

# **FRONTLINE**

Living as Champions Who Abide  
in the Presence of God

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# **THE WARRIOR COMMISSION**

## **~ DECISIONS THAT DEFINE US ~**

**We have decided to be Champions who abide in the presence of God, empowering us to remain in His rest where we find love, resilience, fortitude, and endurance.**

# SEEING GOD'S GOODNESS

By Christine Casten

Recently, I returned from a trip to France. It was refreshing, enriched by time with family and an ongoing conversation with the Lord. These words and phrases kept returning to my thoughts as I wondered around the grand halls, museums and buildings that have stood the test of time: Remain in Him. Walk in Him. Steadfast. Resilience. Patience. Love. Endure.

Early in the trip, I received correspondence from two friends. One had lost a two-month-old grandchild due to physical complications. The other had lost a husband to Covid. They each are questioning God's sovereignty and their faith is shaken.

Receiving both emails within a few minutes of each other, along with several other serious prayer requests, I spent some time considering how our Decision for this month relates to these situations. In a world where we are surrounded by loss, how do we carry compassion and hope others long to know? When we face grief so great, we cannot stand upright, or our hearts are so heavy emotions crowd out our ability to receive from God clearly, how do we abide and remain in Him? How do we, like those buildings I explored in Europe, endure, and stand the test of time?

God is all around us. He is omnipresent (everywhere). Yet, we go through times when we do not initially feel Him or understand His direction. Our Decision to be Champions who abide and rest in Him contains within it a powerful choice. This choice keeps us connected to God in the hardest times of our lives. Through this connection, God empowers us.

Choosing to abide in God includes humility toward Him. It incorporates a discipline of realignment when distractions or emotions pull our focus away. Our Warrior training and Warriors in our Tribe encourage us in those moments to remember God will turn all loss into a space where His glory will be revealed.

One of the ways His glory is found, is through our experiences of how God empowers our resilience. When our face is buried in His chest and our tears drown out His whispers of comfort, we may feel alone. Yet, He is with us, holding us, growing us, healing us, and preparing Kingdom strength within our Champion heart. Resilience comes as grief gives way to hope. Healing comes as we lay down whatever we held as dear and give it (or them) over to Him.

The fortitude we need surfaces. We rise as Champions who are stronger, more compassionate, and fierce in our love. Abiding becomes a lifestyle for us as Warriors of His heart. In Him all things are found. In Him, we are empowered to face all obstacles, find His truth, and remain steadfast on the Rock of His heart.

# Running to the Battle

BY SHARON RUDOLPH

Jesus said that the good steward is watching and waiting for his master to come home. We are these stewards of the Life of Christ within, standing at the gate, watching for our Master. But as always “in Christ” there is more. There are times when we are asked to run to the battle.

We know that rest is a weapon in this battle and our part, at times, is to take action, moving with the Lord where and how He is moving. To take a step in sync with God while being at rest in Him because He is fighting the battle is a unique practice. Have you felt the challenge of learning this practice?

The gifts are waiting for us as we embrace the challenges and look for the treasure. Who wouldn't want more of the Love of God, as well as resilience, fortitude, and endurance? And yet, I'm reminded of the man who was asked to pick up his mat and walk home. His days of watching and waiting were over; the excitement was tangible to be able to walk. But he was in trouble because other people wanted to constrict how he walked, or what he carried. (John 5:1-18)

The Presence of the Lord was sufficient for that man so long ago and it is sufficient for us. Christ's delight in our walking provides more than enough for us to walk, to learn to step in sync with our King. Consider taking time to look for where the Lord is standing. How many steps will it take you to get to where He is? Is running an option? You might need to warm up before taking off in a sprint. How might He be directing your steps? Is there anything for you to carry? How is He having you support His battle plan?

Abiding involves being close enough to be a part of the action, but safe in the rest and peace of the Love of God. What a grand adventure! Even though we are living in a time like Nehemiah where we are holding hammers for building in one hand and need to have a sword ready in the other hand because the battle is heating up, how might your New Testament abiding impact your building and partnering with Jesus' battle plan? What upgrades are at hand?

**“From then on half of my young men worked while the other half stood guard with lances, shields, bows, and mail armor. Military officers served as backup for everyone in Judah who was at work rebuilding the wall. The common laborers held a tool in one hand and a spear in the other. Each of the builders had a sword strapped to his side as he worked. I kept the trumpeter at my side to sound the alert.”**

**(Neh 4:16-18 MSG)**

# Wisdom's Great Doorway

BY BYRON EASTERLING

Pondering has a powerful propensity to prevail God's presence in our lives. Pondering, an old English term used by craftsmen, originated from pounding out or making smooth a piece of metal to ponder out the rough spots. Such it was in pondering this decision that defines us, *'We have decided to be Champions who abide in the presence of God, empowering us to remain in His rest where we find love, resilience, fortitude, and endurance.'*

*I was reading through a passage in James 3:16-18 and came on a revelation of wisdom and how the words love, resilience, fortitude, and endurance, and even others, are locked in with the presence and wisdom of God.*

**"So, wherever jealousy and selfishness are uncovered, you will also find many troubles and every kind of meanness. But the wisdom from above is always pure, filled with peace, considerate and teachable. It is filled with love and never displays prejudice or hypocrisy in any form..."**

**James 3:16-17 TPT**

It is true that we feel trouble and often meanness these days. In this passage in James, wisdom opens a great doorway to love and so much more! God's heavenly wisdom and abiding presence provide us this powerful propensity to prevail. I encourage you to read the next verse to complete this thought...

**"...and it always bears the beautiful harvest of righteousness! Good seeds of wisdom's fruit will be planted with peaceful acts by those who cherish making peace."**

**James 3:18 TPT**

# TRAINING & WEBSITE HIGHLIGHTS

## Training Highlight - Activate and Embrace the Dance

Jesus said that the good steward is watching and waiting for his master to come home. We are stewards of the Life of Christ within, standing at the gate watching for our Master. But as always “in Christ” there is more.

That’s where TWC training modules and Warrior Calls come in. They are designed to give you activations and opportunities to embrace the challenge of practicing God’s “more” for us. Learning our part, at rest in Him, while moving in the natural. Learning to catch His smile sent our direction as we navigate times and places we have not been in before is delightful.

If you are in a place of challenge or are exploring a new territory you have not been in before, jump on a TWC Warrior Call and see how your fellow warriors are navigating. Hearing and seeing your fellow Warriors will help your brain grasp the new and create a greater capacity for resilience and endurance.

What dance steps are before you? Having danced with a skilled dance partner, there is truly a rest when you dance with them. A firm hand on your back and confident steps makes the motion a kind of rest, even if the tempo of the music wears you out by the end of the song. The rest comes in the confidence in the one leading. Holy Spirit is a great dance lead for our training and engagement calls. We invite you to come join the party.

During October and November, your coaches and leaders will be putting together calls for the first half of 2022. Please send any suggestions you have for training and engagement calls to the coaches at [twc.warriorepic@gmail.com](mailto:twc.warriorepic@gmail.com). We’ll be happy to consider them.

## Website Highlight – Processing Prophetic Words

We are in the process of collecting your 3 words for 3 years prophetic words by October 25<sup>th</sup>. (See the September Warrior Update for the link). As you pray for TWC, you may find the Lord releases something for you personally. If you want some help or a refresher about processing a prophetic word, you can go to the TWC Kingdom Culture/Processing a Prophetic Word tab and link to the teaching. Enjoy the conversation this process brings!



# COACHES' CORNER

By Patricia Mohr

## I Love This Decision

How awesome that we can abide in the very Presence of God! Not just hang out, once in a while, but actually abide in, Connection, Dependence and Continuance. This is not just a couple hours per week thing, this is a never-ending continuing connection and dependence on Abba, Jesus, and Holy Spirit.

All the stress, fear and distractions of the world cannot touch us when we are abiding in Him! We are empowered to live our lives in the Kingdom while we are still here on earth; to live in His rest where we are supremely loved. This love builds resilience, fortitude, and endurance. The more we abide in Him, keeping our eyes and mindsets on Him; the more of this brilliant rest - and all that it brings - will transform ourselves to be more and more like Him. We will grow strong like a tree planted by the water. We will show our Father's glory, beauty, and strength to all who pass by.

**“What delight comes to the one who follows God’s ways! He won’t walk in step with the wicked, nor share the sinner’s way, nor be found sitting in the scorner’s seat. His passion is to remain true to the Word of ‘I AM,’ meditating day and night on the true revelation of light. He will be standing firm like a flourishing tree planted by God’s design, deeply rooted by the brooks of bliss, bearing fruit in every season of life. He is never dry, never fainting, ever blessed, ever prosperous.” Psalm 1:1-3**

We will abide in the promises of Psalm 91 and we will be the strong branches grafted into the vine who bear sweet fruit.

I am the sprouting vine and you're my branches. As you live in union with me as your source, fruitfulness will stream from within you—but when you live separated from me you are powerless. John 15:5 TPT

I am blessed to be a part of TWC where we collectively say, “Yes!! We make this decision, one and all, as we abide in His presence and in Unity!

# FIRESTARTERS

Look for these questions on the Forum. They come from the articles found within this Frontline publication 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 in the Warrior Chat group. See you there!

1. What is “pondering God’s presence to prevail” in your life right now opening before you? What are you seeing/sensing?
2. What fruitfulness is streaming from you (John 15:5) as a branch of God’s vine?
3. Share a treasure you learned from another Warrior (such as through a call, quote, training, in our publications, etc.) that encouraged your heart?
4. In considering being one who cherishes making peace from James 3:18 – What good seeds of wisdom’s fruit are you planting with peaceful acts?
5. What have you learned that helps you maintain a humble and teachable heart?
6. How might your New Testament abiding impact your building and partnering with Jesus’ battle plan? What upgrades are at hand?

# Discover and Live Out Your Unique Commission

God calls us to train as Warrior Ambassadors of Love. We are a Kingdom bridge to unconditional love and freedom in Christ. We empower a dynamic lifestyle with God and others.

Our passion to seek God's heart means He's our First Love. We believe God expands our capacity to love greatly through abiding rest in Him, training, and ongoing connection, even as seasoned Warriors.

Join *The Warrior Commission*, find your Commission as a Warrior: one who champions the cause of Christ and influences the world for Jesus in the way He always intended us to!

We encourage you to enjoy this publication of *The Warrior Commission's Frontline*.

We created it with you in mind, to support you on your journey with the Lord.

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