



# HOAW Newsletter

The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name... The Lord will march out like a mighty man, like a warrior he will stir up his zeal; with a shout he will raise the battle cry and will triumph over his enemies... But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten.

(Exodus 15:3; Isaiah 42:13; Jeremiah 20:11).

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HELPING MEN LIVE LIVES OF INTEGRITY AND HONOR

## A Warrior After God's Heart - Part 3

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### What does a Warrior *after God's heart* look like?

In two previous newsletters I shared the first 7 characteristics of a Warrior After God's Heart...

1. **A warrior after God's heart lives his life for an audience of One.**
2. **A warrior after God's acts on his beliefs.**
3. **A warrior after God's heart is obedient.**
4. **A warrior after God's heart prepares for the conflict.**
5. **A warrior after God's heart is a student of the Word.**
6. **A warrior after God's heart guards his heart.**
7. **A warrior after God's heart embraces God's purposes for a man.**

Let's pick up where we left off.

### 8. A Warrior after God's heart lays his life on the line ...

***Ephesians 2:10*** For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which **God prepared in advance for us to do.**

***1 Corinthians 15:58*** Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. **Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord,** because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

**We were not meant for the sidelines.  
Life is to be lived, not endured.  
What are you waiting for?**



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### Get the ship away from the peer. ENGAGE!

One of my favorite movies is "The 300" – a story of 300 Spartans who defended the Straits of Thermopylae from the invading armies of King Xerxes in the 480 BC. They held off the vastly superior forces for 3 days.

What do you notice about King Leonidas and his captain?



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They bear on their person the scars of previous engagements. Woe be it onto us if we appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ as smooth skinned warriors not bearing on our person the scars of engaging the battle for Christ and the Gospel.

**Ephesians 6:10-13** “Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your **stand** against the devil’s schemes. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. <sup>13</sup>Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to **stand** your ground, and after you have done everything, to **stand**.”

#### 9. A Warrior after God’s heart focuses on what is important

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**2 Tim 2:3-7** Endure hardship with us like a good **soldier** of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs — he wants to please his commanding officer. Similarly, if anyone competes as an **athlete**, he does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the rules. The hardworking **farmer** should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

Too much time is spent on matters we can do little about. We waste the precious time on concerns we cannot change. Each of us has a finite amount of spiritual, emotional and physical energy at any given time. If we squander it on things we cannot influence, we have little energy left for the things that fall within our sphere of influence. Pray and release your concerns to God. Focus on the issues you can positively influence.

**I know of a young man who took a risk—he declared it and boldly hung his commitment on the wall of his home as a continual reminder to himself and as a declaration to all who entered his home**

I’m a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power. The dye has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I’m a disciple of His. I won’t look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, my future is secure. I’m finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don’t have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won’t give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go till He comes, give till I drop, preach till all know, and work till He stops me. And when He comes for His own, He will have no problems recognizing me – my banner will be clear! - Written by a young African pastor and tacked on the wall of his home

#### 10. A Warrior after God’s heart protects his loved ones and others ...

**1 Timothy 5:8** **If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.**

- Are you caring for the underprivileged?
- Are you caring for the unloved?
- Are you caring for the unwanted?
- Are you caring for the underrepresented?
- Are you serving or expecting to be served?
- Are you expressing unconditional love to them?

#### Action speaks louder than words!

#### 11. A Warrior after God’s heart finishes well ...

#### Paul’s Legacy

**To Timothy Paul writes** “In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. **I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which**

**the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day-and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.** 2 Timothy 4:1-8

The greatest gift you can give anyone is **a godly life.**

Characteristics of those who finish well ...

1. A **personal vital relationship** with God right up to the end.
2. Maintaining a **life-long learning posture.**
3. **Christlikeness in character** evidenced by the *fruit of the Spirit.*
4. **Living out God's truth** in our daily lives.
5. Leaving a **godly legacy** behind in the lives of others.
6. Walking with a growing **awareness of God's destiny** for us.

## CONCLUSION

### Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have called me to the life of a man after Your heart. My life is yours to command. My desire is to live my life intentionally, with focused intensity and single-mindedness, committed to my personal battle plan. I ask for Your blessing, the strength of Christ, and the empowerment of Your Holy Spirit. Help me to never flag in zeal, to be ever vigilant in the place You have assigned me, to be alert and dedicated to living all out for You, a trustworthy follower, a courageous leader, a man who will stand in bold relief against the Enemy, a protector ready to defend the helpless, a man that bears in my person the imprint of Your Son. And when all is said and done, when my journey comes to an end, may I be carried into Your presence before Your throne of grace to give

praise to Your holy name. May all who remember me pay You honor for what You have done in and through my life. Amen!

## OTHER NEWS



**Heart of a Warrior Ministries** offers four journeys you can take to become who God created you to be.

**Foundations of a Warrior** (Ground Zero) helps establish strong biblical foundations for the battles ahead.

**The Compass** (Phase I) calibrates a warrior's heart and tunes that heart to the heart of God. I am currently leading 45 at Calvary Church WBL Campus on this journey.

**The Map** (Phase II) helps men focus on what matters in accordance with their unique divine wiring.

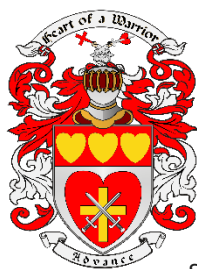
**The Guide** (Phase III) develops the spiritual discipline of being mentored and mentoring others.

Go to our website for more details.  
[www.heartofawarrior.org/journeys/](http://www.heartofawarrior.org/journeys/)

If you would like to contact me directly, email me at HOAWMinistries.com.

## Speaking Engagements

- **October 2-4** – Man Camp, Westboro, WI
- **October 24** – Men's Breakfast, Alexandria, MN



## Donations

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Check out **The Store** on our website ([www.heartofawarrior.org](http://www.heartofawarrior.org)). There are downloadable resources you can use to lead a group through Phases I, II, or III, Foundations of a Warrior, and Bible Study Guidelines.

## Websites for Men

**Heart of a Warrior Ministries**  
[www.Heartofawarrior.org](http://www.Heartofawarrior.org)

**Legacy Minded Men**  
[www.legacymindedmen.org](http://www.legacymindedmen.org)

**Church for Men**  
<http://churchformen.com/>

**Resolute**  
<https://beresolute.org/>

**Life Way Men**  
<https://blog.lifeway.com/leadingmen/>

**Men's Fraternity**  
<http://www.mensfraternity.com/>

**Man in the Mirror**  
<http://maninthemirror.org/>

**Men with No Regrets**  
<http://www.menwithnoregrets.org/>

**National Collision of Men's Ministries**  
<http://ncmm.org/>

**Every Man's Battle**  
<https://newlife.com/emb/>

**Iron Sharpens Iron**  
<http://ironsharpensiron.net/>

**Ransomed Heart Ministries**  
<http://www.ransomedheart.com/>

**Band of Brothers**  
[www.bandofbrothers.org/](http://www.bandofbrothers.org/)

**Man Up God's Way**  
<http://www.manupgodsway.org/>

**Iron Works**  
<http://www.ironworksmen.com/>