

PRAYER BOOT CAMP
PREPARATION FOR THE BATTLE OF YOUR LIFE
UNIT 2 INTRODUCTION
INVITATION TO RELATIONSHIP

Worship Suggestions

- *Soul Cry* – Misty Edwards
- *Where I Belong* – Cory Asbury

For the Facilitator: After welcoming prayer and worship, say a short prayer asking God for revelation. Read the Introduction to the group. Ask someone to read the Strategy Box. Continue around the circle taking turns reading aloud and sharing together during the Reflection Questions. See Facilitating a Group on page iii of Basic Training for more instruction.

INVITATION TO RELATIONSHIP

God is not particularly interested in religion. What He really cares about is relationship.

The world tends to distort the true identity of God. We may end up worshiping idols and broken images rather than worshiping “in spirit and in truth.” In the same way, the world holds up broken mirrors to who we are in Christ. When we believe what the world says about us, we are weakened in our ability to walk with God as His Beloved and to contend for the victory we have in Christ.

As John the Baptist said, “He must become greater. I must become less.” Therein lies the key to our transformation in relationship to Jesus. When our understanding of who we are begins to line up with the reality of who *God* is, then we begin to experience spiritual authority and victory in the battle for our life.

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↔ Strategy

Knowing through Scripture who God is, and who we are in Him:

- ♦ **Establishes His authority.**
- ♦ **Reveals our true identity.**
- ♦ **Builds right relationship.**

Centrality of Worship

- Worshiping God establishes the context for our relationship with Him. It brings us to a place of surrender where we can yield our will to His. When we worship in spirit and in truth, God has a way of exposing our perspectives and agendas and revealing His.

“For this is what the high and lofty One says—he who lives forever, whose name is holy: ‘I live in a high and holy place, but also with him who is contrite and lowly in spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite.’” (Isaiah 57:15)

- Worship aligns our perspective with God’s power and dominion. The little things that used to matter so much become unimportant as He gives us eyes to see the bigger picture of what is happening around us.

“When I tried to understand all this, it was oppressive to me till I entered the sanctuary of God.” (Psalm 73:16-17)

Reflection Question: What stands out for you in these ideas about worship? Why?

Necessity of Stillness

- Getting to know someone is always the first step in any relationship. We never get to know another person if we do all the talking!

“Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.” (Psalm 100:3)

- Stillness is the place we meet alone with God.

"Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, 'Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.'" (Mark 6:31)

- Waiting and listening in stillness sets the order of right relationship to God. He becomes greater while we become less.

"The bride belongs to the bridegroom. The friend who attends the bridegroom waits and listens for him, and is full of joy when he hears the bridegroom's voice. That joy is mine, and it is now complete. He must become greater; I must become less." (John 3:29-30)

Reflection Question: What do you think about the role of stillness in your relationship with God?

Foundation of Scripture

- Scripture helps us to accurately know God. It expands our knowledge of Him and reveals what He desires for us.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

- Scripture enables us to have relationship with God that is based on facts, not feelings. A relationship based on feelings, rather than truth, leaves us wide-open for disappointment, anger and resentment if God doesn't respond the way we expect.

"God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.'" (Exodus 3:14)

"God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" (Numbers 23:19)

- Scripture helps us see ourselves through God's eyes. Without it, we have an inaccurate view of who He is and who we are in Christ.

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)

"Let the beloved of the LORD rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the LORD loves rests between his shoulders." (Deuteronomy 33:12)

- It's important to know how God sees us so we can consciously come out of agreement with the lies of the enemy and into agreement with God.

“Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, and in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.” (Psalm 51:6 NKJV)

Reflection Question: Does your relationship with God tend to rely on facts or feelings?

↳ **Strategy Recap**

Knowing through Scripture who God is, and who we are in Him:

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✠ Training
NAMES OF GOD

Group Exercise

- Take turns reading aloud through *Names of God*, each person speaking one name, pausing in between. Personalize them. Example: "You are my Abba Father."
(Scripture citations are for reference only. They do not need to be read aloud.)

You are:

Abba Father – (Romans 8:15)	Merciful – (Numbers 14:18)
Author & Perfecter of Faith – (Hebrews 12:2)	Mediator – (1 Timothy 2:5)
Bridegroom – (John 3:29)	Near – (Psalm 145:18)
Burden Bearer – (Psalm 55:22 NKJV)	Never Failing – (Joshua 23:14)
Compassionate – (Matthew 9:36)	Offering for Sin – (Romans 8:3)
Counselor – (John 14:16-17)	Overcomer – (Revelation 17:14)
Dwelling Place – (Psalm 90:1)	Peace – (Ephesians 2:14)
Defender & Defense – (Jeremiah 50:34)	Portion – (Psalm 73:26)
Ever Present Help – (Psalm 46:1)	Quieter of the Storm – (Psalm 107:29)
Enthroned – (Isaiah 40:22)	Refuge – (Psalm 91:2)
Faithful & True – (Revelation 19:11)	Restorer of my Soul – (Psalm 23:3)
Friend – (John 15:13)	Shield – (Psalm 3:3)
Generous – (1 Timothy 6:17)	Sanctuary – (Isaiah 8:13-14)
Gentle & Humble – (Matthew 11:29)	Trustworthy – (Psalm 111:7)
Hiding Place – (Psalm 32:7)	Truth – (John 14:6)
Healer – (Psalm 147:3)	Unchanging – (Malachi 3:6)
Immanuel (God with us) – (Matthew 1:23)	Understanding – (Psalm 147:5)
Intercessor – (Hebrews 7:25)	Vindicator – (Jeremiah 51:10)
Jehovah Jireh (Our Provider) – (Genesis 22:14)	Wonderful – (Isaiah 9:6)
Jealous – (2 Corinthians 11:2)	Worthy – (Revelation 4:11)
King of Glory – (Psalm 24:7)	Yesterday & Forever the Same – (Hebrews 13:8)
Keeper – (Psalm 121:5-7)	Zealous – (Isaiah 9:7)
Living Water – (Revelation 7:17)	

Alone with God

Facilitator – Allow 5 minutes of silence to consider the following before moving on to the next page.

- After reading through *Names of God* with your group, are there any names that do not align with what you believe to be true of Him?
- Ask Him to let this name become real to you.

✎ Training
MY IDENTITY IN CHRIST

Group Exercise

- Take turns reading aloud through *My Identity in Christ*, each person speaking one attribute, pausing, in between. Make it your own. Example: "I am able to do all things."
(Scripture citations are for reference only. They do not need to be read aloud.)

I am:

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| Able to do all things – (Philippians 4:13) | New creation – (2 Corinthians 5:17) |
| Accepted – (Romans 15:7) | Never forsaken – (Hebrews 13:5) |
| Adequate – (2 Corinthians 3:5 NASB) | One with Him – (John 17:23 NKJV) |
| Beautiful – (Song of Songs 1:15) | Overcomer – (1 John 5:4-5) |
| Beloved – (Deuteronomy 33:12) | Perfect & complete – (James 1:2-4 NKJV) |
| Bride – (Revelation 21:9) | Prayed for – (Romans 8:27) |
| Bold & Confident – (Ephesians 3:12 NKJV) | Qualified to share His inheritance –
(Colossians 1:12) |
| Chosen – (Colossians 3:12; 1 Peter 1:2) | Redeemed – (Galatians 3:13) |
| Dead to sin, alive to God – (Romans 6:11) | Renewed – (2 Corinthians 4:16) |
| Delivered – (2 Corinthians 1:9-10) | Salt of the earth – (Matthew 5:13) |
| Encouraged – (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17) | Soldier – (2 Timothy 2:3-4) |
| Equipped – (2 Timothy 3:17) | Spiritually minded – (Romans 8:6) |
| Favored – (Psalm 84:11) | Temple of the Holy Spirit – (1 Corinthians
6:19) |
| Friend of God – (John 15:14-15) | Treasured – (Psalm 83:3 NASB) |
| Hidden with Christ in God – (Colossians 3:3) | Under no condemnation – (Romans 8:1) |
| Holy – (Hebrews 10:10) | United with Christ – (Romans 6:5) |
| Inscribed on His palms – (Isaiah 49:16 NKJV) | Valued – (Matthew 6:26) |
| Inseparable from His love – (Romans 8:35) | Victorious – (1 Corinthians 15:57) |
| Joint heir with Christ – (Romans 8:17 NKJV) | Washed, sanctified, justified – (1 Corinthians
6:11) |
| Justified – (1 Corinthians 6:11) | His witness – (Acts 1:8) |
| Known – (Psalm 139:1) | Yielded to God – (Romans 6:13) |
| Light of the world – (Matthew 5:14) | |
| Made by Him – (Psalm 100:3) | |

Alone with God

Facilitator – Allow 5 minutes of silence to consider the following before moving on to the next page.

- After reading through *My Identity in Christ* with your group, are there any aspects of your identity in Him that do not align with what you believe to be true of yourself?
- Ask God to let His Word settle as truth in your heart.

Training

Group Exercise *(Facilitator leads)*

SHARE:

- What name of God means the most to you and why?
- Are there names of God that you struggle with? Explain.
- What identity in Christ means the most to you and why?
- Are there identities in Christ that you struggle with? Explain.

If time permits, use the previous pages to declare aloud in prayer the Names of God and your Identity in Christ.

† Going Deeper

During periods of stress or sleeplessness, declare names of God and who you are in Christ as you work through the alphabet by letter. Rest in them.