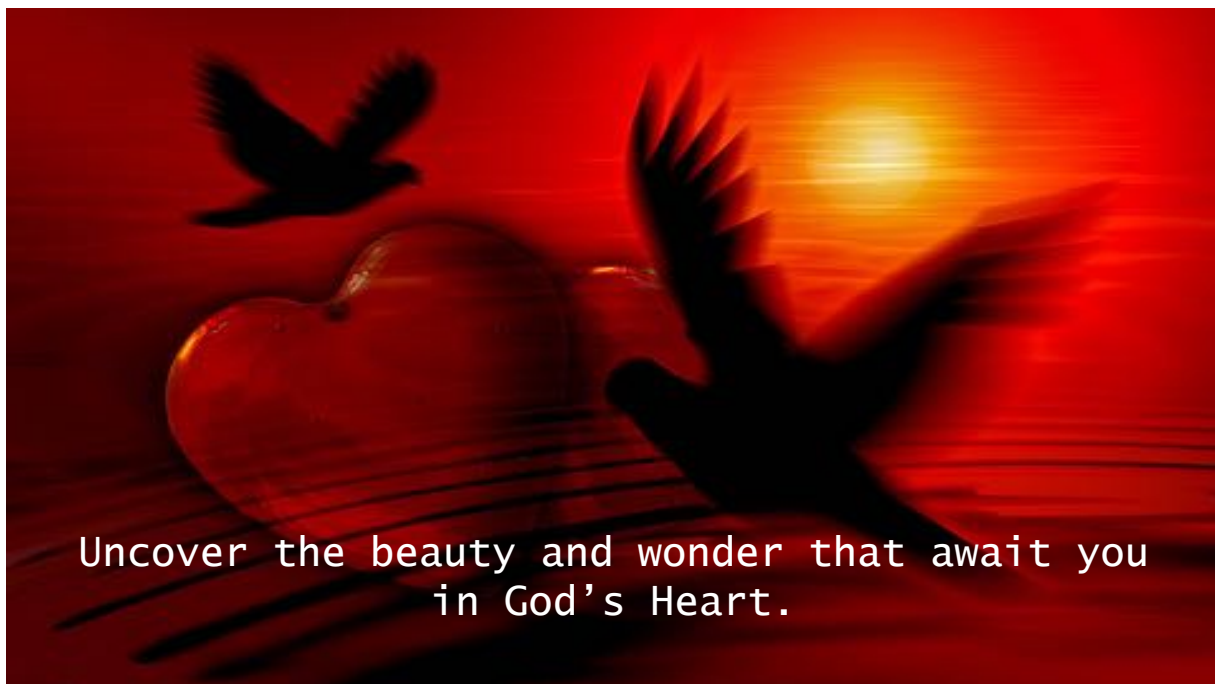
The training we are exploring in TWC is to help in KNOWING God and knowing the answers to these questions, taking action in confidence full of faith. He will answer, and empower you to live out His heart. What an incredible joy!!

Identity empowers love like water through the water hose. Identity is the nozzle at the end.

Sometimes a sprinkle, sometimes a pressure wash spray. The water is the same. How it is released and applied varies. Who is God saying you are and how is He empowering you to live out His love? What does He know is needed today where you are?

Reflection Time

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What does He know is needed today where you are?



Uncover the beauty and wonder that await you
in God's Heart.



Running Mates

By Christine Casten
Executive Director of TWC



Many years ago, just as I became spirit-filled, God took me into wilderness training season. That time corresponded with a physical move - our seventh in 14 years. As a mom with young children and a husband who travelled more than 50% of the week, I had my hands full.

Most of my past relationships came through main stream churches. So, the whole spirit-filled thing was a bit out of the box for my friends. God had transformed me. I was experiencing something incredible and, even though I stayed connected with those friends in various ways, my relationships shifted.

Deep down, I desired something we all desire; lasting, heart and spirit to spirit friendships. In that time, God began to reveal His heart for connection. He talked about mentors, wise counsel, divine assignments and running mates -- people who would partner with Him to see His intentions encouraged and developed in my life. Of course, this would include a commitment by me and them to interactive and dynamic exchange of thoughts, heart, revelation, etc.

Exploring the idea of a running mate took me into prayer. Several qualities of this spiritual warrior came forward. I share them with you to take before the Lord. Maybe what I learned and look for will help you.

I knew passion and intentionality for God, their pursuit of the "more" God offers and priority of an interactive relationship with me were key. Prioritizing "me" may seem strange, but God brings a divine connection in a Running Mate. He pinpoints the desire He has for me/us to prioritize time with each other, too. Another aspect of a running mate that may be specific to me is seeing the kindness of God matched with a passion to pursue Him that is like an inferno of "yes and amen" to God. It's an x factor that is both intangible and spiritually significant.

These are people who will face the fiery trials of life and become part of the Gideon's army and/or David's mighty "men." They swing their swords in the battle and continue to develop an unwavering faith in God's goodness no matter what they face.

They have my back in a fight, but also have grace and wisdom for my process of growth.

They love with a depth that reveals the Father's heart.

A running mate shows a desire to give value and voice to my life. They want to listen to what I have to say, just as I want to hear what God is doing in their heart and life, vulnerability and transparency are key. They are humble enough to realize growing, developing, and healing are never ending. We will never “arrive” at some lofty ideal of complete this side of heaven, but we will have a great time pressing forward into the battlegrounds of life and taking the continual upgrades God offers along the way.

For me, a person who is stagnant in their relationship with God would not really understand the joys, warfare and challenges of my journey. They are continually maturing in the Lord. God is my first love and, just like any smitten person...He’s Who I want to talk about! My running mates have God as their first love, too. He’s a fantastic topic of conversation!

I could and did find running mates in places where I spent a lot of time. But, God also talked about the importance of having cross pollination in my life. It was important to find running mates who were from all different backgrounds and areas of passion. God wants to honor the different circles of people to which I am connected. If I was struggling with a certain place or people in that place, I could connect to a couple of running mates outside of that area so I could process through my heart, healing, and/or next steps. That meant I didn’t create offense, strife or division with those who were connected to the same group. of that area so I could process through my heart, healing, and/or next steps. That meant I didn’t create offense, strife or division with those who were connected to the same group.

A running mate (RM) and a friend are different. I can have many different people in my life who I think are amazing and have a wonderful friendship with them, but a running mate is a friend on major Kingdom steroids! Their common question is this: How can I help you be the best you God created and what can I do to help see that happen?

These running mates will wear many hats: friend, counsel, listener, challenger, iron sharpening my iron, armorbearer, encourager, safe places of trust, people I cry with and celebrate with on any given day.

As a running mate, I wear these hats, as well. I ask and pray into that question for my RMs all the time. It’s a two way interchange that means I am both embraced just as I am and encouraged in who I am becoming.

Who are God establishing as your running mates?

What about them makes them a running mate for you?

How are you being intentional to find and develop running mate relationships in multiple areas of focus?

Training Focus

12 Minutes

Intimacy with God, getting to know Him well, is the bedrock of being a Warrior. From the first activations in Stage 1 exploring Living in a Higher Place, to the Lectio Divina practiced in Level 2 Module 1 through Approaching the Heart of Prophecy, and beyond into Intel and Advanced Trainings, we are intentional and resolute in our pursuit of His heart, His voice. For those who do not always have a big quantity of time to sit and listen, why not explore simple practices of delight that draw us near to Him.

One of these is 12 Minutes with Jesus. Twelve is just a number, which can be adjusted, but seems to be large enough to be refreshing while not so large as to be restrictive. This delight in God is a wonderful practice when life has more activities in it than can be easily maneuvered through. It is simple.

Stillness helps, so lying down or sitting works well, though a cup of coffee might be a nice addition. Set a timer for 12 minutes, sometimes 15 if you know you will take a few minutes to get still. Mentally step into a place of receiving. All cares and Impact Prayers can be laid down. A simple request may be stated: "Jesus, I'd like to meet with You and hear Your heart today." Then listen, or watch, or receive in the quiet. The timer will eventually go off and you can step back into your mortal day with your immortal life refreshed.

Your spirit will be blessed and given permission to be in charge through this practice. Father God does not fuss at anyone for these time parameters, even though once still Jesus may show you that you have more time than you think. This twelve minutes is yours with the Lover of your soul. What might you do with it? Where might it take you? Starting with twelve minutes could lead anywhere – an hour of walking in the park with no agenda, half a day in worship and dance, a two day retreat with just you and God. Where would you like to start?



Is it time

for a 12 minute spiritual date?

*The Lover
of your
soul is
ready to
join you in
a time of
refreshing*



Look for these questions on Facebook. They come from our Frontline articles and are here to generate more conversation with our TWC Tribe. As you read Frontline, look at these questions and get ready to answer them over the next few weeks!

What did God release in your 12 minutes?

What is God revealing to you through your connections and interaction with TWC Warriors?

What glimmer of hope is God sharing with you for our Tribe in 2020?

Identity empowers love like water through the water hose. How is identity empowering love in your life?

How are you finding connection in TWC?

How were you touched by the heart of a Warrior on a call, article or FB post?

What qualities are you looking for in a Running Mate?

What is God giving you instead as you give Him fear?



Member Spotlight



Elizabeth Collins

About you –

My name is Elizabeth Collins. I'm happily married to my husband, Nathanael. We have four kids together.. Samantha (13), Emily (12), Ryan (12), and Lillian (11). I live in Minnetonka, MN.

What part of God's nature are you discovering?

I am becoming more aware and excited about experiencing His majesty. The Lord walked into the room one night as "His Majesty" and the Holy Spirit told me "that is what it feels like when the King walks into a room". At the moment, I was awestruck, but since then I have been asking more questions and exploring what His majesty means for me. It has opened up a new space for me and although I don't know what it is, I sense that I am being elevated by that awareness.

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

Since entering TWC, the new and improved perceptions of the Father and myself have lifted me into a wonderful new realm of friendship and community by positioning myself in vulnerability, and taking perceived risks I've learned that when the Holy Spirit is guiding me, there are not actual risks, only perceived.

How are you growing in Becoming the Beloved....

.... As I step outside of my comfort zone, I am truly learning what it means to be the bride. In my prayer life, I am learning how to pray like a bride, learning what that means and what that sounds like. When I laid aside mediocre thinking about myself and embraced the Father's loving view of me, I now see myself as the bride, and I am experiencing Him making me into the image that He speaks of in Song of Solomon.

My ID statements: I am and am becoming.....

- I am a trusted Mary, ever resting at the feet of Jesus, as I anoint him with the passion of my love.
- I am a radically loved child of God, dwelling intimately with my Father in our secret place with my feet high on a rock, filled with great peace and everlasting joy.
- I am a treasure seeker, mining out the Father's wisdom for intimate truth and spiritual understanding to fuel my vibrant walk with the Holy Spirit.
- I am the beautiful bride, and with doves eyes I view life through my beloved, as He calls me out as his sister and His spouse. I march as awesome as an army with banners to join Him on our way to Mount Hermon, through the lion's den, and to the mountains of leopards.
- I am a lovely garden enclosed for His pleasure, a deep well of living waters, a fountain of gardens containing all the fruits of the Spirit, ripe for His enjoyment. With the fragrance of cedar, we perform the victorious dance of Two Camps before the King.



Since joining TWC, what has become your favorite INSTEAD:

My favorite instead is absolutely "Beauty instead of ashes." In my thinking, perceptions, and the resulting actions, I am flipping my thoughts and circumstances by using worship as a weapon. It not only helps in the short term as I face the "Ashes moment", but I am experiencing the "long term relief" of an elevated heart where songs of praise and thankfulness just burst forth, naturally resounding from a rejuvenated soul.



Who We Are

The Warrior Class is a global community of passionate people who train together and pray together. It's available from any location with internet access. We focus on the majesty of God to better understand and encounter our true identity in Christ. We tap into our unique training resources, coaching and community connection to rise up as Kingdom Warriors and create Crafted Prayers of Impact.

WHAT ARE THE PERKS YOU GET AS A WARRIOR IN THE WARRIOR CLASS? HERE'S A TASTE!

- We have a unique community – unlike any other!
- Connect – Transform – Re-imagine – Kingdom Life through God's Eyes!
- Process Focused Training Modules – unique to TWC and Kingdom Warrior training. Most are self-paced!
- Access to Specialty Training – (Once Foundations training is complete)
- Leadership Development – Developing and living a Kingdom culture of leadership
- Team Coaching to support you in your training.
- Dynamic Group Calls – share and hear warrior upgrades/transformation
- Training Videos and Warrior Tech Support
- Access/Invites to local TWC gatherings
- 8+ years of archived resources – training articles, blogs and member highlights
- Community Facebook interaction, conversations, videos and call recordings
- Personal Feedback for each completed training
- Intercession Projects (Blueprints) – Invitation to contribute 1-3x a year
- Pray Impact Prayers – TWC wide and individually
- Contribute to blogs and member articles – voluntary
- Two Publications a month with more training, powerful questions, upcoming events, and articles from our warriors in many different roles.
- Discounts – Warrior events, resources, etc.
- Fun, excited, passionate community of Warriors seeking the more of God and the delight of seeing Him transform us into His image!
- And many more!

We encourage you to enjoy this publication of The Warrior Class. We created it with you in mind to support you on your journey with the Lord.

You are welcome to print out a copy for your personal use and share it with friends or send it to them through email.

If you refer to this publication in a group or talk, please sight the source and share a little about TWC so others can hear more about us.

Stayed tuned for more ways to connect. We are in the process of creating new social media accounts for TWC. Currently we are posting on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and will add a few more. We will post the information on how to connect soon.

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