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10 Disturbing Ways God May Use Your Writing Workshop (Beginning and Intermediate Writers)

You have a plan for your writing. You have goals and dreams. God does, too. What happens when they don't line up the way you thought they would? In this workshop, you'll learn ten disturbing ways God may use your writing gift, how to survive the disconnect between your plans and His, and why how you handle the disconnect matters. Warning: This is a disturbing workshop. Be prepared to leave unsettled. You've been warned.

Blogging – Beyond Platform Continuing Class or Workshop (Beginners thru Advanced Writers)

Blah, blah, blah, blog. Is that how you feel when people tell you that you should be blogging? So, you're stalling. Or maybe you have blogged and it hasn't worked out the way you'd hoped. God may have a purpose for your blog beyond building a platform. I'll teach you some key steps that will make the experiencing of blogging useful for both finding your voice and locating the people God wants you to reach. You'll leave the workshop with a vision for you blogging that goes beyond platform, a deep understanding of your target reader, topics for your next thirty blogs, and a host of tools to revolutionize your blogging experience. (Prepare to get personal with a room full of strangers.)

How to Tell the Story Only You Can Tell Continuing Class or Workshop (Beginners thru Intermediate Writers)

God's story has intersected with your story, and that intersection is the place of your testimony. You're bursting to tell others about the work of God in your life but you're not sure how. Everyone at home tells you to write a book but is that the only avenue for delivering your story? In this workshop, you'll learn tools for determining your message and developing the best vehicle to deliver it. Using this method, you'll not only know how to tell your story but you'll have a head start on finding your audience, speaking with agents/editors, and marketing.

The Art of Hard Conversations – In Writing Workshop (Beginner thru Advanced Writers):

You have a tough message to deliver to people who may not want to listen. How do you engage them without compromising truth? How do you invite skeptics into your worldview? How do you exhort, confront, or correct other Christians without engaging in a meddling or preaching? This workshop will give you concrete writing techniques and behind the scenes heart strategies for engaging in hard conversations in writing.

Creative Hearts Ascend: Soul keeping for the Creative Christian Continuing Class or Workshop (Beginners thru Advanced Writers)

Nurturing a creative soul in the context of a relationship with Jesus is an art. It takes time, discipline, and a heavy dollop of strange. In this class, we'll use several psalms from the Psalms of Ascent as a launch pad for exploring issues of faith and creativity. Topics include Making Peace with Creative Tension, Transforming Suffering into Art, Accepting Strange Travel Companions, Nurturing and Protecting Your Creative Mind, Reverent or Risky – decisions every Christian creative must make, and more. Learn techniques for surviving the writing life with your soul intact. Discover how to tell, write, and share your story in the way that works for you and to the people God's meant for you to tell.

How Hobbits Learn to Market Their Stories Workshop (Beginners thru Intermediate Writers)

If you prefer to remain in your safe hobbit hole writing while ignoring the world, if you break into a cold sweat when you think about marketing, if you think self-promotion is akin to a root canal, this is the workshop for you. Learn some secrets and strategies for understanding that this activity that sounds suspect is God's way of helping

you find the people who need your message and will respond to your voice. Learn from a hobbit who made the leap and learned to love the adventure.

The Secret Ingredients for Elephant Repellent Workshop (Beginners thru Intermediate Writers):

Discover the process for creating killer titles and devising compelling openings for your non-fiction writing. Warning: This workshop will feel like fun but stretch first, it's work and we don't want anyone to cramp up.

Should I Just Quit and Go Home? Workshop (Beginner thru Intermediate Writers):

Most writers face this question more than once on the road to their writing dreams. Learn the questions to ask when it hits you that will lead you into truth. Discover strategies for managing writer angst from one who took twenty years of work before seeing her first book hit the stands. You will come away with renewed hope (or at least a pack of tissues)

Credentials:

Author of two non-fiction books: *Running from a Crazy Man (and other adventures traveling with Jesus)* and *Jesus and the Beanstalk (Overcoming Your Giants and Living a Fruitful Life)* (both endorsed by Jerry B. Jenkins and winners of The Director's Choice Awards at Blue Ridge Christian Writers Conference (2015 and 2017). Author of one slipstream novella, *Red Pen Redemption*, nominated for a Selah in 2016.

Author of an award-winning blog since 2008. Lori's blog was named one of the top 100 Christian blogs in 2015. One of her posts has been read by over 2 million readers and another was shared over 27,500 times on Facebook.

Faculty at Blue Ridge Christian Writers Conference 2015 and 2016. Faculty at New England Christian Writers Retreat 2014, 2016, and 2017. Faculty at Cec Murphey's Writer to Writer Hershey, PA and Murfreesboro, TN 2015.

Speaker for Christian women's retreats and events including Iron Sharpens Iron for women, By Design speakers retreat, and at Singing Hills Conference Center. Member of AWSA for Christian women.

Books have been **endorsed** by Jerry B. Jenkins, Alton Gansky, James L. Rubart, Edie Melson, Vonda Skelton, Mike Duran, and Tim Shoemaker among others. **Published** for years prior to the books in poetry, newspapers, church play books, and magazines such as Discipleship Journal, Today's Christian Woman, Thriving Family, Celebrate Life, and Christian Reader.

Bachelors of Arts in Psychology and Biblical Studies from Barrington Christian College (now merged with Gordon.) A **trainer** in my day job (with families at risk of abuse or neglect) on motivational interviewing and relationship building. A former teacher of creativity classes, listening skills, supporting change, and building community for the YMCA. **Bible study teacher** for women for over thirty years in church and less conventional settings such as a karate school and a high school Sunday school teacher for over thirty years.

Jesus follower since age four. **Former homeschool mom** of two adult children. **Wife** to Rob. Part-time giant slayer. Not available for children's parties.

References:

Alton Gansky, Gansky Communications
Edie Melson, Co-Director of Blue Ridge Mountain Christian Writers Conference
Karen Porter, President of AWSA
Lucinda Seacrest McDowell, co-director of New England Christian Writers Retreat
James L. Rubart, Author/Speaker
Suzanne and Shawn Kuhn, SuzyQ and Writer to Writer Conference

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