

5 Reasons Christian Writers Can Have Hope

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1. God is sovereign.

In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will. (Ephesians 1:11)

God is sovereign over all the events of our lives. We can rest in this.

2. God's plans can't be thwarted.

I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. (Job 42:2)

Everything God intends to do with your writing will happen. Nothing can keep God's plans from being accomplished.

3. God's Word never returns void. It always accomplishes God's purposes.

So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:11)

Whether we're quoting Bible verses in a non-fiction blog post, article, or book or weaving biblical principles and worldviews into our fiction, God's Word will accomplish the purposes for which God ordained it.

4. God's plan for your writing may look different from your plan, but because God is good, His plans are, too.

As for God, his way is perfect. (Psalm 18:30)

Sometimes the builder builds the house. Other times the house builds the builder.

5. God's Timing Is Always Perfect

Making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ. (Ephesians 1:9)

“But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship” (Galatians 4:4-5).

As God put all the pieces into place to send His Son into the world, we can trust Him to put all the pieces in place before He sends our writing into the world.

Hope Begins with Surrender

If God called us to write, He also called us to trust Him with our writing. We must hold our desires and abilities up to Him as an offering to do with them what He wills. For some, this will mean a book contract and writing “success” by measurable standards. For others, it will mean a lifetime of humble obedience, even when we don't see measurable results.

A Prayer of Surrender

Lord, with open hands. I offer up to you the gifts, talents, passion, and desires you have given me. Use them as you will, for others' good and your glory. Help me trust you in all things. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I pray, amen.