

New Thing Creations

The Coaching Philosophy GOD gave me

i have been a writer for as far back as i can remember.



Since i was a little girl, i dreamed of books with my name on them lining bookstore shelves. i wanted my words to matter. i wanted to impact people. i wanted people to know my name.

And then it happened. **i co-authored my first book in 2015. i went to the local Books-A-Million and found my book on the bookshelf.** i had a growing blog that was reaching more than 30,000 people a month. But it never felt like enough. i needed to do more. i needed to *be* more. i wanted to get to the next level. Or it would all go away. i was miserable.

i remember telling GOD one day, "If this is how ministry has to be done, if this is what it means to be a writer, i'm out. Show me a different way."

And He said, "Let it go." What? "Let it go?!" But i had worked so hard. Really? Let it go?

Slowly He worked on my heart. When i finally "let it go," HE took my ministry in a completely different direction. i let go of the blog that was reaching thousands. i let go of my long-held dream of future traditional publication. i let go of trying to be the darling of the Internet.

Today, it is GOD's blog, not mine. HE revealed to me that HE didn't want to obliterate me. HE loved me. HE just wanted me to acknowledge my proper place — subject to HIS authority and leading. Because that is where i'd find joy. Because HE is Joy!

He was so right (as usual).

GOD edited and published my second book, Invisible Wounds, leading me literally step by step through the complicated process of non-traditional publishing. i could not have done it without HIM.

GOD is bringing me to uncharted places with HIM — unfamiliar, odd places. Places that are wonderful, but require my constant dependence on HIM. HE is using the words HE is giving me. It's so much better when HE puts words in my mouth instead of me trying to put my words in HIS.

i'm not called to try to get millions to "Like" me. my job is to simply follow GOD's leading and love and encourage the ones He puts in front of me. He's teaching me to follow, wherever that leads.

Your journey with GOD is going to look different than mine. What's amazing about GOD is that He is so creative in how He uses and leads each one of us.

my concern is that we so often look to webinars and experts. We try to follow models of success that worked for others. We measure our worth and impact in terms of followers and comments.

Formulas are a subtle attack of satan on our individuality. It leads us to depend on experts instead of looking to the ultimate EXPERT. GOD's path is not formulaic or cookie cutter. It requires dependence. There's no guaranteed outcome. We can't put GOD in our box.

satan wants to make us all the same. he wants to rob us of our uniqueness and draw our focus away from HIS leading. If HE leads you to an expert, great! It's because HE wants to use him or her as part of your unique path.

But we should be looking to GOD first and only to provide direction.

GOD was getting His message out and accomplishing His purposes for centuries and all without the help of the "experts," webinars or social media.

HE is not limited by our ability to be engaging, appealing, witty or "Share-worthy."

Paul didn't have to have a Facebook page to change lives. The Proverbs 31

woman didn't need Pinterest for people to take notice of her skills. The disciples and other writers of the Bible didn't have a book deal. They just followed the HOLY SPIRIT's leading and He used their obedience to change the world.

My question is this: What would it look like for us if we quit chasing and started following?

What if we quit trying so hard to gain followers and began following the lead of history's greatest Storyteller? *Whatever that means. Wherever that takes us.*

This is the perspective and philosophy GOD has given me that is the entire foundation of my writing coaching.