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CHRISTIAN COMMUNICATORS CONFERENCE

Dainis and I had an amazing trip back to TX in July. We had the chance to visit with college friends from Houston and a high school friend we had not seen in years. I had the opportunity to share my story on both a radio and internet based tv show. Then, I had the opportunity to attend my first in-person conference and meet many of the women I had only known virtually up until this point. The conference was set in Ft. Worth and was designed to be a small personal speaker's conference and was the perfect first conference for me. Not only did I learn a lot, make new friends and connections, and walk away with life long memories, we also did three minute video reels for event planners and took professional headshots. I am thrilled to have these new resources. Now that my book is published and I am fully recovered from my surgery, my goal is to continue sharing my story as a speaker locally or virtually on zoom. I have already had some opportunities to share through CTCA and a stroke survivor group at SWAN Rehab but thankful for other opportunities that are coming my way. I will have the opportunity to share my story with another stroke support group September 8th, be a speaker for a virtual conference on Sept. 17th, and share my story on zoom with the Brain Injury Alliance Group on October 16th. I am very excited about each opportunity and hope my story will bring hope and encouragement to each person that hears it.

A NEW COMPILATION

I am very excited to be part of a new book coming out at the beginning of October, with 29 other authors, titled *Radical Abundance: More Than All We Can Ask or Imagine*. It is a compilation of devotionals, and I am very excited to be a part of this very special project. It is being published by Abundance Books. The editor and main person in charge is an amazing woman, currently serving as a missionary in Africa. I will have the opportunity to share my story next week with her on her podcast.

OTHER WRITING OPPORTUNITIES

Along with still marketing my book and working on the draft of book two, which is a 31-day devotional, I have had the amazing opportunity to submit my stroke story and devotionals in order to be a part of four different compilations, all being published in the next year. The above compilation will be out in October, another compilation of devotionals will be out in February, a book written by stroke survivors to encourage others will be out in time for Stroke Awareness month in May, and the last devotional will be published early next year. I am grateful for all these opportunities to share my story, and this not a path I ever thought I would be on. I have learned a lot in the past year and excited to see what the future holds.

CANCER TREATMENT CENTERS OF AMERICA (CTCA)

I continue to volunteer weekly at CTCA and love that I have had the opportunity to connect and support other patients based on my own medical journey and experiences. I currently conduct a creative writing / journaling class where I provide journals and writing prompts for both patients and caregivers. They can decorate a ready-made journal or be creative and make their own. The point of this time is to offer another chance for the patients to connect, feel supported, and learn that writing is one more way to find healing in their journey. I have also started a 4-week Bible Study series at the hotel that many of the patients stay at while in town for treatment titled "Discovering God's Purpose During Your Medical Journey". It is one more opportunity for them to have connection, support, and fellowship on what could be a lonely medical journey. CTCA may use my book as a book club in October.

PODCASTS, ZOOMS, BLOGS, BOOK SIGNINGS, AND SPEAKING

Part of my marketing campaign with my new book that published in March titled *CHOICES: When You Are Faced with a Challenge, What Choice Will You Make?* is to continue sharing my story on podcasts, zooms, and blogs. I just had the blessed opportunity to tell my story on the 19th podcast. You can find those on my website or clicking on this link.

<https://lorivober.com/interviews-and-podcasts-1>

If you are a podcaster, host a zoom, or have a blog, I would love to talk to you! World Stroke Day is coming up on October 29th so I will be sharing stroke awareness facts on social media throughout the month of October, sharing my story, and hosting book signing events at Barnes and Noble on that day.

I am finalizing my speaker one-sheet now, which is like a resume for speakers to event planners. I hope to send that with my new three-minute video reel to local churches soon.

CHURCH BIBLE STUDY

Bible study starts back in-person at church on Tuesday morning in September, and I am very excited to see all of the ladies and get back into that routine. I will be leading a table again. The church is still deciding if they want to offer a ZOOM Bible study option this year.