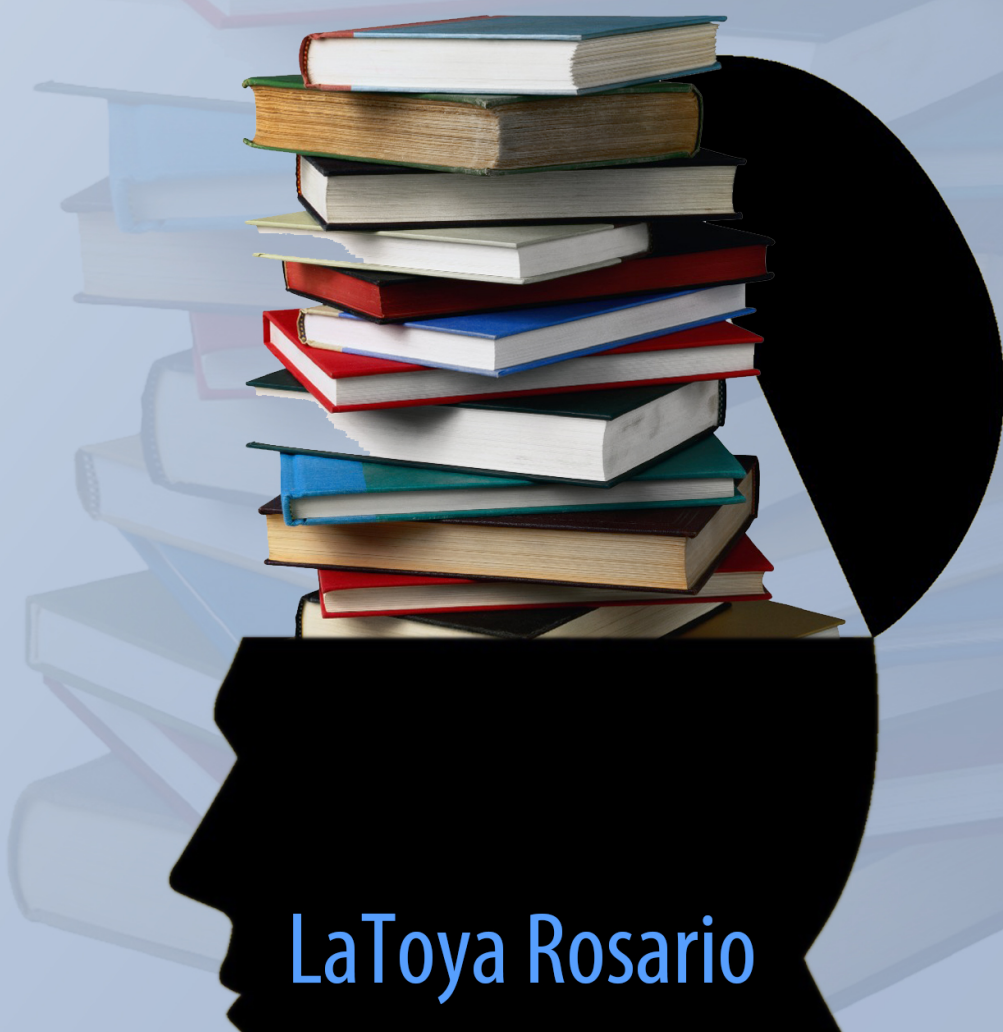


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Introduction

Every day life is always happening. From moment to moment we are fulfilling a duty, task, or responsibility. But even in the busy-ness of life, we have ideas and we become inspired. Whether you were mopping the floor, driving in rush hour traffic, or washing the car, you had a book idea come to your mind.

At first you may have tried to shrug it aside like I do. However, that book idea will not go away. You think about it and think about it—the greatness of the idea fighting against the doubts in your mind.

I know how it feels. When I got my first of many book ideas, it was hard for me to believe that anyone would want to read my book. I thought, “There are so many books.” Each year consumer reports indicate more and more people are publishing books. In fact, Bowker, the official ISBN Agency for the United States, announced that in 2012, 15 million books were produced. It is the digital publishing age, and we have the privilege of living in the most information-saturated time in all of history.

A wealth of knowledge is right at our fingertips, literally. So why would anyone care about what I would have to say? What makes my book idea relevant?

The turning point in my book writing decision came when I accepted and believed my book idea came from a heavenly source—my heavenly Father, the only wise God. Because I could not shake off the idea and I felt this urgency, this necessity, this possibility for this book to be written, I chose to write a book.

Is it safe to assume because you are reading this book that you recognize

1. Not only that you have a book idea, but
2. It is a book idea given to you by God?

When I coach first-time authors, I enjoy the excitement and uncertainty in their voice about writing a book. Almost all of them say a similar statement, “I don’t know how to get started or even where to begin, but I just know this book has to get written.” Have you had the same thought?

Getting started seems to be the biggest hiccup for most first-time authors. Having the idea is 10 percent of the book writing process; the other 90 percent is executing the book writing process. Not knowing how to move the idea from the head to the computer causes authors to become overwhelmed and defeated. Frankly, I would say it is probably the primary reason why only 2 percent of the slightly more than 80 percent of U.S. Americans who say they want to write a book, actually do.

But thank God for Jesus Christ, who made it possible for us to rise above inactivity and be victoriously productive—and successful—in every area of our life, including book writing. Our Savior’s desire is for us to be extraordinary, excellent, and exceptional. To make sure we would be 100 percent effective at it, He sent us a gift—the Person and Lord Holy Ghost.

Introducing the Holy Ghost

Before Jesus allowed Himself to be resurrected for our redemption, He told the disciples about the Holy Ghost and what the Holy Ghost would do when He arrived.

I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.

John 14:16-17 (NKJV)

But when the Comforter (Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengthenener, Standby) comes, Whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth Who comes (proceeds) from the Father, He [Himself] will testify regarding Me.

John 15:26 (AMP)

However, when He the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

John 16:13-15 NKJV

Every scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing mistakes, for correcting, and for training character.

2 Timothy 3:16 (CEB)

Most important, you must know that no prophecy of scripture represents the prophet's own understanding of things, because no prophecy ever came by human will. Instead, men and women led by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

2 Peter 1:20-21 (CEB)

Such a thorough job description! In fact one of them explains the Holy Ghost is the Author of the Bible. When we receive the Holy Ghost, we get soaked and drenched in dynamite explosive power and ability that only Heaven can provide ... and what are we doing with it? How are we employing such an awesome gift? OK, I will just talk about me. How was I using the Holy Ghost to write the book ideas I was receiving from God? Initially, I did seek the Holy Ghost as a Guide in my book writing, but I did not do it consistently. It was sporadic

and usually when I was having a good day. No discipline. No goals. No structure. No plan. Just noncommittal, matter of fact “oh, I’m writing a book.”

After four years of saying it, I realized if I wanted to show my love back to my Savior, I ought to be writing the book and not only saying it. What I came to realize is the Holy Ghost is not just a feel-good warm and fuzzy, but He came upon me and came upon you and defined our purpose here in the Earth.

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. Acts 1:8 NKJV

A witness. A witness basically tells someone else what they experienced from their perspective. So that even means you do not have to be a professionally trained writer, master of language, or have a bachelor’s degree in journalism like I do. You simply have to receive the power of Holy Spirit to write the book. Our Heavenly Father is well known for choosing people who by society’s standards are deemed unqualified. Remember Moses? He had a speech impediment and God told him to talk to Pharaoh. Remember David? He was a 16-year-old shepherd and God strengthened him to kill a man of war named Goliath. Remember Paul? He was a murderer of Christians, but God used him to spread the gospel throughout nations. If God can put His Spirit in and on them, He can definitely use that same Spirit to empower you and me to write our books.

Receive the Holy Ghost

Maybe you have read this far and you are thinking, “I am not sure if I have this power from the Holy Ghost.” Well, I want to assure you that you can have it right now without a delay.

Salvation is God’s gift to everyone in the world. The Holy Ghost is God’s gift to believers in Jesus Christ. If you have received the gift of salvation through the Jesus Christ into your heart and life, then you are eligible to receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if *he asks* for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

Luke 11:9-13 NKJV

From this scripture you can see the only requirement for receiving the Holy Ghost is to ask the Father for Him. Also, there is evidence to the gift of the Holy Ghost, and it is called speaking in tongues or speaking in other tongues.

When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.
And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them,
and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.
Acts 19:5-6 NKJV

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues.
Mark 16:17 NKJV

Imagine I am standing in front of you with a bottle of water. I screw off the top and begin to shake the bottle of water over you. After I finished shaking, would you be wet or would you be dry? Of course, you would be wet. Why are you wet? Well, because I shook water on you! The same way you cannot separate the wet from the water is the same way you cannot separate the tongues from the Holy Ghost. They go together.

Please understand that speaking in tongues is a personal act of your will. The Father does not force you to speak in tongues. It is up to you to let it out.

Try to say your name without opening your mouth. It does not work very well. Now, say your name loudly and boldly. That is the same way you should start speaking in tongues. All you have to do is open your mouth and begin to move your tongue.

Do not worry if it sounds choppy or undeveloped. When you first started talking as a baby, you did not form full words or sentences. It will be similar to that. You will progress in speaking in tongues the more you do it.

Lastly, when you speak in tongues you are not going to know what you are saying. It is a heavenly language so our minds cannot comprehend it.

For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.
1 Corinthians 14:14 NKJV

Remember: To receive the Holy Ghost, all you have to do is ask. God will freely give Him to you. You can speak from your heart and make your prayer request or feel free to use the one below:

Father, as a born again believer in Jesus Christ, I believe you gave the gift of the Holy Ghost. Your Word says, "How much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." I now ask you in the name of Jesus to give me the Holy Ghost. I believe that I receive the Holy Ghost

into me now. The Holy Ghost has now come to dwell in my spirit! Thank you, Father, for giving me the gift Holy Spirit! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Glory to God! You are now filled with the Holy Ghost. You may feel different; you may not feel different. The truth is you asked, and our Father is faithful to His word, so you have received.

Now, take the next step and begin to speak in tongues. OK, are you ready? Count yourself off 3-2-1 and take a deep breath and speak! Keep going! Stop and start. You will see that you have control over it. The Holy Ghost is not forcing you; you are allowing Him to speak through you in a heavenly language. I am so glad you have Him! The Holy Ghost writing process is not as much fun without Him.

How to Read This Book

This book is a step-by-step guide to help you take your God-given book idea and create a full manuscript to be published. It is best to follow the order of the steps in the book. While it is encouraged that you complete at least 80 percent of each step before going on to the next step, it is not necessary. You may want to read the book in its entirety before you perform any of the steps, and then reference the book when you are ready to write.

If you have already started writing a book, I still encourage following the step-by-step format, but also evaluating your manuscript based on the Holy Ghost writing process. You likely will discover areas you can change or adjust to bring improvement to your book and efficiency for the rest of the process.

Ready ... Set ... WRITE!

When I reflect on my book idea being from God and inspired by His Holy Ghost, it hits me: I am not writing this book just so I can officially call myself an author or cross off another item on my bucket list, but so that others can read my experience and encounter the love and knowledge of God for themselves. Because this is a truth, it is important to take the book ideas given to us by God and set out on a purposeful journey to publish them and spread the good news.

From your book a soul could be saved, a life could be restored, and circumstances could be changed all for the best. Please keep that in mind as you continue through this book. Someone somewhere is waiting to read what you have to say ... so say it right, WRITE now!

Part 1: Write with Supernatural Power

Step 1: WRITE Now, but Pray First

My slogan is “Say it right, WRITE now!” Obviously, my end goal is to help authors go from idea stage to published book, but notice we want it to be done **right**. At first the slogan was solely, “WRITE now!” But after reflecting on my own experience just writing was not getting the job done. So how do we do it right? By turning to the One who is **RIGHTeous** and has made us righteous. We have to ask God and expect His answers. So, we need to pray.

These prayers are going to be specifically about your book project, so it is in addition to or in conjunction with your regular prayer time or devotion time. Also, there is no standard frequency on when to pray about your book, but whatever frequency you choose whether it is daily, every other day, or weekly make sure it is consistent and undisturbed time. Furthermore, set an alert and reminder for this scheduled time so you will not forget or skip it.

Benefits of Book Praying Time

- Develop focus on the book project
- Subdue worries, anxieties, and fears about the process
- Receive divine creativity, wisdom, and knowledge for the book project
- Understand God’s pre-ordained vision and purpose for the book
- Confirm and affirm your God-given appointment as the author
- Rely on God’s grace and strength during challenging moments

How to Pray About Your Book

Pray expecting to hear from the heavenly Father about your book.

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man unstable in all his ways.

James 1:6-8 NKJV

Imagine you went to a restaurant and the server asked, “What would you like to eat?” You told them which entrée from the menu you wanted to eat. The server wrote down your request and then walked away.

Several minutes pass by and you have not received your food. You call your server back over and express your disappointment and anger because you are hungry, and he has not brought the food. Your server with a serious expression says, “Oh, I didn’t know you actually

expected me to bring it to you. When you asked, you didn't seem hungry." You retort back, "What? What do you mean? I came to a restaurant and ordered food. Of course I am hungry!"

The server continues, "Well, if you were hungry, I couldn't tell. Are you sure you are hungry?"

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:6 NKJV

If you are like me, you take on certain attitude and demeanor when you are hungry. It is clear on my face and in my tone that I need a snack. The same is true in prayer. There is an attitude we need to have. Have you ever gotten into a time of prayer and you were in a praying posture— maybe on your knees, hands folded, and head bowed—and you prayed and asked God something, but your mind was battling your heart? Chances are you walked away from that prayer time not anticipating God to do anything for you. Well, the problem in this situation is not God, but it is you, it is me, it is believers who are in an attitude of unbelief.

Jesus explains how we should pray. In Luke 11 Jesus tells a parable to the disciples of a person who visits a friend's home at midnight asking for three loaves of bread. At first the friend does not answer the door, but then Jesus explains why the friend does open the door.

I say to you, though he will not rise and give him because he is his friend, yet because of his **importunity** he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Luke 11:8-9 KJV

That word **importunity** according to the Greek translation means shamelessness and impudence. Jesus paints a picture of it. To put it plainly importunity is an assurance linked up with an attitude that says, "I don't care what anyone else thinks of me. I believe my God has given me this book idea, and I know by faith He is answering every question and empowering me for every situation in this process."

It is an attitude of the heart. It is an attitude of belief. Not repetitive praying, or praying certain words, or praying at a certain volume. But it is praying with an attitude of "I am thankful my Father always hears me and He will answer me!" It says, "I know without a doubt I will get what I asked for and do not care what others think of me for asking." From that place, you pray in belief, in faith.

Commit to a Writing Time

Maybe you have heard the common cliché: Writers write. Sounds simple, I know, but even as a professional writer of more than five years, I have learned writers do not write unless they make the time to write.

Life is filled with numerous obligations and distractions. Unless an appointment makes it into my calendar, I will forget it and miss it. This is why I have an unfinished book from 2009 and several more on the bookshelves of my mind.

You have to schedule your writing time the same way you would a dentist appointment. Because book writing is only for a season, not permanent, feel free to make changes and adjustments in your schedule.

Talk with your loved ones about your book writing plan and examine your daily schedule. Where can you give a block of time for writing? My recommendation is for you to start writing at least 30 minutes every day. As you progress through the Holy Ghost writing process, the time will increase.

With time commitments to both praying and writing your book, you have taken steps of faith, which will lead to publishing. The rest of the process hinges on these two practices.

Prayer

Father, thank you for giving the gift of the Holy Ghost. Thank you that He is with me and in me. I am not alone, and He will help, guide, and teach me. Thank you Father for revealing this book idea to me! I am grateful to partner with you to write a God-inspired book that will change lives. Lord, it is an honor. So Father, in Jesus' name, confirm within me by your Holy Ghost that you have called me to fulfill this book project. I thank you for Your confirmation. Also, Father Your Word declares that because I hunger and thirst after Your righteousness I will be filled. I declare I am filled with Your righteousness, and I am aligned completely with Your plans and purposes for the book. Thank you Lord for confirming me, filling me, and appointing me, in Jesus' name. Amen!

Step 2: Ideas, Vision, and Passion

A dear friend of mine who is a photographer and graphic designer constantly gets ideas about photo shoots, creative projects, and business offerings. She is so inundated by them that she made it a habit to carry a blue book with her everywhere she goes. If an idea came in the drive-thru line at Wendy's, she would reach for the blue book. Recently, she bought a smartphone and uses an app to notate her ideas.

Take a lesson from my friend. Since receiving your book project, I guarantee you have been having ideas—probably one right after the other. Start recording the ideas you are getting about your book. Those ideas can tie to different aspects of your book, such as the title, subtitle, chapter titles, illustrations, anecdotes, interviews, cover art and design, marketing and promotion, and the list goes on and on ... and it should. Ideas can come from many different sources:

- Prayer/Devotion time
- Dreams
- Other books
- Entertainment and art (TV, movies, paintings, sculpture)
- Every day serendipity and observations
- Conversations with other people
- Brainstorming or mind mapping

As you continue throughout the Holy Ghost writing process, you will continue to get ideas so be prepared to capture the nuggets the Holy Ghost is sharing about your book. Even if you do not know how to use the idea or how it relates to your book right now, you will eventually.

To capture your ideas you want methods that are accessible and convenient. The good thing is you can use more than one method like my friend I mentioned with the blue book. Personally, I would recommend the first method be an “old school” hardcopy version that requires a pen and paper and the second method should be electronic. Some examples include the following:

- Journal
- Notepad
- Smartphone app
- Voice recorder
- Electronic tablet
- Computer software program
- Online note taker

By recording your ideas, you will be able to review them and through prayer determine what God wants to use in your book project. Have fun! In this stage, you can be as creative, out-of-the-box, wild and free as you want to be. Go for it, and do not hold back.

Initially, some ideas may seem genius and brilliant while others may come across as silly, illogical, or irrelevant. When ideas come, do not judge or discriminate. Remove the reasoning

and analyzing. Save all of the evaluation for solid decision-making and editing your book. When we come to the end of the process, you will find you have ideas you did not use. It does not mean that the idea will never be used. Keep it stored unless the Holy Ghost tells you to discard it.

Fire Up the Vision

Our Father has vision. He thinks and responds in terms of His vision. Additionally, He is wonderfully a part of the details of His vision.

Write the vision and make *it* plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it.
Habakkuk 2:2 NKJV

God wrote His vision for believers by inspiration of the Holy Ghost into the Holy Bible. What is great is God has also written supplemental material by inspiration of the Holy Ghost through the books of others. Yours will be counted among them. But first, we need to know what role He wants your book to play. Let's apply the scripture to your book:

Write the vision and make it plain that you may **write your book** when you read the vision.
Habakkuk 2:2 (adapted)

What is God's vision for your book? What has He shared with you thus far? Do believe you know enough of the vision that you are able to run with it ... or in your case, write it?

In addition to the vision God has for your book, He has supplied a **passion**. In fact identifying your passion will help bring clarity and define the vision.

Cultivating Passion

Never fails. Anytime I see or hear the word passion, I envision red hot, zealous, unquenchable flames. For me passion is the heat, the fuel, the energy, and the light of a vision. Fire has degrees—it can range from warm embers to raging inferno. And so it is with passion.

When a fire starts, it is a flicker that has found more to consume and thus has grown wider, longer, higher. The width, length, and height of our book writing passion are up to us.

We have to know what is feeding our passion—inspiring us to write a book—in order to keep it glowing in the midst of downpours ... and yes, downpours will come. The first thing that feeds our passion is **people**.

Fueled by People

Our Father really, really loves them. Consider the passion of Jesus Christ:

For God so **loved the world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever** believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
John 3:16 KJV (emphasis added)

I look at the above scripture as the vision for why Jesus Christ was born in the Earth. His vision was coupled with His passion. Jesus fed His passion with people. The political leaders of His time questioned the people with whom He interacted, but Jesus knew the **whosoever**s in His passion.

When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: **I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.**
Mark 2:17 KJV (emphasis added)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the **meek**; he hath sent me to bind up the **brokenhearted**, to proclaim liberty to the **captives**, and the opening of the prison to them that are **bound**; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that **mourn**.
Isaiah 61:1-3 KJV (emphasis added)

He knew the people He came for—people who needed healing, deliverance from demons, awakened from the dead, restored eyesight, and broken hearts mended. Who are the people your book is appointed to reach? Who feeds your **book writing passion**? How has our Father described the people, **the readers**, of your book? Who are they? Have you met your readers? Do you know their fears ... struggles ... challenges ... woes ... hopes ... joys ... loves ... desires ... prayers?

People. Our Father really, really loves them. He has given you a people, a readership, and you must seek Him and receive answers to those aforementioned questions. Begin to pray in other tongues and write down any words or phrases that come to mind about your reader. Maybe you will feel an urge to sketch or paint your reader. Maybe you will want to create a collage or vision board of your reader. In whatever way you choose, begin to express yourself.

Moreover, research your target book audience.

- Read reviews on Amazon.com or Goodreads.com from books that are similar to your book's topic.
- Interview people you know who may be interested in your book.
- Travel to a nearby bookstore and notice other books on your same topic. Seek out people in the section of the bookstore where your book might be located and ask them questions.

Your book is a conversation with complete strangers, so take this opportunity to get comfortable talking to them now. Imagine you are the book. A person takes you out to his favorite coffee shop. He orders a tasty beverage and chooses a quiet space to read. Sitting down he takes a sip and opens you up and listens as you guide him through the answer to his problem. Do you hear how intimate and personal that experience is? This is why you have to make it your business to know as much about your reader as possible. Knowing your book audience will cause your passion to burn hotter as well as cause the flames to kick up on the next passion feeder: **purpose**.

Ignited by Purpose

The "whys" in life. Usually, a parent gets inundated with them around the time a child becomes age 2. It came seem annoying; however, the child is genuinely attempting to discover **the truth, the purpose** behind the function or cause of an event or object.

"Why is the sky blue?"

"Why do dogs bark?"

"Why do I have to eat spinach?"

Most children calm down the never-ending whys as they grow older. But me I became a news reporter, and of course, never outgrew asking why. In fact, it got tenacious. Telling the best story for my readers depended on me getting my whys answered.

Why? Because the answer to the why gives explanation, meaning, and **purpose**. The 1828 Noah Webster dictionary defines purpose as ...

That which a person sets before himself as an object to be reached or **accomplished; the end or aim** to which the view is directed in any plan, measure or exertion.

Jesus has a why. He has a purpose. "Father, why must I be crucified and raised from the dead? What is the purpose?"

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him **should not perish, but have everlasting life**.

John 3:16 KJV (emphasis added)

All of these new things are from **God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ** ... In other words, **God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ**, by not counting people's sins against them.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19 CEB (emphasis added)

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and **the end everlasting life**. For the wages of sin is death; but the **gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**. Romans 6:22-23 KJV (emphasis added)

The purpose, once identified and specified is a precious, beautiful gift from Heaven given to people. Your book is a gift from Heaven to your readers. **Ask the whys ...**

"Father, why must I write this book?"

"What is the purpose?"

"Why do people need to read it?"

"What is the **gift of God** You want to give to Your people—the readership?"

Telling the best story and writing the best book for your readers depends on you getting the whys answered. Your book writing passion possesses a clear, defined purpose connected to dearly loved people who need to be translated to a new **position**.

Combusted by Position

The final portion of your book writing passion is **position**. Your passion is fueled by people, ignited by purpose, and combusted by position. Webster explains position as “a state of being placed.”

You cannot tell immediately by looking at it, but this word **position** also implies translation. Noah Webster defined translate:

To bear, carry or remove from one place to another.

The people waiting to read your book are in a position—a state of being placed spiritually, mentally, and physically—where they do not want to be. They are seeking translation and heavily need and want their current position to **change** for the best.

What position will your book remove them from and carry them in to?

Think about your own life. Have you ever wanted to be removed from one place to another? I know I have. In fact, I spent most of my early 20s doing just that.

At 25 years old, I had experienced numerous unhealthy relationships and addictions in my life, and I wanted to change my position. But I saw no doors; even if I did, I did not know how to open them. So, I borrowed a book from the library- titled *Codependent No More* by

Melody Beattie. The book translated me from hopeless to hopeful, from frustrated to empowered, and eventually from Ohio to Arizona.

There is a power in books—especially when the Spirit of God is involved. In fact, plainly speaking, if the Holy Ghost is not involved, then the book is powerless. But with Him, dynamite power! Our Father used His power, His Spirit, when He raised Jesus Christ from the dead and set Jesus at His own right hand. When God performed this miracle, it changed the position of those whosoever who would believe in Jesus.

Who hath delivered us **from** the power of darkness, and hath **translated** us **into** the kingdom of his dear Son. Colossians 1:13 KJV (emphasis added)

And God **raised us** up and **seated us** in the heavens with Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:6 CEB (emphasis added)

Your book possesses the power to have the same effect on your readers' lives.

Where do you see your reader translated to spiritually, emotionally, and physically? What is the desired result they can experience through reading your book? Begin to pray in other tongues and ask the Holy Ghost to show you the readers' current position and the desired future position.

Passion Revealed and Vision Defined

Throughout the discovery of your book writing passion, you have been using His Spirit, the Holy Ghost, the same Spirit who raised Jesus Christ from the dead. That same Spirit is leading and guiding you into writing this book with dynamic, fiery power—a power that changes peoples' lives!

Now, link each piece of your passion together. You will see how it defines the vision for your book. Here is an example: "My passion to write this book comes from a Holy Ghost inspiration to see ...

- [**People**] for men over age 45 who have experienced heartbreaking divorces
- [**Purpose**] to encounter God's love and be healed and restored through prayer and reading the Bible.
- [**Position**] Then, my readers will change position from a place of downward despair to a place of victorious living."

Document your book writing passion in several places to serve as a constant reminder. Put it in your phone, journal, calendar, mirror, refrigerator, car visor, wallet and post-it note on your monitor. Your book writing passion is a foundation built on a rock. As you journey further into the Holy Ghost writing process, you will withstand every downpour, every

uncertainty, every fear, and every writer's block. This passion will re-fire you time and time again as you continue throughout the process.

Step 3: Plan the Work. Work the Plan!

Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on solid rock. Though the rain comes in torrents and the floodwaters rise and the winds beat against that house, it won't collapse because it is built on bedrock. Matthew 7:24-25 NLT

To this point, you have invested quality effort and time toward your book project, and you may be already starting to see fruitful results. Using the information you have collected to this point through prayer, research, and observation, we are going to form a plan to keep you organized and focused throughout the Holy Ghost book writing process. This plan is called a **book outline**. It is the tool to bring your ultimate vision goal into existence.

The book outline is your G.P.S. (God-positioning system) to lead, guide, and navigate you through the remainder of this book writing process. It will also help you when you hit tough times in the writing process. Although, keep in mind the plan can and will be adjusted. In fact, through spending time in prayer, some changes might have already taken place with your book project. This is great! It means you are getting God's plans, which will be blessed and successful and give Him the ultimate glory! The steps of the righteous are ordained or prepared by the Lord (Psalm 37:23).

Our Father does not start anything without knowing how it will finish. He is called Alpha and Omega, First and Last. Furthermore, the Bible says He is a God who operates in decency and in order, and these same scriptures apply to your book project. God is a master planner. He always provides the "how." Your book outline will reflect His "how."

Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. And **this is how** you shall make it ..."
Genesis 6:14-15 NKJV

When thinking of Noah and the ark, we have to remember Noah had never seen an ark before, nonetheless, built one. The same is partially true for you and your book. You have at least seen a book before, but you have not written one. Think about the faith and trust Noah had with the Father to create something that had never been made before. And look at the result—it was flawless and perfect! In all those 40 days and nights of flood, there was not one mention of a problem with the ark. How great is it to know the Father's plans always work and never disappoint!

The book outline usually becomes your book's table of contents, which is how I want you to think of your outline. Just as your outline lets you know what direction the book is going, a table of contents gives guidance to your reader about the contents and purpose of the book.

There are many ways to construct your outline; let the Holy Ghost guide you. The outlining stage of the book will bring more clarity to you about your book. Make sure to have

your ideas and notes nearby to give you reminders and inspiration. Also, look at examples of other books for ideas.

Does your book fit a how-to program format or a step-by-step guide? If so, then each chapter could be indicated steps, instead of stating “Chapter 2,” write “Step 2.”

- Step 2: The Step Up to Forgiveness
- Week 7: Overcoming Excuses

Also, your book can be divided into sections or parts to give further organization and direction. One example of an excellent book outline and table of contents is Rick Warren’s bestselling book *The Purpose Driven Life*. He uses a step-by-step guide, which is 40 days long. Each day is a chapter. Additionally, the book divides into sections, in which the titles explain an overview focus of the chapters in each section. Look at the books in your personal collection. Notice the table of contents and how they are organized.

Keep in mind the importance of the outline is to provide clarity and direction. Some outlines are highly detailed notes, while others are simple, high-level bullet points. Different personalities require different structure strategies. Create your outline with as little or as much detail as you need to start writing your content. As time goes on you can add, delete, and change it at the leading of the Holy Ghost. More importantly, you can now write according to the plan!

Working the Plan

Once your outline reaches a place of adequate detail, meaning you know your destination, it is time to revisit your writing time and address writing goals. In the beginning of the Holy Ghost writing process, you set aside a regular writing time, to which hopefully you have been faithful. A missed day here or there is not a big deal. The goal was to get you in the habit of showing up to your writing time and writing. With the application of your outline, your writing time now has more direction. In addition, we are going to create a road map to your ultimate vision goal.

Where are we going? And are we there yet?

Writing requires commitment. Some projects can take days while others span into months. In the process there will be highs, lows, and hums. The excitement will wane, and it is your commitment that will see you through toward the end. To avoid this we have to create a vision goal. Remember the defined vision? We are now going to tie that to a goal creating a vision goal.

Establishing goals for writing your book is the difference between "some day" and a published book this year.

Not all goals are success-driven goals. Many would-be authors make a goal statement, such as, "This year I will write a book." Then, on January 1st at 12:01am, they renew their declaration, "This year I will write a book." Why does this type of goal not work?

Strangely, a goal is like a woman in a long-term, romantic relationship, if you refuse to define its present condition and the hope and direction of its future reality, it's going to constantly stare you in the face and nag, "Where are we going? What are we doing?" Deny answers to those questions long enough and your goal, just like the woman, will walk on by and become a memory.

Establish Success-Driven Goals

A goal you can work and that works with your plan is a SMART goal.

S - Specific

M - Measurable

A - Attainable

R - Relevant

T – Time bound

I began using SMART goals as a fourth-grade elementary school teacher. If 9 and 10 year olds can master making SMART goals, I know we can! The SMART model is necessary in making the three book writing goals.

"Your goals are the road maps that guide you and show you what is possible for your life." Les Brown

No. 1: Determine your vision goal

In the previous chapter we defined the vision. The vision goal is the big goal or the main goal. It is the ultimate desire in the heart of the Father given to you. For the most part, the vision goal would be to publish a book. However, this goal is not SMART. Using the vision from chapter 2 we will draft a vision goal.

Make it SMART: My vision goal is to publish a book ...

Specific: ... for men over age 45 who have experienced heartbreaking divorces to encounter God's love and be healed and restored through prayer and reading the Bible. Then, my readers will change position from a place of downward despair to a place of victorious living.

Measurable: I will research and write for one hour daily for five days a week.

Attainable: This is doable and fits into my schedule.

Relevant: I know God has gifted me to write this book, and it will bring joy to my life and others who struggle with depression.

Time bound: I will publish my book on Dec. 1, 2013.

No. 2: Create a series of mini-SMART goals that lead to the vision goal.

Once you know your destination, you effectively can map out how you are going to get there by creating mini-SMART goals. Doing this will reduce fear and worry. Another technique I learned while teaching fourth graders is backwards planning—planning with the end in mind. This technique may help in deciding what mini goals to create. Ask yourself the question: What has to happen for my vision goal to become reality? What task do I have to do? What step do I have to take? What decision has to be made?

For example, one step back from publishing is paying the publisher or printer. Another step back is choosing a publisher. Another step back is choosing how to publish (hardcopy or digital). So for these circumstances, the mini-SMART goals could be as follows:

- Research publishing/printing methods for my book genre and category by July 20th.
- Decide on publishing/printing method by August 1st.
- Identify 3 potential publishers/printers by Aug. 15th.
- Decide on a publisher/printer by Aug. 20th.
- Save 20 percent from each biweekly paycheck into a separate account to pay for the publishing/printing.

This process may seem long and a bit laborious, but the more work you do on the front end of the writing process, the smoother it will be to accomplish your dream and avoid roadblocks.

No. 3: Establish relationships with individuals and groups that will provide support and accountability.

After I set goals, I feel very accomplished. However, if I never share those goals or talk about them with someone else, then it is just another list I can tuck away and forget about. But if I find likeminded people who can encourage me, coach me, inspire me, and mentor me, then the sense of accomplishment I feel from making the goals, will pale in comparison to when I actually achieve my goals.

Visions are not achieved by lone rangers. It takes teamwork to make the dream work. It is not surprising that some of my closest friends are also book writers. We pray for one another, share writing tips, boost each other's esteem, and sharpen one another's skills. Even if your friends are not writers, seek out a group in your community or online that will provide you with support and accountability. If one does not exist and you have the time, create the group yourself. LinkedIn, Facebook, and Google+(plus) have online writer's groups available.

Part 2: WRITE Now!

Take a deep breath ... now, give a victory shout, because you have accomplished more than what most want-to-be authors have! Hallelujah! I want you to know how proud of you I am! You have committed to this process and have made some great strides toward the goal. Let's look at what you have accomplished so far:

- You connected with your reader.
- You owned and honored your ideas.
- You prioritized prayer and God's will.
- You ignited your book writing passion and defined the vision.
- You made a writing schedule and stuck to it.
- You created an outline.
- You created book writing goals.
- You are WRITING!

Please take the time to enjoy the small successes of this journey. It is a wonderful time for you to get to know the Father in a different way and learn more about yourself. Such a precious season in which to be!

In Part 2, you will activate and exercise every step you worked on in Part 1. Get your fingers ready; it is your time. Say it right, WRITE Now!

Step 4: Write, Pray, Repeat

"We are what we repeatedly do, excellence then is not an act, but a habit."

Aristotle

At this point you should be entering a consistent, habitual cycle of prayer and writing. My prayer is that you have heard from the Holy Ghost specifically about your book, and you are committed faithfully to your writing time.

Right now touch base with yourself. You and the Holy Ghost take a moment to assess the process so far and the road ahead. Is there any one of the prior steps you need to revisit? Is there anything that needs to be adjusted in your outline? Is your writing schedule working for you?

If changes do need to be made, do not panic. Make the changes. Move forward. Receive the peace of God. Got it? Good! Let's get into a writing groove.

The objective of step four is to pray and write without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Ideally, I would want to write until the first draft is complete—skipping meals, sleep, tasks, and obligations, but this is not my reality. I am sure it is not yours either. So, we have to be creative and tenacious about completing the first draft. For the first draft your focus is to finish it. Your focus is not the following:

- Editing
- Revising
- Rereading
- Looking up scripture, facts, and statistics
- NOT writing

I repeat: Your focus is to **finish** the first draft. There is time later in this process to do all of the above. But this is not that time.

For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.
Ecclesiastes 3:1 NKJV

While you are writing, you will come across passages in your manuscript where you will want to add information, such as statistics, references, scripture, and quotes. Instead of stopping your writing flow, make a brief note in the manuscript to remind you when you get to the editing process. Make a brief note. For example, in my manuscripts I use brackets to serve as reminders:

- [insert scripture about Jesus turning water to wine]
- [get stats on number of businesses started each year]
- [insert quote about perseverance]

Simple and easy. I have enough context, so when I come back during the editing process, I can insert all needed information. But in case you are a perfectionist and detail-oriented, then you are like me. Maybe you cannot help but to do the activities I listed above. In which case, get a timer and set it for five minutes to do all those wonderful, detailed tidbits. But when it dings, get back to the focus: finishing the first draft.

Make the Most of the Time

Got your writing groove? I hope so, because consistency is a powerful tool. But now, I want you to consider lengthening the amount of time you write. My hope is that you have gotten so excited about writing your book that you are taking advantage of every open increment of time you can snag for writing. If this is you, keep going! If it is not you, then consider building momentum. You have your set writing time and that is great, but is there any other time in your day when you could be writing? Can you ...

- increase the frequency of your writing time, such as going from 30 minutes to an hour?
- wake up earlier?
- find a babysitter?
- use your lunch breaks?
- take advantage of “empty” time, such as waiting to be seen at an appointment?
- try dictation software?
- schedule a day off from work?

Clearly, doing all of these may not be feasible, but even finding an extra five minutes of writing time makes a difference. Why is this so important? Remember those people you identified and connected with in part one of the process? Well, they are waiting on you. God gave you a message to deliver to them. As His faithful servants, we must do all we can to get it to them. Let’s not delay God’s gift to them. Certainly, your readers will rejoice when they hear the message.

Step 5: Praise. Press. Write.

Ever had a not-so-good day? Me too! You feel heavy and unproductive—and the last thing you want to do is write. Or you get stuck and the words just will not come out. Many people call the condition “writer’s block.” In my opinion, block is another word for mountain or wall. If we look at two examples in the Bible, mountains and walls do not stand up against the plan of God. They have got to move or fall in Jesus’ name!

For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Mark 11:23 KJV

So the people shouted when the priests blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. Joshua 6:20 KJV

Your book is a plan from God, so you will overcome writer’s block! (Romans 8:37) Here are a few methods.

Praise.

Stop writing your book. Yes, I did say that. Stop writing your book for a moment. Give God praise! There are multiple ways to do this: You can shout, dance, sing, make a list of what you are thankful for, tell Him what He means to you, jump, spin, play a song for Him, draw a picture for Him ... whatever it is, express your gratitude and adoration toward Him with complete abandon.

Keep in mind your writer’s block could be caused by a spiritual hindrance. (This is not the case all of the time.) You are writing a God-ordained book, so the devil will try to distract you or discourage you using negative thoughts or external circumstances around you.

... for we are not ignorant of [Satan’s] devices.
2 Corinthians 2:11 KJV

Recognize what is happening and respond as an overcomer in Christ Jesus with praise and thanksgiving to God. Your praise will confuse the enemy and remove burdens from you. When you are ready, return to your book and write again.

Press.

The definition of press according to the 1828 Noah Webster's dictionary:

To urge or strain in motion; to urge forward with force.

I **press toward** the mark for the **prize** of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:14

Some writer's block battles are naturally based. For instance, maybe you do not feel well in your body. The brain needs certain nutrients to operate effectively. If it is not getting the energy it needs, it might drag sluggishly. Take a snack break or possibly have a meal. Below is a list of foods that can help improve your brain processes and give you energy.

- Walnuts
- Berries
- Salmon
- Spinach
- Dark chocolate
- Avocados
- Water
- Wheat germ
- Beets

Furthermore, if your body is tired or sluggish, it is possibly due to a lack of physical activity. Writing is a non-physical activity that requires physical stimulation from time to time. Of course, you should get regular physical activity for overall health reasons, but taking a brisk walk or enjoying a recreational activity can jolt you out of writer's block. Additionally, completing an activity or exercise will boost your confidence and sense of accomplishment, which will aid you in finishing your first draft.

Also, you need to rest. God designed sleep and promised sweet sleep for a reason: To be re-energized and refreshed to continue your work.

... yea, thou shalt lie down, and thy **sleep** shall be **sweet**.
Psalm 3:24 KJV

The **sleep** of a labouring man is **sweet**. Ecclesiastes 5:12 KJV

Do not deprive your body unnecessarily. There is an urgency to finish your book, but not at the detriment of your health. God loves you and does not want you in distress. Get some much needed rest and write again.

Write.

“What do you mean write? I am writing.” I mean, write *something else*. Take a break from writing your book and write something else, preferably a creative piece. Reshuffle your mental processes and shake up your thinking. Usually creative writing enhances your writing voice and use of language. You may uncover an innovative way to explain or describe a step or method in your book. The possibilities are endless, especially when you have the Holy Ghost giving you those “witty inventions.”

I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions.
Proverbs 8:12 NKJV

God is our Creator, so He is the author of creativity. Have fun with Him for while. Then, return to your book and write again.

Writer’s block is an annoying distraction from the enemy. Do not put up with it or accept it! Fight the good fight of faith and praise, press, and write your way to the other side of the difficult moments. The blocks, mountains, and walls have no other choice but to fall flat at the name of Jesus.

Now [Jesus] is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come.
Ephesians 1:21 NLT

Step 6: Perspective and Imagination

Perspective. It is an abstract concept that Webster defines as follows:

To see; A glass through which objects are viewed.

Our perspective as Christians allows us to see through the same glass as our heavenly Father. We need to look at the people, projects, and pursuits in our life the way He does and from where He does.

The perspective with which we understand and respond ought to come from our position in Jesus Christ. As an author see your book from your position in Jesus Christ. View it the way the Father does. We have a Father who is the champion of turning nothingness into something vibrant and lively, and He calls it good. Imagine what He is doing with your book!

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw the light, that *it* was good.
Genesis 1:1-4 NKJV

The pages of your book looked like the earth before God got a hold of it—blank, empty, lifeless. But now, with His guidance and direction, you are putting together a book that will shine light into someone else’s darkness, bring order where there is chaos, spread knowledge where there have been lies, and provide understanding to replace confusion.

Your book is not meant to be hidden. When God created the light, He did not try to cover it up. The sun and the stars continue to shine brightly throughout the universe. Set your book out as a light to be seen.

No one, when he has lit a lamp, puts it in a secret place or under a basket, but on a lampstand, that those who come in may see the light.
Luke 11:33 KJV

If you have not already, start sharing your book writing process with others. Have conversations with friends and family about the book. Post snippets from the book on your social media accounts. Start a blog and post passages or chapters of your book. Begin building a buzz about your book.

If sharing the book makes you uncomfortable, refer back to your passion and vision. Look over those notes. Get a renewed understanding of your book. It is going to bring help, hope, and healing. This is the perspective you need to hold on to while you finish your book. It will give an extra boost to your soul. Additionally, it will spark your imagination!

Imagination

Being a child in grade school I always had at least one teacher who would say, “Use your imagination.” God gave us an imagination—a tool. He did it so we would use it to fulfill His will in the earth. At times it seems like imagination has become a dirty word in our culture, but that is only because there are people who have used their imagination to think into existence evil, abusive, perverted, and destructive inventions. However, as Christian authors that is not the case with us. Our imaginations are good and perfect gifts.

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.
James 1:17 NKJV

Pastor Sean R. Moore, pastor of Faith Christian Center in Phoenix, Arizona, breaks down the word imagination like this “nation of images.” When put in those terms an imagination led by the Holy Ghost can produce greatness. Combine perspective and imagination and see through the Father’s looking glass and your imagination will begin to soar to higher levels—heavenly levels.

In Isaiah 55:9 it reads, “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.” What I love about this scripture is that though His ways and thoughts are higher, it does not tell us they are unobtainable. Consequently, with the Holy Ghost, we can know His ways and thoughts! When we grab a hold of the Father’s perspective, His innovative and ingenious imagination is sure to follow.

As the author, you will begin to imagine several components of your book. Here are a few:

- Cover design
- Website
- Supplemental material, i.e. workbooks, journals, devotionals, etc.
- Speaking events and seminars
- Book reviews
- Your next book

Imagine. What else can you imagine? Now, write down what you see and what you hear.

Part 3: Finishing Strong

Finishing is better than starting. Ecclesiastes 7:8 NLT

Our goal in Part 2 was to finish the first draft. We applied some methods to keep us writing and writing and writing. Hopefully, you have completed your first draft. But if not, it is OK. I encourage you to press forward to the finish. Interestingly, it seems the home stretch can be the toughest.

When my husband ran his first half-marathon, he bolted out of the starting gate at the beginning of the race. Later, we met at the halfway point, and he was in a moderate pace run. But near the finish line, I saw him move from a gradual pace to a dashing sprint. What got into him? Even though he was aching and exhausted, seeing the finish line re-ignited his passion and propelled him forward. Do you see the finish line? Do you feel the wind of the Holy Ghost kicking up within you? Write, write, write!

In Part 3, we are going to dive into the fun and pleasure of editing your first draft. Your first draft will be reviewed, refined, and revised. All the activities you held off doing while writing the first draft, you will complete in the next step.

Step 7: Editing

Before you pass your first draft to a professional editor, you will complete four rounds of self-editing. The same Holy Ghost who helped you write will help you edit. Invite Him into the process.

Round 1: Full Read

You have just typed the last word and punctuation mark on your first draft—inhale and give God a shout of praise! Congratulations!

Now, take time away from your manuscript. Go do something else. I recommend 1-2 days for this break, and then return back to your regularly scheduled writing process.

When you return back to the manuscript, I suggest printing it out and getting a colored ink pen or pencil. During a full read, the goal is to completely read through your entire manuscript and make high-level comments and notes.

What Not to Look For

In this round of editing, the main focus is not on the details, such as punctuation, misspellings, sentence structure, grammar, etc. As with before, if you are not able to ignore giving attention to these details, set a timer to address them, and then go back to editing.

What to Look For

The main focus is on the content. How do the words sound and flow? Do they sound like words you would say? As you are reading, read aloud. Hear the words. Maybe you will think of adding a quote, a scripture, a diagram, or an interview. You may already have those notes for addition mentioned within the manuscript. For new ideas that come to you, like before, make a brief note, such as “add quote” or “tell story about XYZ,” and keep it moving. Or maybe you will want to remove a passage. Scribble “remove” near the content or strike a line through it. Then, keep on reading. Also, a sentence may not sound right. Do not try to fix it. You can write the word “rephrase,” or circle it or draw a star to bring attention to it.

After you have completed the full read, set the manuscript aside and return to it at your next scheduled writing time. Or if you are on deadline or just an excited go-getter, get started on round 2.

Round 2: Add-Ins

In round 1, you made brief comments on things you would add in to your manuscript or remove from it. Back in your word processing software, make these changes to your manuscript. Once you have added and removed all the desired content, save your document and close the program.

Round 3: Proofread and/or Copyedit

Depending on your personal understanding and knowledge of grammar and punctuation, you may use this round to proofread or copyedit or both.

Proofreading is looking at the basics: spelling, capitalization, punctuation, omitted words, etc.

Copyediting is proofreading all of the above while also reflecting on sentence structure, word choice, and organization.

For this round, I suggest re-printing your manuscript so you can make editing marks. The proofreading or editing may be done in blocks of time over one to three days. Once you have edited the document, return back to your word processing software and make the changes. Please note: If you are on a deadline or feel more comfortable, conduct the entire editing process via your word processor, instead of hardcopy.

Round 4: Peer Edit

Print or electronically send your document to a friend, coach, or writing partner so they can review your book. Explain to them you have finished writing your book, and you want to get sincere and constructive opinions. This person will make comments on the content and depending on his or her understanding and experience with editing may proofread and/or copyedit. Ask to have the document returned within 1-3 days or whatever timeframe works best. If you like, you can set down with your peer editor and have a book chat—go over their comments and discuss them in-depth.

After reviewing the comments, the pen is back in your hand to make author decisions. An author decision is when you consider another person's suggestion and choose if it will be inserted in your document based on the potential to maintain or enhance the integrity of your book's content.

Once you complete the four rounds of self-editing, you have some options. You can repeat the process or repeat one of the rounds in the process. Whether you repeat a round or not you are ready to pass your document to a professional editor who will prepare your document for publishing. It is crucial to have your document edited professionally. There are errors you will miss, and a fresh pair of eyes will catch those mistakes. Even as a professional editor, I seek out an editor to give my manuscript the final polishing touch. Depending on the services the editor offers, he or she also may format your book for publishing.

Conclusion: Writing Wrap Up

Seven steps ago you did not know how to write your book. But look at you now—**you are an author!** Congratulations on graduating from just saying it to writing it. The best part is you did it with excellence; you did it with the Helper and Guide—the Holy Ghost. I have no doubt there are more book ideas bubbling up within you. The Holy Ghost writing process gives you a no-fail guarantee that you will write more excellent books. All of God's blessings to you as you continue in faith with publishing your book.

About the Author

LaToya Rosario was born a writer. For as long as she can remember, LaToya has always listed writer as her career goal ... and write she has!

Graduating with a B.S. in journalism from Ohio University, she traveled in newsrooms giving birth to stories on deadline for four and half years at local newspapers, such as *The Dayton Daily News*, *The Battle Creek Enquirer*, and *The Springfield News-Sun*. Following that LaToya shifted her focus toward education reform and joined Teach for America. While teaching in a Title IX district, she molded the spongy minds of 26 fourth graders in Phoenix, AZ. During that time she focused on enhancing the classroom writing curriculum and building a passion for writing within her students. Then, LaToya donned business casual attire and some heels to till corporate cubicle farms as an internal communications specialist for TriWest Healthcare Alliance. There, she honed her skills in media and public relations and communication strategy.

In the midst of all that vocational variety, LaToya was led to her God-given purpose. While freelancing as a writer and editor for entrepreneurs and small businesses throughout her many career roles, LaToya noticed she was inspired by helping others write and edit. At the leading of the Holy Ghost, she resigned from corporate America and chose to volunteer full-time at her local church Faith Christian Center in Phoenix, where she served as a writer and editor for most church departments. LaToya created an organization editorial style guide, implemented an editing system, and trained other volunteers on writing and editing for ministry.

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