

## Choose Your Own (Writer) Adventure

What kind of writer do you want to be?

Usually when we think about this question, we focus on what we want to *write*.

Books	Articles	Poetry	Screenplays
Short Stories	Fiction	Non-fiction	

**Don't forget about THE WRITER. We forget to give as much time and attention to our HEARTS and SOULS and MINDS as we do to the thing we create. Today I'm going to talk to you a bit about how this is upside down...and how to turn it right-side-up.**

**How can you view each stumbling block as a choice—an opportunity? You do not control those circumstances, but you DO control your reaction to them.**

## What Kind of WRITER will you be – take 2?

Is this your passion? Hobby? Ministry? Job?

## What Kind of Writer Are You Among the Industry

## What Kind of Writer Will You Be to the Public?

Social Media

Direct interaction – emails

## When the Negative Comes

How will you react?

Give yourself time in private to laugh, cry, yell, etc.

Consider writing an email BUT leaving the “to” field blank

Have a trusted friend to vent to, and who will read actual emails for you before you send

The dangers of venting to a whole group

## Avoiding Burnout

It *will* come. But it doesn't have to be long-lasting. Manage your expectations and know your reasons for what you're doing.

Know your pace

Know your limits

Know your strengths

Know your weaknesses—and guard your heart against the spiritual ones

Community – so helpful, but also remember that comparisons can sneak in

## The Bottom line – but not the Finish Line

What CAN you control?

How can you keep your focus where it should be?