

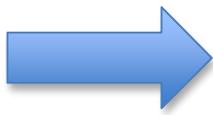
The Pursuit

Seeking HIS Purpose for your Writing

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Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us **throw off** everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us **run with perseverance** the race marked out for us. Let us **fix our eyes on Jesus, the author** and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame; and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2



Pursuit 1: Let us THROW OFF everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

What do I need to “throw off” that might be hindering me from writing for His purpose?

- Pride
- Seeking fame
- Self doubt
- Fear
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What do I need to “put on” to write for His glory and praise alone?

- Humility
- Surrendered Heart
- Heart of Worship
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Pursuit 2: Let us RUN WITH PERSEVERANCE the race marked out for us.

What does “running with perseverance” look like for you in your pursuit of a writing ministry?

What do you think He has “marked out for you” —just for you—in your writing?



Pursuit 3: Let us FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS, the author and perfecter of our faith

What does “fix your eyes on Jesus” look like for you in your journey right now as you pursue your dream to write?

The story behind the book: An Author, Agent and Acquisitions Editor

And God raised us up with Christ and SEATED US WITH HIM in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:6–7 NIV)

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Jesus says I’m seated with Him. I have a place at the table. I can stop fighting to prove my worth. Because I’m seated at the table, I’m invited to gaze at the head, Jesus Christ, and allow Him to set me free from both self-exalting and self-condemning behaviors. I’m seated in a place that invites God’s provision. I’m seated in a place that allows me to bear fruit for God’s kingdom.

I was not living as one who had a seat at the table. I lived as one fighting for a seat at the table. It was as if God said to me, “Heather, you can stop fighting so hard. You already have a seat at the table. You are already there. Now start living like a seated person.”

What I needed desperately to understand was this: I’m seated. I have a place at the greatest table the world has ever known. I belong. I’m in my seat, and I’m responding to specific instructions from the Lord about the “good works that he has prepared in advance” for me to do as promised in Ephesians 2:10.

The words in Ephesians 2:6 constitute a profound message of inclusion, calling, and identity: “And God raised us up with Christ and SEATED US WITH HIM in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus.”

(Read more about Heather’s journey of surrender before she had her book published):

<http://heatherholleman.com/2015/08/how-my-publishing-dream-came-true/>