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An event with Judith MacNutt of Christian Healing Ministries entitled Ignite! I was requested to speak specifically on “Resting In the Lord.” In my first message I spoke on the **“Renewal of Rest”**, which describes the value that Heaven places on rest and peace since the dawn of creation. Man’s first day was a day of rest where God rested on the 7th day. The precedent and the principle were set from the very first day of life for mankind. It’s possible to track the promise and presence of rest all the way through Scripture.

My next message was concerned with, **“The Practice of Rest”**, which examines how we enter and abide in the resting place of God. Lots of practical examples about rhythm and schedule, and developing a godly routine of maintaining a restful lifestyle.

In the 3rd session I was going to talk about, “The Overcoming Rest” but the Holy Spirit did a number on me as I stepped onto the platform. He whispered an idea as I was being introduced and I followed the rabbit trail to a freeway and spoke on **“Identity and the Journey Into Fullness.”** It kind of exploded in the room, altering perceptions and mindsets and creating a language that empowered people to understand where they were currently and how to move forward into a greater dimension of identity and the resources already allocated to our calling. This message will expand into an interstate highway, there is no doubt.

My final message was about **“The Fruit of the Spirit”**, which is fast taking on the dimension of a legendary message. It creates so many keys that unlock the often troubling scenarios that exist across the relational landscape and gives great tools to help people navigate that emotional scene.

I enjoy CHM and their holistic approach to life in the Spirit in a vexing world. Worship was great. Fellowship was sweet. I am with them next in Florida for a Women’s Conference...dangerous territory!

Thanks for praying. Nice to see a few TWC troublemakers at this event.

Graham



Faith Center in Great Falls, Montana

An oppressive city. Altitude sickness and a huge passivity was waiting for me as I landed in the late, very late evening in Great Falls, Montana, continuing the tour of the places very few people want to go to do meetings.

I met Nick and Robin Gough, vibrant pastors of the Faith Center, an energetic church seeking to pursue Kingdom spirituality and overcome a religious mindset rooted in the old man. When the new man lifestyle is proposed to a people who have never really considered the fullness of what Jesus gave His people; it is initially always resisted. The resistance is not because people cannot recognize the new. It is because it clashes so violently with legalistic, one-dimensional mindset that some people have been subjected to for years.

False teaching, poor doctrine and unhelpful traditions are the true battleground where we must take action to set Christians free.

The best way to fight a legalistic spirit is with the Spirit of Goodness, Kindness, Joy, Rest etc. Tell the truth about Jesus, tell stories against yourself, make people laugh and enjoy the radiant idea of God. Speak in a restful way that allows people to relax.

A legalistic spirit keeps people in a knife edge of fear, guilt and shame. They become locked down into a place of low self-esteem in Christ, feeling unworthy and not able to approach God. They are sin conscious and do not feel accepted in the Beloved. Often they cannot hear the voice of the Lord for themselves and live largely in a place of passivity on the borders of unbelief.

This was something of the climate I faced in this region. Many people, in the church for decades, had never/seldom heard these truths expressed. They had no radiant idea of God and their spirituality was more functional than relational.

Jesus came to open prison doors and set captives free. Fascinating that He did not specifically talk about that in the Sermon on the Mount but rather chose the setting of His hometown church to talk about the specific anointing that was upon Him for the sake of freedom.

In three deliberately chosen messages: "Freedom In Christ", "The Language of Heaven", and "Passivity Into Prophecy" - the Holy Spirit mercilessly went after a religious/legalistic spirit. It was a fight! A physical, mental and spiritual conflict that was a full-on assault sleepless nights, violent headaches, nausea and a blanket of fatigue that sapped the energy.

In regions like this where there is a large territory with few people, the religious one holds sway in a different way. It is unchallenged, very powerful, rooted in the practice of church - harder to shift. Time will tell if the breakthrough is established. I left the leaders with an assignment to follow through. I hope they pick up the sword.

As ever, thanks for being companions in the fight!

Graham

Let's follow through on this one by continuing to declare:

- New lenses to see that everything with God is relational.
- Freedom to trust the God who can be trusted.
- Courage to believe and step up into new levels of exploration.
- An exchange of "what's wrong" for "what's missing and what God intends to provide."
- A fresh focus to look UP at possibilities instead of down at losses.

We release:

Keys that disempower disillusion and loose limitless possibilities.

Healing Rooms in Spokane, Washington



This was another opportunity to stay in one of the most classic, iconic and beautifully renovated hotels in America - the fabulous Davenport Hotel in downtown Spokane. Also, another chance to fellowship with one of the wisest and best leader/speaker/guys that I know and treasure...the always amazing, Danny Silk.

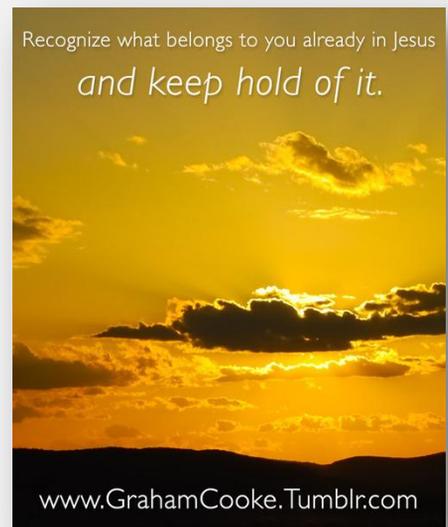
Together (after Jesus), we headlined a conference for the founding base of the Healing Rooms movement. I spoke on "Renewing Your Spiritual Lens", a message that seems guaranteed to open the eyes of people who have lost/never had the vision to see into and through the Kingdom. Where there is no vision the people are inadequate to their own calling and vulnerable to the world around them. Jesus came to open the eyes of the blind at every level - physical, mental and spiritual.

I also took another shot at something I started in a recent conference with Christian Healing Ministries: what is it with healing and a multi-dimensional relationship with God? I'm exploring this new realm in permission and identity and really loving the possibilities that the Holy Spirit is opening up. Watch this space.

Danny gave one of the best talks on honor I have ever heard, and I've heard a few! He blew away the prejudice and controlling mindset of everyone in the room. I felt refreshed in the Presence of the Father who values us more highly than most people will ever experience or understand.

Spending time with Danny was a joyful experience, the like of which I have seldom experienced at events in the U.S. It was fellowship of a rich kind; open, honest and humble, yet full of laughter. Two guys sat on a rooftop celebrating their escape from the stifling confines of legalistic Christendom, reveling in the grace and truth of Who Jesus really is for us and....oh, so grateful for a present/future guaranteed with Presence...always.

Graham





Join the conversation!



Meditation for me is often through creating something visual that keeps a truth before me in a beautiful way. This was my recent venture, that now lives in our Santa Barbara offices from "Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit". It asks the key question "What fruit are you allocating to today?" but I want to add other question cards to switch out, such as "What fruit is God developing in me now?" In addition to the pictures for each fruit, I also explored the idea of keys that unlock each one: wisdom, grace, "instead", thanksgiving, faith... For example, we inherit our promises through "faith and patience" - a fruit paired with a key. I know we have many creative TWC members. What have you created? Post pics! - Allison



I use the windows of my loft as dry-erase boards. I work from home so I see them everyday and they are a reminder of the themes the Lord is speaking over me as well as themes I just want to keep in front of me. I've got about 5 window sections in my loft I have utilized in this manner. The section in the picture contains reminders to ask the Holy Spirit lots of questions, a reminder that rest is the biggest and most important thing, the idea I should be Exploring life, the kingdom, etc and a few other things I'm trying to let inside to a deeper place.
Ron Martin



One of the things I love most about TWC is how it has me even when I think I'm slacking. For instance during the worship ebb, I put aside everything I was working on and just soaked on a daily basis. I was being swept in a wave of worship from my fellow warriors.

God is amazing and so is this community of warriors. These are items I've been working on for art shows these past couple weeks.
Natalie Timmerman



My space started out as an identity war, for real! Years ago, with a growing family/two small girls, I was always "pushed out" of the little space could carve out for me. My cry was where do I belong, even in my own home? Where was my personal value?

It started with my God Chair. The space is still not mine. It's His and a sweet place to soak in & with Him. He is pouring so much into me I wanted this space to be a visual reminder I who I am (hence my identity board), my inheritance words, who God is for me & through me, and filled with meaningful prophetic items.

As an atmosphere changer it my key place for setting my internal atmosphere to take with me. Joy is my prevalent theme (sparkles are ever present!).

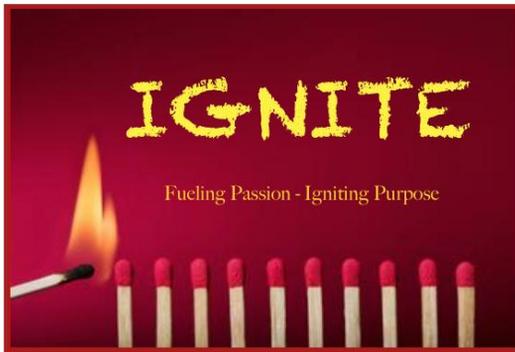
An unexpected joy in this space is how much my girls & hubby love it to. And having them in it is wonderful. I have my space where I belong & shares such value!
Erin Shepherd-Ham



I am closing in on Level 1.... the view from my "War Room". Loving the life that flows thru my identity! "Everything leads to Majesty"
Doris Ann Chapman



“IGNITE Workshops have Sparked!” - by Allison Bown



“It only takes a spark to ignite a fire. That flame within us, capable of fueling passion and process, is often reliant on other people to fan it. So the importance of being part of a caring, nurturing community is paramount. Of course the Lord is always ready to help us initiate (everything with Him is “yes” and “Amen” after all!) but being able to see selfless, helpful and honorable behavior in others, especially when it aids another person’s development, is always such a joy that it keeps the fire inside alive. ... Are you ready to be that spark for somebody? Are you ready to start a fire in a whole group of people, an entire community?” “Be the Spark ” Brilliant Perspectives Blog July 25, 2014.

When I read this Brilliant Perspectives “In Focus” blog last week, a long standing dream of mine began to smolder. The “what ifs” of exploration began to spark. So I placed the following, rather general post on our TWC Facebook page to dream out loud:

“In the next 12 months, I am dreaming of traveling in your regions and igniting workshops in the communities of our TWC members ... not huge events, but gatherings of 25, 50 or 100 people who might be interested in understanding more about their identity, intentionality and joyful intercession; leaving behind small bonfires of folks in a geographic region who can practice and train together. They may not all become official TWC, but we can take a step up in sparking fresh fires for you to connect with. This article captures the fuel behind that dream beautifully. Email me if you and your community might be interested.” Allison’s FB Post t July 27th 2014.

OMG! The response has been AMAZING. By the end of the next day, there was already a significant list of TWCers saying “Come here!”. Not with random invitations, but many already with preliminary lists of who to invite, possible dates and questions about room sizes! You guys are a riot - not as a figure of speech - but a true riot waiting to happen! One spark and KABOOM!

Yet, as in all adventures in my life, I have no interest in “good” ideas. I only want to pursue God ideas. So I sat with Him a couple of days after and began my very serious, “Okay, let’s talk about what this is. What does this mean and what must I do?” - thinking this was the beginning of a process that would unfold over a period of months.

Instead, what I heard was the joyous laughter of heaven. “Remember, the light is always green until it turns red!” He said, in a good-hearted, almost teasing tone. “Yeah, but...” as I began to formulate my questions. Then I realized, I have been actively asking God to illuminate a strategy for our next level of growth for the last few weeks. Apparently, He listens to such prayers and while some answers may grow slowly, this was a spark to a fire ready to burn. Like the current wildfire in my nearby home town of El Portal, this idea has now developed a life of its own. I had been there the day before to help some friends evacuate. In fact, my hair still smelled like smoke as God’s sense of humor became more and more evident.

TWC has promises about impacting communities to taste and see the goodness of the Lord - and to grow exponentially. I have promises about being a fire starter of campfires around which people gather to share stories, roast hot dogs and gain warmth. So - it seems like we all have a front row seat to our next adventure and a real-time demonstration that while as leaders, we prepare and strategize, we will set our sails into His wind when it blows and go.



Welcome to Ignite Workshops



It's a simple concept:

One or more TWC members find a gathering place. It can be a community center, church location or someone's large living room. No boundaries.

TWCers invite their friends, community and/or church folks to come. Anywhere from 25+.

We do a three session, Saturday workshop on development in either Identity, Intercession or Joyful Intentionality. I'll be happy to gather for a separate TWC meal the Friday night before.

We will offer immersion in the Kingdom culture we experience in TWC, which supports the development of our TWC members who attend but also allows others to "taste and see" our world.

We can scout for new TWC members and provide community connections for YOU to build upon after I and future Ignite team members spark and equip.

We create a space to explore that is local, cost effective and allows for community follow up. I'll come for travel costs, an offering and can offer resources for further exploration.

If that sounds like an adventure you're interested in, check to see if we already have an IGNITE Point Person in your area. If not, email Teresa Morrison and say, "Tell me more!"

Let's go exploring together!

Allison

Two IGNITE Workshops are already on the calendar!!!!

Portland, OR / Vancouver, WA area:
Contact person: Christine Taylor
ctaylor1410@gmail.com
November 8, 2014

Livingston, TX: (Houston area)
Contact person: Debby Schmidt
Debby@livingstonriveroflife.com
January 10th 2015

If you wish to attend, email them!

If you live in these areas, we already have a TWC Point Person. Email them directly if you wish to receive specific information when it becomes available.

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There are five possible dates before the end of 2014 that remain:

Oct. 4, 18th, Nov. 22, Dec. 6 & 18th, 2014 are available.

Email Teresa Morrison if you are interested in reserving one of these dates in your community. To reserve a date, you need to have a location secured and at least 20-25 people who seem very interested.

Scheduling is available for 2015.

We will be creating an email information sheet with topics and descriptions for interested members to share with others. Contact Teresa Morrison if you would like one to be sent to you when it becomes available.

Allison will consider other speaking invitations available during an IGNITE workshop trip. Include that information in your request.

Creating Space for New Leaders



TWC has a unique culture of leadership. We don't train people for specific positions. We scout, then open up space, opportunity and tools to explore.

Beginning last spring, our amazing Lead Coaches responded to Allison's challenge to do the primary development and teaching for our recent Leadership Development Training (LDT) group. Everyone rose to the occasion in an outstanding manner! We now have a significant number of equipped, passionate leaders positioned for our next expansion.

The nature of exploration is to always be moving towards new territory. The corporate persona of TWC is primarily a pioneering one. There are ebbs and flows to our progress, but in seasons of expansion, we are grateful for the fluid and flexible adventurers that you are.

TWC grows through a classic pioneering pattern. Teams expand until it's time to "morph". New leaders rise (hopefully from within the team) and new teams are created, with a core of members that have been together and ready for new ones to join. Rather than a division, we consider it a multiplication.

Thanks for venturing out with us. We have a great team of veteran leaders already and a truly rich resource of future leaders amongst us. It is a privilege to live life as a leader amongst leaders.

Enjoy the short stories and journeys from some of our recent LDT group. They're blazing a fresh trail for both veterans and newer members alike.

Wagons Ho!
Allison

Tony Hughes- Having the permission to not react to an external but to respond to an internal has been huge for me. Instead of rushing to make a decision, I now enter into rest and engage in a dialogue with the Father. "Papa, what are you seeing here?"

Beckie Hayes - I have overcome negativity in the workplace through rest. I am regaining ground internally and being transformed through seeing my circumstances as opportunities to receive an upgrade. A key scripture for me is "My Presence will go with you and I will give you rest."

Christine Taylor- Difficult situations at work led me to see old thought patterns that needed to go. By refocusing on the truth, I was reminded that God wants every area of my life to be upgraded and blessed. Rest has opened up space to refocus and engage in my future.

Kathryn Huff- Through rest I am declaring who God is for me and it is empowering.

Topics:

The Language of TWC - Fruit of the Spirit - Faith Donaldson

The Practice of Rest in Leadership - Madeline Rooney

Brilliant Mentorship - Joe Gray & Jimetta Mayne

Testimonies:

Lead Coach Madeline Rooney - Having the opportunity to 'lead the leaders' in LDT meant so much to me in so many ways. I would like to mention two things in particular that are highlights for me. The first is how honored I was to hear about their journey in rest. They engaged with such grace and their genuine heartfelt sharing touched me deeply. The second is that I received significant personal breakthroughs as I prepared the training. Hearing from this group was absolutely uplifting, delightful and icing on the cake!

Lead Coach Jimetta Mayne - My greatest joy was hearing each person's story and journey, and all they are partnering with God for in their lives. I was awestruck at their responses, courage, steadfast promises and their outcomes, as they partnered with Jesus so beautifully. We have a treasure chest of beautifully faceted gems in this group.

Each month in Frontline, we will be sharing about the story and journey of one of our members.
This month: Angela Taylor"

Meet Angela Taylor...



My name is Angela Taylor I live in beautiful Castle Douglas in Scotland. I'm on the International team in TWC.

I am married to Nigel, a farmer, and we farm highland cattle and sheep. I currently have two pet lambs. I work 3 days a week for a estate as an accountant and I have been a Christian since I was a teenager. My best friend at school brought me to the Lord, and we are still best friends, 50 years later!

I joined TWC because every teaching I heard of Graham's made me wonder 'Where have you been all my life?' Deep down he spoke God's Word to my heart in a way that has touched me deeply, and is still doing so. I knew I needed to learn from him and everything I have learned I have been slowly putting into practice. TWC has changed my life!

What I've learned:

What a time I have had in the first 9 months in TWC! It has been so exciting, I've just completed Level 1 Training. Now as God teaches me things, I find just the right talk from Graham that confirms everything that I have been learning. It has been such an exciting time, and I am absolutely loving the learning!

I think what I have most become aware of over the last few months through TWC is the deep river of the Spirit that flows through me every day. If I face difficulties, or know that I have a potentially difficult time coming up, I am able to more easily access that deep place and ask 'How do you see this situation Papa?' or 'How do you see this difficult person, and how do You want me to respond to them, Papa? Is there anything You want to say to them?' Joy to me means sharing what I have been given and giving it away.

God is so good!!!! I feel such a continual joy inside, more than I have ever experienced before. The more I push into God, the more joy He releases.

MY Identity Statement

I am God's 'messenger'

I am a 'seed sower'

I am a catalyst

I am called to feed the hungry with that which sustains me and satisfy the needs of the afflicted

I am a spring of living water

I am called to love a community

Reframing Risk:

God is challenging me more and more to step out in faith. He has set a desire in my heart to hold a prophetic art and flower show next year during what is know here as the 'Spring Fling' weekend, when all the artists, potters etc open their doors to the public. I want to hold a prophetic witness in the community. This means working with all the local churches together. I am stepping out in faith and God will have to do the rest.

I choose to live my life out of a place of Rest.

I choose to sit on the seat of love instead of hurt and rejection.

I choose to lean on God's strength in every area of my life, rather than trying to do things myself.

Becoming the beloved:

I feel an increasing sense of freedom to be who I really am. I have started to express myself in light of what God is showing me through art and learning to release the inner child who delights in her Daddy.

~ Angela