

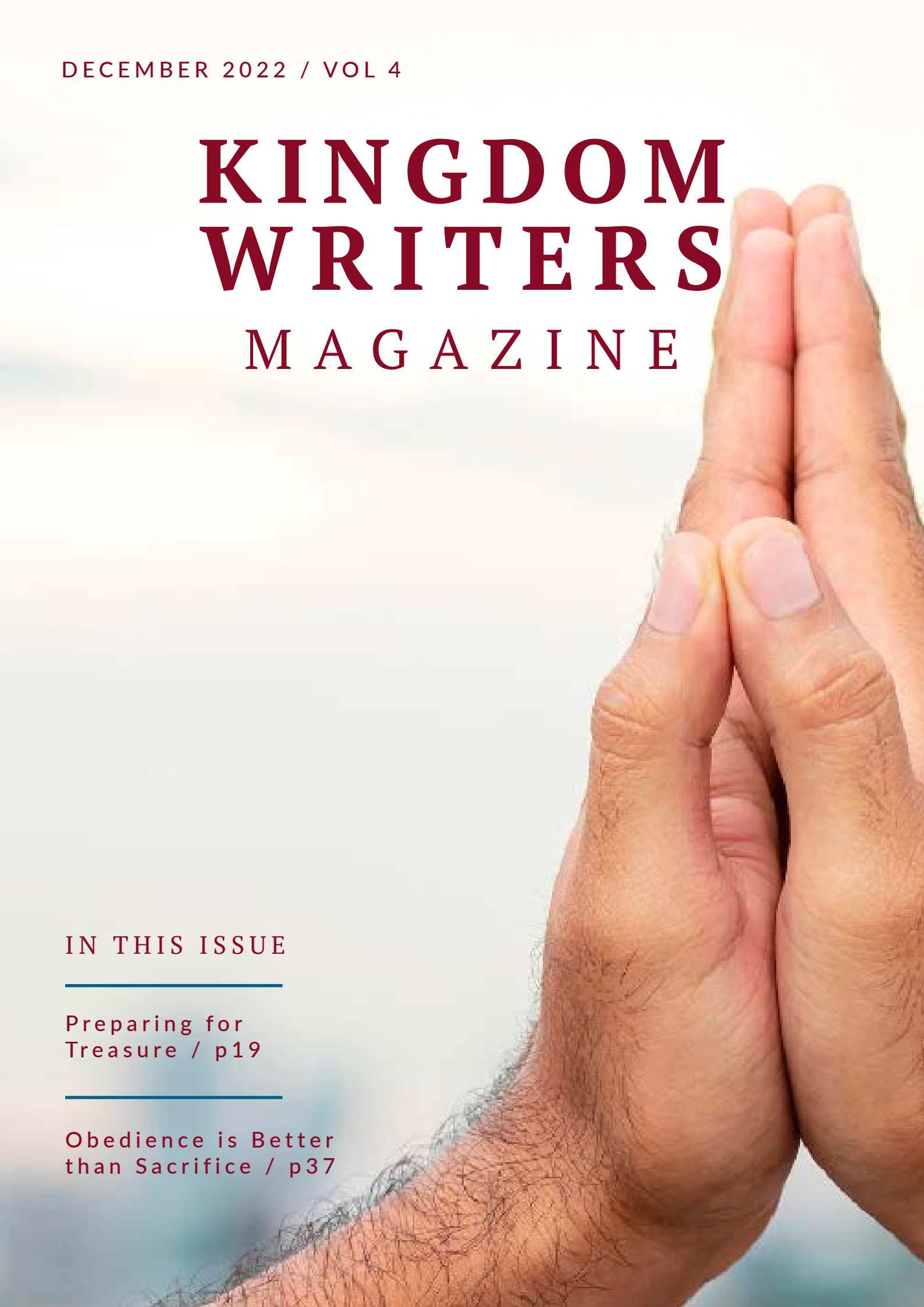
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Editor's Note

by Jill Elizabeth Wyckoff

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started to plan this last issue of 2022, I began to dream about the coming year. What does 2023 hold for us? How will God move in our lives? What new things will He ask us to do? How will He stretch us? These questions prompted two thoughts. (1) I better start praying for the next season, and (2), I better start preparing for it. Thus this issue on prayer and preparation came to be.

As we are embarking on a new year. And yes, there will likely be challenges and maybe even some challenges, but God has an answer for us. Don't be anxious about things; instead, pray. Pray about everything. Trust that God will hear your requests, so talk to God about your needs and be thankful for what has come. And know that the peace of God (a peace that is beyond all of our human understanding) will stand watch over your hearts and minds in Jesus, the Anointed One. (Philippians 4:6-7, The Voice)

Be thankful and pray. That's our starting point, our launching pad, the foundation of everything we do. In good times—in bad times—at all times, (1 Thessalonians 5:17).

Begin with prayer and then we do the stuff we need to do. That's our part. It's His part and we do ours. What do you need to do to prepare for the new year? What assignment is God calling you to? Do you need to create a routine for getting your writing done? Do you need to make more time for your family? Do you need to eat healthier and exercise more? Do you need to release erroneous beliefs that keep you from stepping into all that God has for you?

Encourage you to sit with the Lord, pray, and then listen closely. He will reveal your steps as you prepare for this next season. He may not give you the next step, but He'll give you the next one. Then He'll give you the one after that...and so on.

And I pray that you will have a safe and merry Christmas celebrating the birth of our Lord. And we pray that your new year will be blessed in every measure.

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ROUTINE

I've got my tea, the laptop's on.

My playlist's on my favorite song.

My notes in order, I'm alone.

I've fed the dog and checked my phone.

I fix the blinds, adjust my chair.

Clean my glasses, say a prayer.

Sit up straight, a deep breath in.

Time to start--Oh! where's my pen?

Dr. Cindy Holman

KCI/KWA Prophetic Director



DEVOTE

*yourselves to
prayer, being
watchful and
thankful.*



Colossians 4:2

I TRUST HIM...S

Tim Larkin, KWA Songwriters
Chapter Vision Lead

“Be still, and know that I am
God...” Psalm 46:10

You may have heard this
verse many times, but have
you thought about what it
really means??

“Still” is a great word. It is
defined as:

**1. A deep calmness and
quietness.**

Writers will use it when
describing something that
has no sign of life in it. It is
motionless or lifeless. Like,
“the stillness of night.”

**2. From before, and up
until now, including the
present.**

Describing something that
was, and “still” is. As in



believing for a promise
and still believing when it
takes longer than expected
to manifest. Even when we
become faithless, God is
faithful, “still.” (II Tim
2:13).

**3. “Nevertheless, or
regardless of what seems
to be true, it isn’t.**
As in, “God is not
answering. “Still,” He

still



is faithful. The truth is constant. It doesn't waver because of mishaps or delays.

4. A call to action that causes no sound or movement.

Everything just stops. As in, "He raised his hand to still the crowd." But when that action is followed by a reaction, we see things

become still. Then, one step further than becoming still, is to "BE STILL." It is a condition or description of a soul completely at rest.

5. A sense that something more powerful or stronger than you is present.

As in, "When the bear entered the tent, everyone remained still."

Before Job saw who God was, in his circumstances, he wasn't still.

"I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, for trouble comes."

-Job 3:26

Job thought He knew God through the things He heard about Him, but after being tested, He saw who He truly was with his eyes.

"I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees You."

-Job 42:5

Being STILL when we approach God in prayer has a lot to do with knowing Him and seeing Him for who HE IS.

“For this reason, I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day.” (II Timothy 1:12) As in, “Until that day” of the fulfillment of my prayer, I “still” believe.

When we approach God knowing who He is compared to who we are, we come ready to listen rather than speak thousands of words of foolishness because our reverence for Him makes us “STILL.”

“Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; drawing near to hear rather than to give the





sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. Do not be rash with your mouth, and let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; therefore let your words be few.”

-Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

This is truly what it means to “be STILL and KNOW He is God when you pray.

When you are waiting for God to speak to you, He is waiting for you to be still.

Until He moves, we must wait upon Him still.

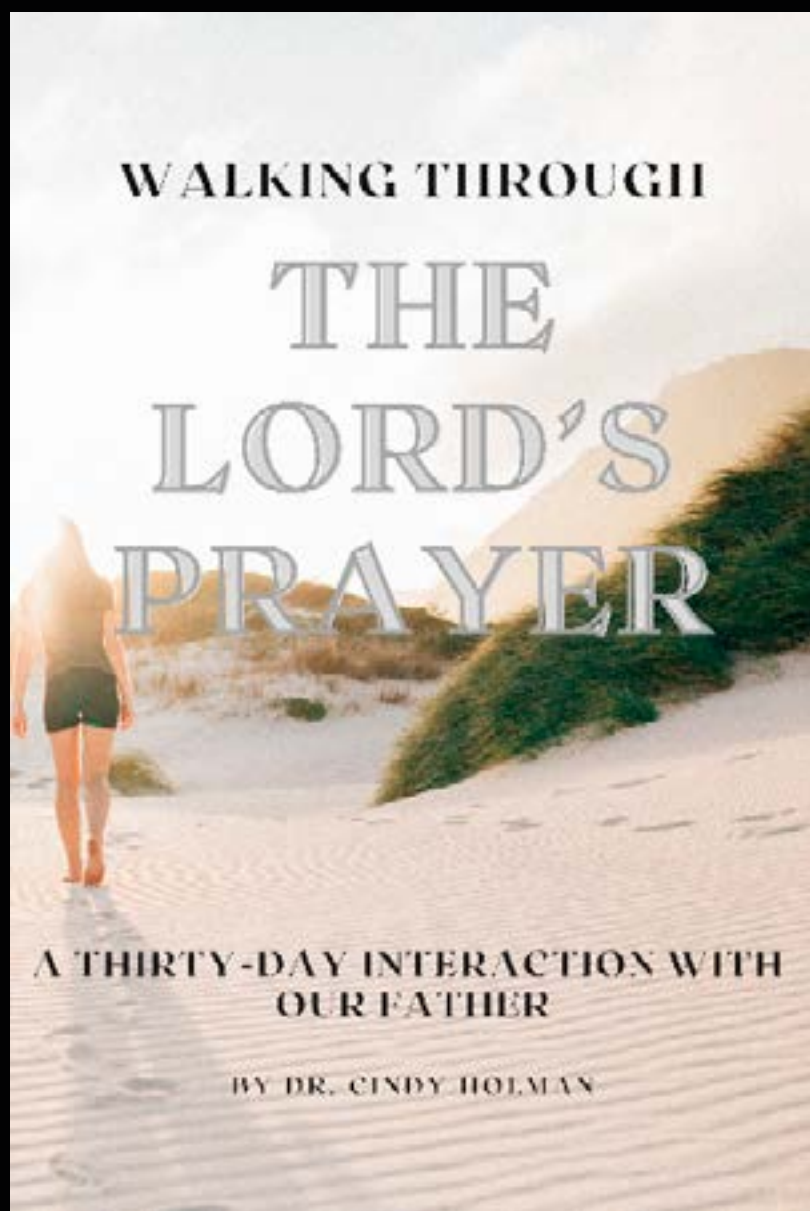
“The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness, and assurance forever.”

-Isaiah 32:17

Be still and know that I am God. Do you trust Him still?

GOD THE FATHER

The following is an excerpt from the upcoming book, Walking Through the Lord's Prayer, by Dr. Cindy Holman, KCI/KWA Prophetic Director.



It is the
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God to
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Proverbs 25:2
NASB

"As we ask God the Father for His will to be done, we know we have access to Him because we are seated with Him in Christ. Like Jesus, we can ask what He is doing in a situation and pray in agreement with His solutions as He reveals His strategy. But some answers are clearer than others. Learning how God speaks to us individually takes time and practice, and each circumstance is unique. Sometimes it is easy and other times it can be challenging.

Giving us a reason to search out a matter, dig into the scriptures, and spend time in prayer and meditation to hear His voice, is one of the ways God develops His relationship with us. It is almost like a game of hide-and-seek, where He hides Truth where we can find it - once we show a little effort. There is joy in the discovery and a stronger sense of

connection with Him when we recognize He is behind the revelation. Although we may not see Him, He is clearly with us in those moments. He could just give us the answers easily, but He wants a reciprocal relationship. He is not a short-order cook or Santa Claus, giving us everything we ask for. In fact, what we learn is often on a deeper level than we would have received if He had just given us the answer. Our Father loves to teach us, guide us, and spend time in our company.

While seeking what the Father is saying is the key to releasing the kingdom into our world, He has given us some safeguards to ensure we are correctly sensing Him. Reading and knowing the Bible, and the wise counsel of trusted friends and mentors are vital tools to make sure of our accuracy."

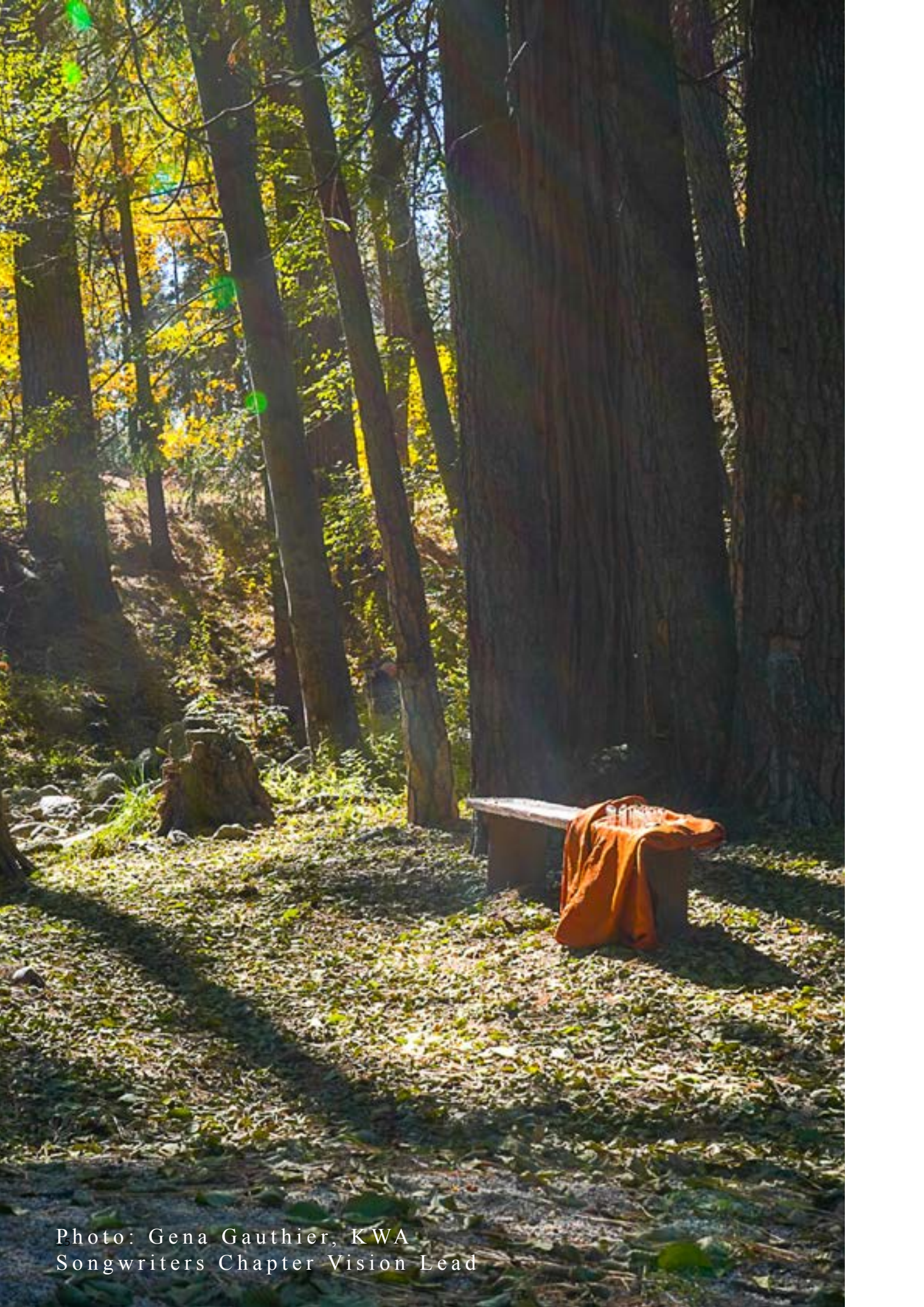


Photo: Gena Gauthier, KWA
Songwriters Chapter Vision Lead

*"At each and
every sunrise*

*you will hear my voice as I
prepare my sacrifice of prayer
to you. Every morning I lay out
the pieces of my life on the altar
and wait for your fire to fall
upon my heart."*

-Psalms 5:3 TPT

KINGDOM *Writer Prep*

Claudene Adam, KCI/KWA Director of Intercession Teams

Kingdom writing is warfare. Writing with the intention of furthering God's Kingdom attracts the attention of the forever loser and his demons who at times throw one fiery dart, arrow or spear after another. However, God has equipped us to extinguish each and every one. Just like Nehemiah and the others that rebuilt the wall, we metaphorically write with one hand and hold a weapon in the other. (Nehemiah 4:17)

Ephesians 6:10-11 tells us, "....receive your power from the Lord and from his mighty strength. Put on all the armor that God supplies. In this way you can take a stand against the devil's strategies" - and the devil's strategies are not new. Just like in the garden, he entices us to question God; to doubt what He has told us.

But we don't succumb to these questions and doubts: we squash them with our belt of truth and our sword -the Word of God. If a thought comes into our mind that does not line up with the truth as revealed in Scripture or what God has told us, we have no business allowing it to stay. Just like we swat away a fly that is buzzing around our head, we command unrighteous thoughts to go and never come back.

The best way to prepare to write as a Kingdom writer is to intimately know your Father in Heaven and to know His Word. Then your mind will be filled with truth, and the lies of the enemy will clang your head. Keep in remembrance that you are a beloved child of the Most High God, that your design is intentional, and that He called

you to write for Him. He gives your writing purpose and you have received everything you need to fulfill this purpose. You are a prepared, armed, and dangerous, world-influencing writer.

Scriptures To Meditate On:

John 1:12 (AMPC) But to as many as did receive and welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name.

Isaiah 64:8 (NASB) But now, Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter, And all of us are the work of Your hand.

Ephesians 2:10 (AMPC) For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

2 Timothy 1:9 (AMPC) [For it is He] Who delivered and saved us and called us with a calling in itself holy and leading to holiness [to a life of consecration, a vocation of holiness]; [He did it] not because of anything of merit that we have done, but because of and to further His own purpose and grace (unmerited favor) which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began [eternal ages ago].

2 Peter 1:3 (AMPC) for His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

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Rachel Ball

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Lowe, KWA NextGen Chapter Leader

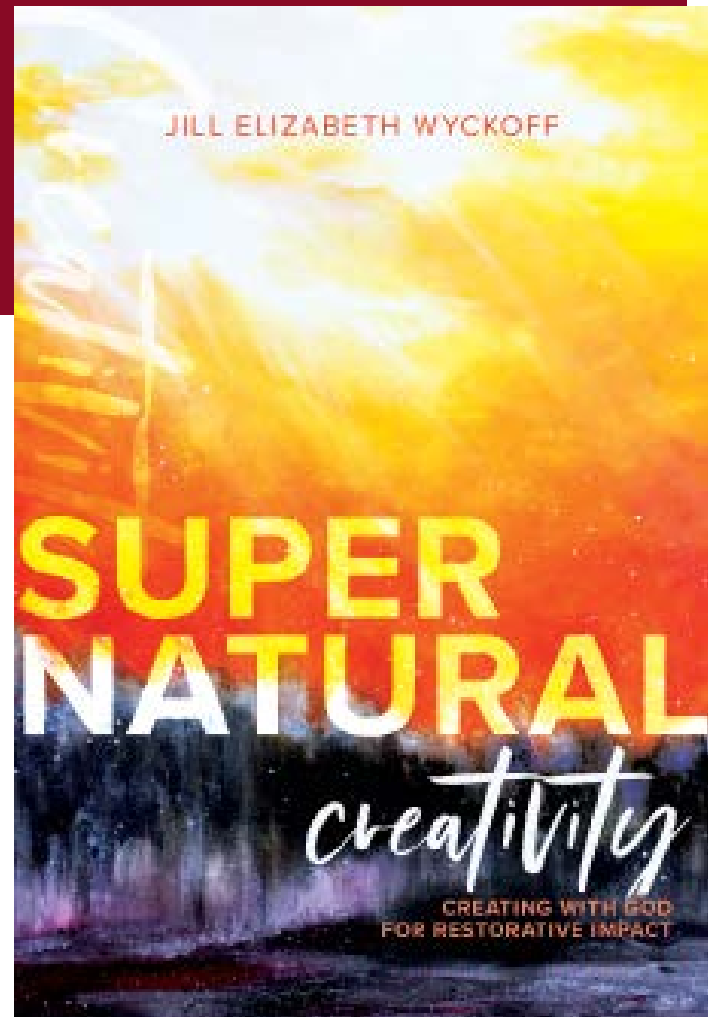
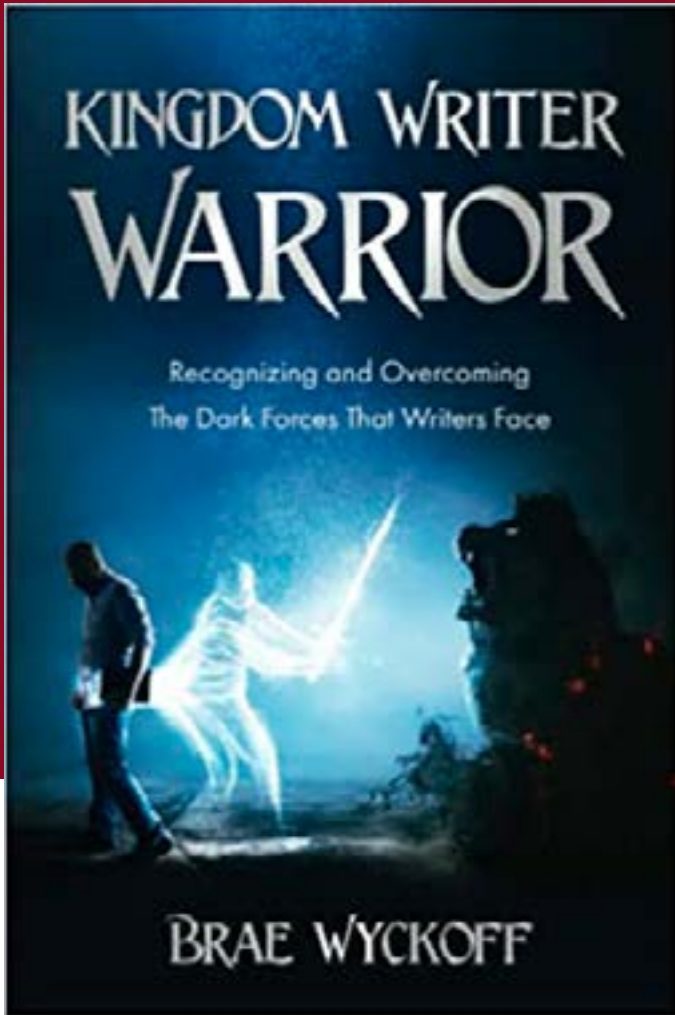
of the hardest words to hear when you are a child. As a parent, I children variations of these two words: be patient, not yet, just a maybe. Every time their excitement would sink into disappointment, y that I blame them. Waiting is such a difficult skill to learn because a microwave culture, everyone wants what they want now, and they willing to wait for it. However, there is such value and worth in the ng.

I was at a conference in which one of the pastors was talking about Abraham and the angel of the Lord. He mentioned how the angel of the Lord took Abraham by the hand and showed him his stars. I cried out in prayer asking the Lord to show me my stars, and he did just that. He showed me a great vision of what my life would become and the ministry that I would have. Then he said, "Be still and know that I am God. Wait, now is the time to prepare." My inner stubborn child rose in me as I declared with complete defiance, "How can you show me this great vision and en tell me to wait for it?" But then God showed me the treasure in ing, a season of preparation.

does not mean that you sit back with your arms crossed asking God Jehovah Genie in your life, it is about action and preparation. If you that one day you will write books for the nations, you need to understand the nations and to speak to the nations. This may mean you yourself to take a public speaking course, learn the language of the led to, learn the culture, and learn which aspects of the word would the people of that nation.

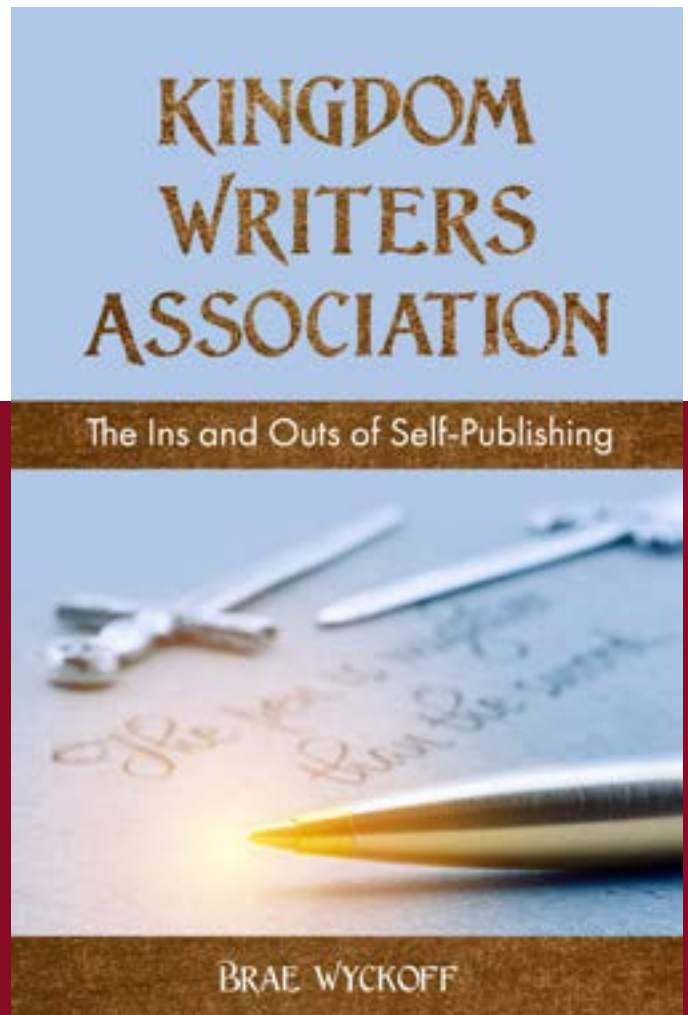
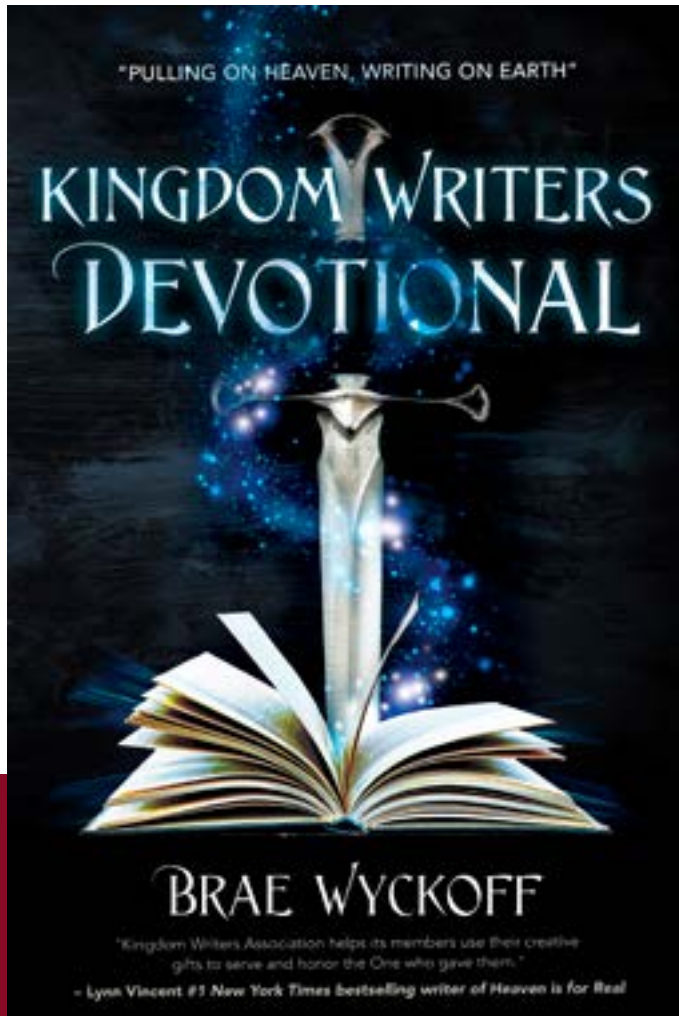
seasons, God gifts us seven treasures, the ability to cultivate nsibility, skills, experience, community, obedience, and perseverance. help us prepare for the next season, our future with God. If you are a memoir, a history book, or a curriculum and you feel that you are perhaps God is gifting you with treasures to prepare your writing er. Through prayer and preparation, you will be able to boldly grab d step into all God is equipping you for.

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PERFORMANCE PRAYERS

Jill Wyckoff

“But the
God
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Psalm



I remember when I started my Christian journey nearly 20 years ago and was asked to pray out loud at a church meeting. I had never done that before. I listened to others, and they sounded so eloquent. I fumbled through it thinking, I never want to do that again!

Looking back, I see so clearly that my prayers were performance-based. I felt that if I didn't perform well enough in front of my peers, they'd think I was less of a Christian. And if I didn't perform well enough for God, then He wouldn't answer my prayers.

A number of years have passed since I've had those silly thoughts. I no longer concern myself with performing for God or man; I seek only to connect with my Abba. I know that prayer is not performance-based. God is not grading our prayers. He loves when we talk to Him. He cherishes our time together. Jesus tore the veil that separated us from the inner court—the Holy of Holies—and now we can come to the Father knowing that we have been invited to crawl into His lap. We are his children (no matter how old we are). When we come to Him with a request, a thought, a question, a decree, a plea—whatever it is—He listens and attends to our prayers.

The more time we spend in Abba's lap, the more we will understand His nature. He is a good, good Father who loves conversing with His kids, even if their prayers aren't perfect.

20 Things

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prepare

1. Pray specifically
2. Remove distractions
3. Create a great title
4. Create a schedule
5. Research for inspiration
6. Create a visual
7. Create a story
8. Build out your outline
9. Read other books
10. Read for inspiration
11. Get inspired
12. Gather a Pinterest board
13. Purchase relevant resources
assignment
14. Become a member of a community (local). Iron
16. Gather beta readers
17. Hire a writing coach
18. Get an account on a social media platform
19. Purchase online tools for writing
(Grammarly, ProWritingAid)
20. Find scriptural references to support your work

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writing is sales

I have been in the online business world for over five years now, and I can tell you, it's hard. I didn't go into the business thinking that I would be an author, but I have found it to be a wonderful part of my journey. I began my business because I realized that my experience in education gave me skills for writing curricula and educational programs. I refined my writing-to-publish skills because communicating to the world from behind a computer helped me to connect to more people and helped build credibility and awareness.

As I entered this new world, I learned that marketing and sales are required on this journey. As a teacher who always had an automatic audience, I was overwhelmed by the thought of having to convince someone that I knew what I was doing. I thought, Of course, I know how to educate an audience! I've done it for 170 days a year for over 7 years! Unfortunately, it's not easy for people to believe that an English teacher could turn their massive content into an online course curriculum.





Learning how to sell my services was the hardest part. Luckily, my brother is a sales coach, so he would give me a script to use with my prospects. This process of learning sales built my confidence and my success.

I was then motivated to write more because I learned how to communicate to capture attention. I realized that sales is simply educating your audience on what you do and how you do it, and then letting them decide if they want it. When we write, we have something to say, but we must be comfortable admitting that it's not for everyone. Only the people who are attracted to our words and content will continue to read. We love what we write, but in order to be successful, they have to love it, too.

But there's something better. We can broaden our audience by writing in a way that shows more people they need our content. We can address their possible objections before they have them. We can make our writing appeal to them. All while writing what we love.

We shouldn't insert a sales pitch in articles, but we can address their real concerns and interests. We do this by telling stories and being vulnerable and by thinking about what they are thinking while they are reading. What are the thoughts you may be thinking as you read this? You might feel like I'm watching you right now... I am. Ha ha!

Next time you write, plan out the objections people might have to reading your article, book, or social media post. Address these objections right away and see how that changes their interest level. You might be surprised at the positive response if you write in a way that acknowledges their investment in you, and show them that their investment of time to read your content is worth your concern.



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PREP STYLE: WHAT'S YOURS?

Some will schedule time to write.

Some will flow by the Spirit.

Some will write chapter titles first.

Some will build characters first.

Some will mind-dump.

Some will storyboard.

Some will write with background music.

Some will write in silence.

Some will write in a coffee shop.

Some will write at home.

Each one does their own *thing*.

The *thing* that works for them.

Celebrate your style!

DILIGENT WRITER

Debbie Howard, KWA "Diligent Writers" Chapter Leader

"What will you call the group?" Jill questioned.

For the next few days, I questioned the Holy Spirit and waited. Genesis 2:19 came to mind. God brought the animals to Adam to see what he would call them. What name a thing is what it is. Searching the scriptures for the word write, I found a witness of the Spirit in Jude 3.

Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and to exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. Jude 3

One of the definitions for gave is defined as "to author a thing." With that in mind, we see that once Jude authored diligence, he discovered another message was needed.

"...that ye should earnestly contend for the faith."

Why was this change of focus needed? The faith of those to whom he is writing is under attack. As a writer, our faith may be under attack as well. What's masquerading around in our thoughts? Self-doubt? Lack of time? Lack of motivation? Will it even matter if I write or not? Ponder this thought until it's firmly planted within: I am a Diligent Writer! Diligent is sometimes translated as care, or

earnestness in accomplishing, promoting, or striving after anything; to interest oneself most earnestly.

Merriam-Webster defines diligent:

1. having or showing care and conscientiousness in one's work or duties, characterized by steady, earnest, and energetic effort; actively engaged or occupied.

You're more likely to be diligent about something if you love doing it. The etymology of diligent reflects the fact that affection can lead to energetic effort. The word, descends from the Latin verb diligere, meaning "to value or esteem highly" or "to love"; the attention and care required of a person in a given situation. The opposite of negligence.

Am I negligent or diligent? It's my choice! I choose to be a Diligent Writer! I'm just a hobbyist not that good. I enjoy it. So many others are better writers. The list goes on and on, doesn't it? My friend, this is why Jude wrote a book exhorting us to contend for the faith. We need to contend for the faith as writers.

What choice will we make? God is waiting to see. Choose blessing or cursing. Choose this day whom you will serve. God has given us free choice. Choose Negligence or Diligence. What's your choice?

I knew I wanted to be a diligent writer. I chose that as our group name. I didn't realize just how impactful it would be until I searched and found other passages about diligence:

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall: 2 Peter 1:10

...the hand of the diligent maketh rich. Proverbs 10:4

He that diligently seeketh good procureth favour: Proverbs 11:27

...the substance of a diligent man is precious. Proverbs 12:27

...the soul of the diligent shall be made fat. Proverbs 13:4

The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; Proverbs 21:5

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings. Proverbs 22:29

The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: Proverbs 12:24

Diligence brings authority, favor, rule, precious substance and riches, abundance, and profit. I knew I wanted the rewards of diligence in my writing life.

Jude authored his diligence and then wrote. Let's follow his lead and become diligent writers today. Write...for heaven's sake.



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give diligence to
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for if ye do these
things, ye shall
never fall:"*

2 Peter 1:10

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obedience
sacrifice



by KWA Director,
Brae Wyckoff

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Let your hands tremble with fear as you write—not fear of man but fear of God—a holy fear.

Imagine God Himself comes to you and says, “I want you to write this story for me.”

“Me?”

“Yes, it’s important.”

“But, I don’t know how to write.”

This is a typical dialogue with OUR KING. He asks this of us. Are we to deny Him? Many have, so how do we answer this call?

We simply obey, schedule the time, sit down, and write. Let’s break it down to help you find your story.

Obedience to God is not only a way to worship Him, but a way to get closer to Him, prepare for whatever He leads you to, and grow as a person. Obedience is better than sacrifice. God speaks many times about staying in step with Him. The world we live in does a great job of keeping us from doing what He asked of us. Those things that prevent us from being obedient become the chains that hold us back. Chains called excuses. Let’s be real and honest. If God asked us to do something then we should do it. Instead, we let excuses get in the way.

We schedule a time to go to work. We schedule a time to get the kids to school. We schedule date nights. We schedule television. We schedule ministry. We even schedule prayer time. The world we live in is full of scheduling and yet we can't schedule the time to write for God. Why do we think it is so hard? What is preventing us from doing it?

It is now time to schedule the time to write. Set it up in your calendar. Let your family know. Inform your spouse. Writing now becomes a priority in your life. Set aside thirty minutes each day and see what happens.

Sitting down is harder than you think. Distractions are everywhere. The location of the writing can be an issue. Do you want noise or do you like it quiet? When you write at home are there too many things around you trying to pull you away? These are good questions to ask. If the home isn't ideal then you need to find that coffee shop to sit in. Maybe you need to go to a park, a beach, or a library.

Write! Write! Write! Fight to write. Fight to get those words out onto paper. The battle is real, but once you start and remain consistent, then the story will unfold. Habakkuk 2:2 in the Message Translation, "Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what's coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait!"

It is time. Let's not deny our King's request any further.

For further encouragement and direction, purchase the Kingdom Writers Devotional on Amazon.



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Prayer and preparation are siblings. They walk side by side completing our God-given assignments here on the earth, mental, and emotional. All are vital to doing what we are called to do. It is important to have good mental health and security so you can lead. When you seek validation from those you lead, you give a

prayer and preparation

by Desiree T. Young,
KWA Waukesha WI Chapter Leader

The preparation journey is one of humility. You can't look

The preparation journey should always be lined with prayer. It is where territory is fought for and won. Prayer is when you go to hear His heart and receive His power. Prayer brings healing and things. Anyone who says it doesn't give up too soon on what is important, then why did Jesus do it? Why did He instruct us to pray? prayer.

Prayer and preparation are indeed siblings. You need both. If you focus on one, but not the other, you are living with on

side, hand in hand. They cover two very essential aspects of birth. Preparation can be in many forms: spiritual, physical, meant to do. For those of us who seek a role as a leader, it you are not looking for validation from the ones you lead. way your authority. An unhealthy, insecure leader goes on raise other unhealthy, insecure leaders, whereas a healthy der goes on to create more healthy leaders. As a leader, it mportant to know who you are, what you carry, and what offer.


e preparation journey to becoming a healthy leader takes any paths. When you complete one, celebrate and move on the next. These paths may include therapy to help uproot ructive thought patterns. It can be reading books on the ject matter you want to be an expert in. It's getting around ple who sharpen you and build you up. My previous pastor ld frequently spend nights with his roommate quizzing h other on Bible verses while they were in seminary. Before rote my first book, I took several classes on creative writing sharpen my skill set. Doing so allowed me to write a book t busy moms couldn't put down and had to finish.

at it thinking you've been there and done that.

r. Prayer changes things. Prayer can turn hard hearts soft. e addiction meets its end. Prayer is communing with God aling and salvation. Prayer breaks chains. Prayer changes at they were praying for. If prayer wasn't powerful...wasn't us to pray? There is no revival, no lasting change without

to truly accomplish the assignment God has given you. If e arm tied behind your back.

PRAYER SANDWICH



What if I told you there was a sandwich so delicious you can eat it any time you want, and it never gets old, stale, or moldy? In fact, it gets newer, fresher, and more tasty each day. I call it the prayer sandwich.

What if it's God's will for you to eat it?

The prayer sandwich comes from one of my favorite verses. I have it on my wall in my living room. Every morning, I stare at it. I meditate on it. Then I read it and eat it. It is crazy how, on certain days, it tastes very different than on other days. Nonetheless, it's always satisfying.

“Rejoice always,
pray continually,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”
I Thessalonians 5:16-18

Let's deconstruct this sandwich, shall we?

The top bun is easy. Rejoice always! To rejoice means to show great joy or delight over something. One part of the definition of “rejoice” says this, “cause joy to.” One morning, I was extra tired and dreading a situation I knew I was going to go through later in the day. I was not feeling joy at all. When I saw my verse-sandwich that morning, I said, “I am going to ‘cause joy to’ that situation. I am going to cause it to happen.” We can do that in our life. The Passion translation says, “Let joy be your continual

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feast.” Wow. Feast on this sandwich, you guys. Are you hungry yet? That second part says always. If we only rejoice when things are going well, we miss out on opportunities to change the atmosphere around us.

Here is the meat: pray continually. Early on as a young believer I was taught we pray to God up in Heaven. Prayer should be a simple conversation with God. It’s talking back and forth and listening. Jesus and the Father have made their home in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. So prayer is not calling up into the skies toward a distant God in heaven. It’s conversing with the present Presence living inside us. I think our prayers can be so off the mark, God doesn’t want to answer them. For example, I used to start off my prayers by inviting God to be present and be here in the situation. Then one time He corrected me. It was like a whisper in my ear. “Psst,” He said. “You know I am always with you, right.” That’s when I realized I had been praying like God was distant, far away, or busy. He has always been right here! Now that’s some meat!

So the bottom bun, as you can see, is giving thanks. One time I was put on administrative leave at my job. I was at home staring at my verse on the wall. “...give thanks in all circumstances.” This thing I am going through, I thought, fits in the “all” category. How am I supposed to give thanks for this? Still, even though I didn’t want to, I did. I said, “It’s Your will Lord that I give thanks. So here I am. I thank you for this circumstance. I trust Your word.” It turned out to be the best two weeks of my life, just spending time with God.

This is one great sandwich. It is the most important sandwich you’ll ever consume! Try it out. You will love it. The best part is you can eat it anytime, day, night, or even a midnight snack.



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KCI exists to equip, encourage, and empower creatives to reach more people for Christ.

We envision a world-wide community of creatives walking in the authority of their unique identity in Christ, advancing His Kingdom through their creative expression and the power of the Holy Spirit to see lives transformed by the Truth, Power, and Love of Jesus Christ.

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Daily Preparation

Neil Frasier, KWA San Diego Vision Lead

As I awaken, my essence
Engages your manifest presence
I'm praying

I fix my gaze
Upon your eyes
I'm praying

I attune my ear to greet
Your breath and heartbeat
I'm praying

I worship and praise you
Expressing all you are and do
I'm praying

Pouring out my pain and joy
Attentively listening to your story
I'm praying

I'm prepared, come what may
For another glorious day
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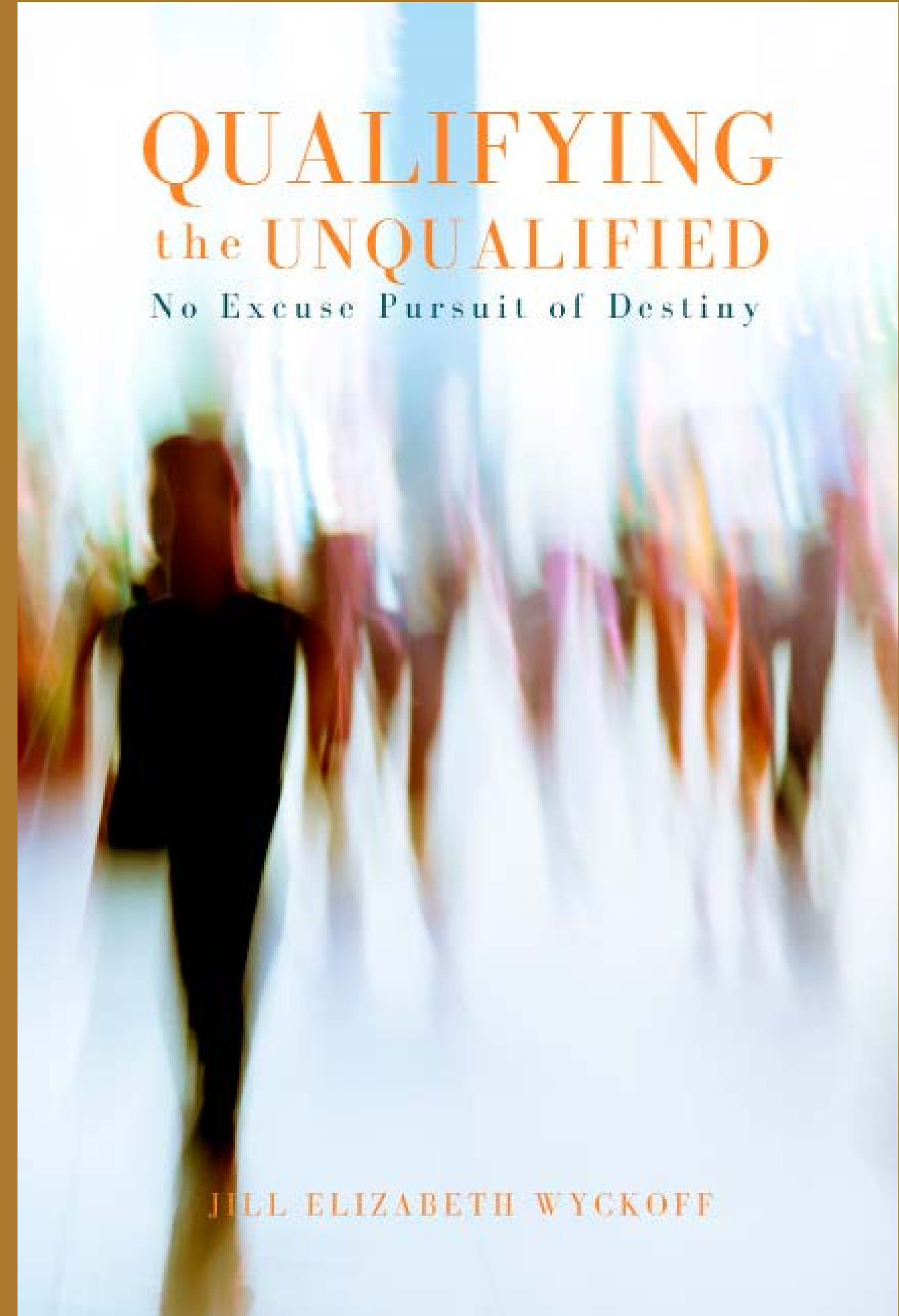
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