



Something  
happens when  
I pray that  
doesn't when  
I don't.

-Unknown

**THE PATHWAY TO PRAYER**  
**JANUARY 10-30, 2022**



# THE PATHWAY TO PRAYER

## Writing Seminar

September 23 & 24, 2021

- What Is The Pathway to Prayer
- What Is A Devotional?
- What A Good Devotional Might Look Like
- Turning A Sermon into A Devotional
- Our Timeline
- Where Do We Go From Here?



# What A Good Devotional Might Look Like

1. Main Scripture or Bible Story
2. Illustration
3. Application
4. Power Point (key takeaway)
5. Think (1-2 quotes)
6. Reflection (3-4 questions)
7. Supporting Scriptures (2-3)
8. Fix My Prayer Life\*
9. Journal space
10. Prayer



# What Is This?



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## Does this help?

*Marseille*  
*Montaigne*  
*Mouffetard*



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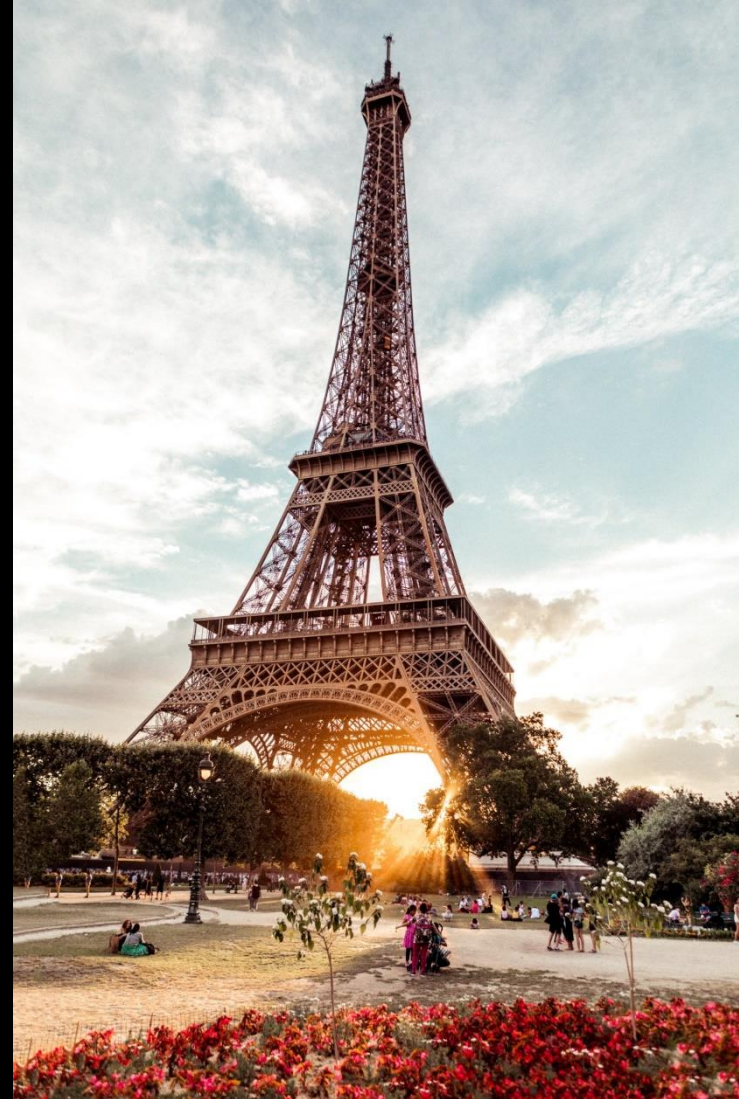


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# Turning A Sermon Into A Devotional

1. Identify the point and get to it!
2. Explain the Scripture/story in a concise, succinct yet compelling manner.
3. Offer a “fresh”, unique way of connecting the Scripture to a human need or experience. [Make the story the reader’s story!]
4. Provide a hook!
5. Tell the people what they NEED to know in a dynamic way.
6. Paint the “picture” – turn ears into eyes!
7. Avoid blind spots.



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8. Point out the next step (issue a call to action).

**An attitude to change**

**A perspective to adopt**

**A sin to confess**

**A conflict to resolve**

**An example to follow**

**An act to perform**

**A mistake to prevent**

**A command to obey**

**A truth to embrace**

**A promise to claim**





# Turning A Sermon Into A Devotional

## 9. Write tight!

**Don't count words; make words count!**

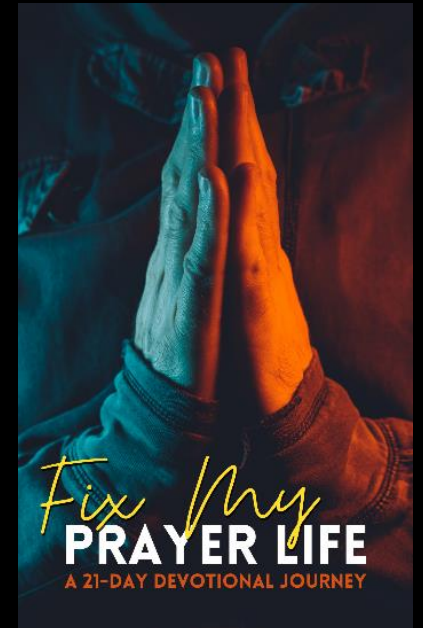
Editors *continually* tell us *writers* that we need to learn *how* to 'write tight.' What *exactly*, does that *phrase* mean? How can authors *like ourselves* learn the craft of tight writing?

## 10. K.I.S.S. – *Keep It Simple Sir!*



# Our Timeline

September 16	<b>Initial Pastor's Information Session</b>
September 20	Submission of Potential Material
September 23/24	<b>Writing Seminar</b>
October 1	Penultimate Submission
October 1-15	<b>Editorial Work</b>
October 16-31	Design and Formatting
November 5	<b>FINAL REVIEW</b>
November 10	Submit for Publishing
November 15-30	<b>Pre-Order</b>
December 30	Delivery
January 10-30	<b>The Pathway to Prayer Devotional Journey</b>
January 30	Victory Sunday



# Where Do We Go From Here?

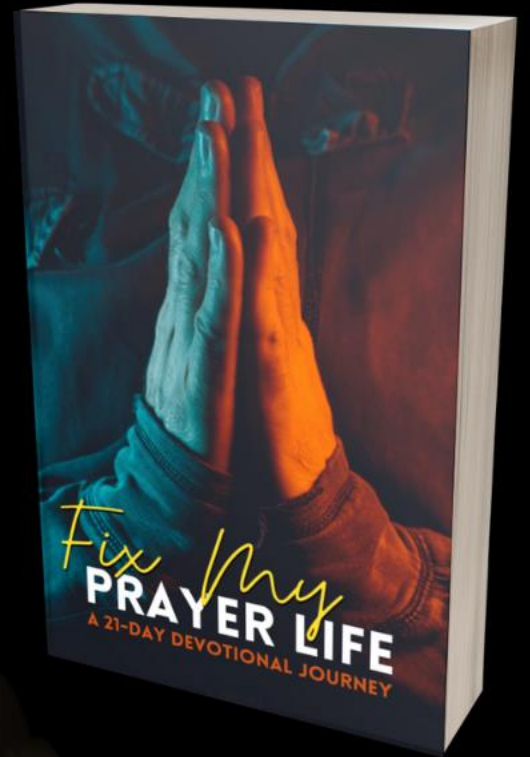
1. Pray daily for The Pathway to Prayer, the process, and the authors.
2. SUBMIT REVISED DEVOTIONALS by October 1.
3. Select a devotional coordinator for your church [training session TBA; submit name by October 15].
4. Nominate one person from your church to the Pathway Prayer Team [training session TBA; submit by October 15].





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