

TAYLOR'S TIPS for a more productive you...

Dear Friend,

Sometimes change is easy. Sometimes change is hard.

Sometimes we choose change. Sometimes change happens whether we like it or not.



Our lives could look like that meandering river pictured above. Our finances might take a turn to the left, or maybe a turn to the right. Our love life might look good one day and not so good the next.

Our writing world might look promising today and tomorrow not so bright.

Whatever happens in our life, there is one constant: **CHANGE**.



We need to embrace it, enfold it, hold it close to our chests. Why fight it?

I've tried fighting change. I've railed, I've cried, I've stomped my feet and screamed out loud. Did it do any good? Nope. Change still happened.



Maybe there are some changes you are looking forward to? Maybe there are changes in your future that you will eagerly embrace? That's the spirit! Look for ways to love change. Make change a big part of your 2012. Institute little changes (like getting up an hour earlier to work on that manuscript), and larger changes (like sending out 4-6 manuscripts a month for possible publication), to even bigger changes (like attending a writers conference to talk to editors and agents).

You can do it! Change can be exciting and exhilarating. Breathe it in. And when good things happen to you because of changes you've made, pat yourself on the back. You've taken a step forward. Rejoice.

Happy writing and blessings on your work.

And **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

Follow your dreams...

B.J.

I admit it. I didn't get everything done that I should have over the Christmas holidays. I wanted to get my third and final *Sunny Side Up* e-book on Amazon and B&N but it isn't done yet. My bad.

These two are still available. The first is *SUNNY SIDE UP: Inspiring Stories for WOMEN*, where you'll find uplifting and encouraging narratives about life as a mom, wife, sister, friend, and more. In *SUNNY SIDE UP: Inspiring Stories for TOUGH TIMES*, you'll discover how others have tackled their problems head-on with faith and hope.

WOMEN on Kindle: <http://amzn.to/tchBTI>

WOMEN on Nook: <http://bit.ly/uNwVSC>

TOUGH TIMES on Kindle: <http://amzn.to/oWyIIO>

TOUGH TIMES on Nook: <http://bit.ly/q7bNTG>

Did you get an e-reader for Christmas? GREAT ! If you didn't, you can still read e-books on your computer with Kindle for PC: <http://amzn.to/dk8GIF>

Also still available:

"The Complete Guide to Writers Groups That Work"

Kindle <http://amzn.to/qDh28y>

Nook <http://bit.ly/qZTHIX>

In Print through Amazon: <http://amzn.to/n3wS5D>

If you'd like to write a review after reading any of my books, I would absolutely love that! *Thank you!*

What's Happening...

Mount Hermon Christian Writers Conference March 30 - April 3, 2012. This premier conference has been geared for writers at all levels: freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior. Rachel, the conference director, has made it easy to find just the right classes to help you to better your craft. Come to Mount Hermon to meet, to learn, to refresh, to pray. <http://mounthermon.org/adult/professionals/writers-conference>

Southern California's BEST:

Antelope Valley Writers' Conference May 4-5, 2012 Guess who's the keynote speaker? Cec Murphey! You won't want to miss this one! Put it on your calendar and plan to attend. Learn more than you thought possible about the writing world, mingle with others who share your passion, come away rejuvenated and refreshed. Join us. www.avwriters.com

Orange County Christian Writers Conference May 18-20, 2012 This conference has tons of learning opportunities, from intensive workshops, faculty panels, dining with faculty, consultations with those in-the-know, and much, much more. You get to meet these people up close and personal. They'll share with you their knowledge and expertise. Come with an open mind and learn, learn, learn. www.occwf.org

See you at one, or maybe all three!

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