

TAYLOR'S TIPS for a productive writing career...



Dear Fellow Writer,

My newsletter last month stated how busy April had been for me. I was looking forward to a slightly less hectic month of May (just one speaking engagement on a Saturday and that was it). But....

GOD HAD OTHER PLANS

Early in May my bestest friend Susie called. She and I go back to the days when we were legal secretaries in Wisconsin. She lives in Arizona now and had a weekend free. Could she and her husband come over? *Of course!* We played golf (Susie's on the right in the photo above), went out to dinner, had brunch oceanside at Las Brisas, and chatted until the cows came home (okay -- that's a Wisconsin term -- couldn't resist). And then later in the month my son and his wife came over (also from Arizona) and brought our granddog (no kids...just dogs). We also had a fabulous long weekend together.

So did my May turn out like I had planned? Nope. Would I change it? Nope. I **LOVE** my family and friends to pieces.

So, have you ever had in your mind how something -- a story or a book you are writing -- was going to begin and then also knew how it would end? But then it doesn't turn out anything like what you thought it would. Why? Because...

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I've started so many projects, particularly book projects, where I could feel the finished product in my hands, I knew how the cover would look, what the inside table of contents would say, what the reader would see on the back jacket, how it would look on a bookstore shelf. For one

reason or another, none of the book projects I started came to fruition. All that hard work put into writing a full proposal, synopsis, and sample chapters was lost. Like my month of May that didn't go quite according to plan, my writing hasn't gone according to plan either. Was all that work for naught? Nope...

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I can't believe it, but years after giving up on some of my work, the ideas have been resurrected. But not in the old way that I envisioned them. This time in a new way, in a style of writing I wasn't real sure about, in a form that is challenging me and pushing me to new heights.

But God knew I was ready. He'd given me the tools from writers conferences, writers group friends, classes, and reading that I have done. He's prepared me and has now asked me to go forward and produce.

I'm ready for the challenge of taking an old idea and making it fresh, marketable, and ready to sell.

Will you join me in looking at your old work in a fresh, new way? **Ask God what plans he has in store for you.** And then be open to what he shows you.

Happy writing and blessings on your work.

What's Happening...

Not much this coming month....just kidding! Actually, I have a lot of work ahead of me writing a novel that I'm truly excited about. This is a step forward into a new direction and I am thrilled. I'm walking by the sight of Jesus as he leads me down this path. I'm holding onto his hand as he leads the way on this journey. I can't wait to see where we're going to end up!

Follow your dreams...

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