

# FRONTLINE

Key Territories of Intercession - Abiding

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# The Power of Abiding

By Christine Casten

When we first identified Abiding as a Key Territory, we lumped it in with all the rest. We gave it similar footing and considered it to have equal weight. But God, in His kindness, opened up a new perspective.

Since discovering these intercession focuses in 2015, God has revealed many things. We originally broke these territories of inheritance down into separate areas, simply because they were too big to bite off together. They were never meant to be used as formats for “what to do,” instead, they served as clearer targets for our prayer focus. (should this instead be reversed?)

We knew what we discovered at that time was a beginning point. We had much to learn – and still do – about how God speaks through each area. Yet, with the deep dives we took into each one for the TWC Blueprints, one Key Territory has risen to the forefront – the Key Territory of Abiding.

We have come to realize that ALL the other Key Territories of Intercession are housed under the umbrella of what Abiding in Father, Son and Holy Spirit bring. In other words, Abiding is the KEY, Key Territory.

Yes, we understood the *value* of abiding as we sought God first. However, when we first developed the training journals, we had yet to understand the significance of the *power* of abiding in God and what this unlocks.

I took a moment to explore the definition of abiding. As I looked into the definitions, God divided them into His part and our part. His abiding in/for us took on specific meaning. He took what was His part through the defined words. Then He showed our part in the definitions that remained.

## GOD’S ABIDING

- To bear patiently; to tolerate; to put up with; stand [hold fast].
- To pay for; to stand the consequences of; to answer for; to suffer for; to atone for.
- To stand ready for; to await for someone; watch for.
- To endure or undergo a hard trial or a task; to stand up under.
- To endure; to remain; to last.

## OUR ABIDING

- Accept, comply or act in accordance.
- To wait in expectation. To pause; to delay [wait on Him].
- To stay; to continue in a place;
- To remain stable or fixed in some state or condition [His peace and fruit of the Spirit].
- To have one's abode [in Him]; to dwell; to reside; to sojourn.
- To endure without yielding.
- To withstand [external pressure]; await defiantly [against the enemy].
- To encounter; to persevere.
- To await submissively; accept without question; submit to.

As I looked back at the *Key Territories of Intercession Strategy Training Journal*, it's easy to see we did recognize certain things about this territory. We understood a lifestyle of abiding meant overcoming a visitation mindset, which is contained in an Old Testament framework. We also understood: ***"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."*** John 17:23 (NKJV)

Yet, over the years God has also brought another scripture to the forefront: Acts 17:28 specifically. Here it is in context, based on Paul's conversation about the altar to the "Unknown God" with the Athenians.

***27 "God wanted people to look for him, and perhaps in searching all around for him, they would find him. But he is not far from any of us.<sup>28</sup> It is through him that we are able to live, to do what we do, and to be who we are. As your own poets have said, 'We all come from him.'*** (ETR)

So, through abiding, we learn what it means to come from Him and to be children of God -- daughters and sons who know Him as our source, our life, our everything. Each of the other Key Territories also support, and are dependent on, the depth of abiding with Him that we have established in our lives.

See, Abiding is the key that unlocks all the others. Our humility and submission to Him expands through our relationship with Him. In that expansion, we have a greater capacity to embrace and dwell in each of the other territories.

As we live, move, and have our being in Him, we begin to abide in His presence. We know His heart better. He transforms us to have more of the mind of Christ. We reflect Him more clearly in how we love. From abiding, we understand His heart and ways. We tap into His strategies and direction. He teaches us to walk as the sons and daughters of God – where our actions and mindsets come from a place of mature and maturing relationship with Him.

Abiding is the key. It is the territories that open us to the depth of His heart and, in so doing, draws us into each of the other Key Territories of Intercession. It's the space, the secret place in Him, where we are transformed and commissioned to carry His heart and glory to the ends of the earth.

- ❖ *How are you expanding in abiding in Him?*
- ❖ *What are you praying God transforms in you through the Key Territory of Abiding in your life?*

# Abiding

By Debbie Engelman

When I think about abiding, I am  
always reminded of John 15:4

***You must remain in life union  
with me, for I remain in life  
union with you... (TPT)***

Abiding is the relational aspect of our interconnection with the Lord. It is where we commune with our Father and develop intimacy with him. He pours into us revealing his heart towards us while we pour out our hearts and converse with him.

Recently, I was reminded of an encounter that I had a few years ago. I was at a conference and sitting across the aisle from me was a service dog. He was just laying at the feet of his owner. After a little while he looked up to her and she knew instantly he wanted some water. She got out a little pouch and poured water into it. The dog drank it and then looked up again with his tender loving eyes and she gave him more. This happened a few times.

As I thought about this and the tenderness of it. I heard the Father say, "That's what I'm like toward you. Loving, kind and tender. I know what you need – I understand – all you need to do is look to me and I will pour in more." This encounter is what abiding is like. It is interacting, knowing each other so well, no words are needed at times.

Abiding brings us into a place of encounter. It keeps us in His presence throughout the day. It is our fixed position. Our way of life in the Kingdom. It is like praying without ceasing.

Our part is to stay, remain, and dwell in this place. When you have no peace, and your thoughts are on everything that is going on in your life that is an indicator that you have stepped out of abiding.

It's easy to fix, step back in. Lean on Him. Bring every thought captive and rest in Him.

Our Father wants to commune and connect with you throughout your day. If you have stepped out, what adjustments can you make to step back into life union with Him?

# KINGDOM EMOTIONS

By Sharon Rudolph

Often, we see emotions as the enemy. How we *feel* can steal our freedom and cloud our focus. Abiding in God does not take away the dynamic of dealing with emotions. It does transform our emotions into gifts that bless us instead of stealing from us. In the abiding we learn God emotions. Just like He loves giving us His perspectives, thoughts, revelation, and truth, He also loves helping us feel what He feels.

He is a covenant keeping God. (Deut. 7:9) This matters because keeping the covenant overcomes whatever emotions He may feel, or we may feel. God has chosen for love to be the emotion that is most important. He has decided to make His covenant with us based on His love for His Son, and His Son's love for Him. We have the benefit of being placed in Christ. So, in Christ, this Father and Son love keeps us in this covenant of love. (John 17)

In this covenant of love, abiding in God is always available, no matter how we feel. Abiding can't be stolen from us. Sometimes stepping into abiding includes the opportunity to give to God what we feel, think, or have done to clear space in us for His great love. Sometimes, God's mercy opens the door when, depending on what we feel, we can't find the doorknob to open it to let Him in when He is knocking. Sometimes, it is those very feelings we don't like that bring us to the point of banging on God's door, seeking Him with all our might. (Matt 7:7-8/Luke 11:9)

Our Father, God, wants to help us with our emotions and learn to have His emotions. As we lay down our fear, desperation, hopelessness, etc., He brings His "insteads" and in the Abiding we feel what He feels. Then, as we practice and get stronger at it, He will trade our indifference for His passion, our anger for His righteousness and His anger, and our definition of love for His world changing love.

Give God permission to give you what He feels. He will teach you things about your emotions you did not know and things about His Kingdom emotions that can change the world. He will take your abiding in Him to depths and treasures that go beyond what you currently believe as possible.

- ❖ What is God's next step to take you deeper into Him?
- ❖ Which block, to your abiding relationship with God, is being taken out in this season?
- ❖ How does God want to open the door to deepen your relationship with Him?

# WEBSITE ARTICLE: WARRIORS ARE...

Under the tab TWC Kingdom Culture, you will find several places to encourage yourself in the Lord as you navigate your Warrior journey into God's heart for you. David, in 1 Samuel 30:6 needed to encourage himself. We as Sons and Daughter of God sometimes need to do the same.

As we declare God's revelations over us, whether TWC's identity and declarations, or your own identity statements, we are speaking out what we believe in agreement with God's heart for ourselves. In that place of agreement, God encourages us as we encourage ourselves. Our Abiding in Him goes deeper. Being a TWC Warrior does not take away from your individuality, or unique voice, it amplifies it. Our lights are brighter, wherever they shine, as we agree with God in unity.

A great place to begin is the very first option under TWC Kingdom Culture, under Warrior Commission "A Warrior EPIC Nation" where you will find prophetic revelation about who we are as a community of Warriors. As members within TWC you have the blessings that TWC has. Unpacking these for yourself is a fun discussion with the Lord. What might He want you to see about yourself as a Warrior, explorer, pioneer, influencer, and Champion of Champions/catalyst?

Under the TWC – Who We Are tab you will find TWC's Identity Statements. These give greater clarity as to who we are as a Warrior Epic Nation. Do these resonate with you? How might TWC bless you in these identities? Are there aspects of who we are that connect with who you are?

Then, also under the TWC Kingdom Culture tab, under the TWC – Who We Are tab, you will find the "Warriors Are Declarations." Sometimes a prompt, or idea, is helpful to catch what is possible in God. These are statements that you and all our Warriors can, and are encouraged to, declare over themselves. These statements reflect the mindsets of Kingdom Warriors. If you have a mindset you'd love to change, this is a great place for encouragement in the possible insteads for you.

# TRAINING: ACTIVE ABIDING

Almost everything can get in the way of abiding in God, but each Training Module has opportunities to intentionally connect with God and address those things in our lives that do get in the way of abiding. From Stage 1 through Coaches Afire and Champions Advance! possibilities are before you for training. This training shifts your Earthbound life to better reflect your Kingdom life. That's what happens when we Abide in God.

Abiding opens the door for our life in God to be the only life we live. Engaging in TWC Training, both your personal training module activations and participating in Warrior calls, activity helps you hold keys to opening that door. Activity and practice are necessary for the transformation to take hold and become the new normal.

Your training provides fuel for contemplation. Your active participation in that contemplation takes you deeper into the state of abiding in God. Doing the mental work strengthens the muscles of spirit-soul connections so that in all aspects of life that connection stays strong. In a community like we have in TWC, you have so many safe opportunities to practice active abiding in conversations, on calls, and through exploring identity. This opens conversation with God about how He designed your reflection of Him to impact the world.

What "active" opportunities do you have for the practice of abiding? Where do you think your unveiled face connection with God is taking you (2 Cor 3:18)? How is your contemplation supporting transformation in your journey on earth? How does/might your God reflection, that comes from abiding in Him, impact the world around you?

And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory,  
are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory,  
which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

(2Corinthians 3:18 NIV)



# 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. **Where do you think your unveiled face connection with God is taking you (2 Cor 3:18)?**
2. **How are you expanding in abiding in Him?**
3. **What “active” opportunities do you have for the practice of abiding?**
4. **What “active” opportunities do you have for the practice of abiding?**
5. **Are there aspects of who we are (as The Warrior Commission) that connect with who you are?**
6. **How might TWC bless you as you connect to TWC’s identity statements?**
7. **What is God unveiling about the Key Territory of Abiding in your life?**

# 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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