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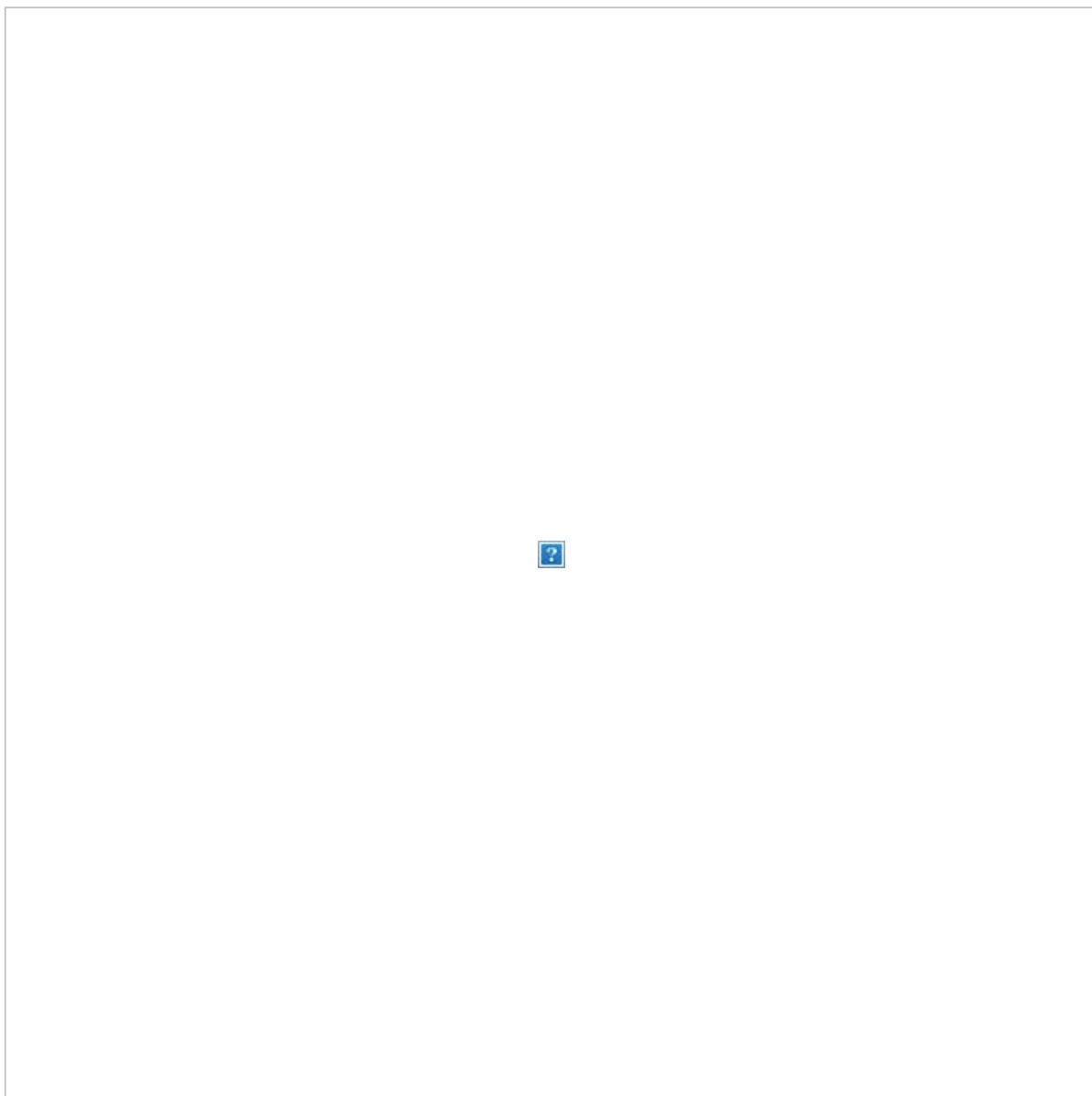
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Hi conferees -

Some important "news you can use."

- Bios and photos of all our faculty are now on the conference website and can be accessed at <http://colorado.writehisanswer.com/facultymarkets2016>.
- Barb Haley has updated her wonderfully helpful charts of the editorial needs, areas of expertise, and paid critiquers/genres with the latest info from the faculty.
- The appointment request form can now be accessed at <http://colorado.writehisanswer.com/registrationacknowledgment2016>.
- Before submitting your appointment requests, please study the helps you'll find under One-On-Ones on the conference website. They include:

[Appointment Procedures](#)


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- Check out the offer from my friend, Terry Whalin, for [Book Proposals that Sell](#). Regularly \$15, Terry is making his 184 page book available for only \$8 (plus shipping) and he is including three bonuses.
- Take time to read my message below. You will be encouraged. If you receive it a second time, please forgive me. I simply don't have time to keep comparing the conference roster with my 2600 name Constant contact list, and I want to make certain you all receive it. I really am on overload and would appreciate your prayers.

Serving Christ and you - Marlene



**Doors!**  
**Are they open or closed?**

As many of you know, the first book I wrote was "returned" (that's a kinder word than "rejected") 42 times over a five-year period. Finally, at the [St. David's Christian Writers Conference](#) the 43rd editor expressed interest. A little over two months later, I signed a contract.

But what if I had not persevered? What if I had concluded that God obviously must not have called me to write? What if I had given up?

- Eight other books would never have been written or published.
- I would have never known the joy of serving on the faculty of over 70 Christian writers conferences or giving my one- and two-day Write His Answer Seminars over 50 times across the United States.
- The Greater Philly Christian Writers Conference that I founded would not be in its 33rd year of ministry.
- I would not have had the opportunity to begin directing the Colorado Christian Writers Conference 20 years ago.

I will always be grateful to my pastor who urged me to go to the [St. David's Christian Writers Conference](#). He answered my objection that we couldn't afford it by paying my way. Friends stepped in to take care of my two children. And the rest, as they say, "is history."

But this is not about me; it's about our amazing God who promises:

*His mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of -- infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes.* - Ephesians 3:20 TLB

It's about how He enables me to do what I could never do in my own strength. It's about how He continues to transform my self-doubts and fear that I won't measure up (after all, I'm only a high school graduate) into a dependence on Him.

*This is my work, and I can do it only because Christ's mighty energy is at work within me.* - Colossians 1:29 TLB

So, what about you? If doors appear to be closed, or worse still you feel they have been slammed in your face, will you give Him your discouragement? Will you choose to trust Him? Will you listen to His still, small voice rather than the loud accusations of the evil one that you're not good enough, smart enough, gifted enough . . . ? Will you keep on keeping on in His strength and for His glory?

What if all the doors you've been trying to force open seem to be padlocked? If so, will You ask the Lord for wisdom - for the key? Perhaps it's indie publishing. I am convinced that "for such a time as this" God's hand is in the technology that enables writers to get the



words He has entrusted to them out to a needy world. At both the Colorado and Greater Philly Christian Writers Conference we are offering a continuing session on indie publishing to help attendees determine whether this is their best option and, if so, to teach them how to publish their work affordably yet professionally.

## Conference Updates



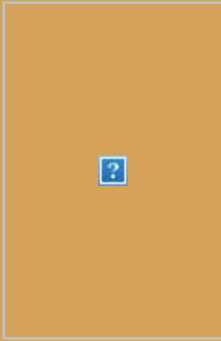
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faculty members for the [May 11-14 Colorado Christian Writers Conference](#) are now online. Thank You, Father, for their willingness to come and invest in the Kingdom work You will accomplish through our conferees. And thank You, Father, for the incredible job Barb Haley has done in compiling charts of their editorial needs, areas of expertise, and genres for paid critiques.

I'm trusting Father will help me finalize the faculty for the [August 3-6 Greater Philly Christian Writers Conference](#) and to begin posting info on the website that my friends at [Celebration Web Design / SKWD Associates](#) have redesigned to display on mobile devices. They will again be offering a discounted price at both conferences. I am so, so grateful for their expertise and ministry heart.

*And let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up.*

- Galatians 6:9 TLB



"Even those of us who have been publishing for years go through times when we need encouragement and a refocusing of our perspective. Marlene provides both through *Write His Answer*. I appreciate the fact that she takes us into God's Word to spend time with Him as well as sharing her own struggles to let us know we're not alone."

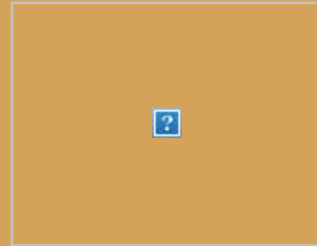
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