WHY EVERY PASTOR SHOULD WRITE A BOOK

Carrying Your Message Beyond the Pulpit and Beyond Your Years

How to Write and Publish Your Book · Book 1

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Preface

Every pastor has been given something to say.
You did not invent it. It was given to you. It came in the place of prayer, in the study of the Word, in the years of serving people, in the things the Lord taught you when no one was watching.
And you have been saying it. From the pulpit. In the counselling room. At the graveside. At the wedding. In the small meeting on a weekday evening.

But hear me.
The pulpit has a door, and the door closes.
The service ends. The people go home. The sermon that stirred the room on Sunday is a memory by Wednesday. The ones who were not in the room never heard it at all.

I know this, because I have stood where you stand.
I began my journey into writing in 2008. It took me three years of study, research and preparation before I published my first daily devotional, *Light for Champions*. I have since written more than 120 books. And every step has taught me

this: the call to write is not a call for the few. It is part of the call of the pastor.

This book is not about how to write.
It is about why.
Why God writes. Why He commands His servants to write. Why your message must go beyond your pulpit and beyond your years. And why the men whose books shaped me are the proof that a written word can carry a ministry further than a voice ever will.

If you have ever said, "One day I will write a book," this book is for you.
If you have never thought you could, this book is for you.
If you have the notes, the sermons, the revelation and the testimonies, and they are lying in drawers and on old phones, this book is for you.

May these pages stir the gift in you.
May they turn your "one day" into today.
And may the word God placed in you reach people you will never meet, in places you will never go, in years you will never see.

Take up the pen.

— Emmanuel Mukisa

CHAPTER

1

God Writes, and He Commands His Servants to Write

What God speaks, He commands to be written.

Before we speak of your book, look at His.

At Sinai God did not only speak. He wrote.

"And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God" (Exodus 31:18).

Hear it: written with the finger of God.

He took what He had spoken and set it where it would remain after the thunder had stopped and the mountain had gone quiet.

And before ever the tables were given, He had already given His servant the same work.

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua" (Exodus 17:14).

The Hebrew word for write is *kathab*. The word for memorial is *zikkaron*: that which keeps a thing in remembrance. And the word for book is *sepher*: a scroll, a written record. In the Hebrew it is "the book".

Hear what God was saying. "Moses, the victory over Amalek is not only for today. Write it. Make it a memorial. Put it in the book. Read it into the ears of the next leader."

Joshua was standing there. He had fought the battle. He did not need to be told what happened. But the generation after him would. So God said, Write.

Moses obeyed. "And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD" (Exodus 24:4). Again the Lord said to him, "Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel" (Exodus 34:27). A covenant was written. A law was written. A history was written. A song was written. The first five books of the Bible came through the pen of a man who once told God he was not eloquent.

David wrote.

He did not only sing in the field and play before Saul. He wrote. "My heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer" (Psalm 45:1).

The ready writer. In the Hebrew it is *sopher mahir*: a skilled scribe, a quick and practised hand. It is the same phrase used of Ezra: "This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses" (Ezra 7:6).

David's worship, his lament, his praise, his prophecy of the Messiah: all of it would have died with him if he had only sung it. Because he wrote it, the Church still sings it.

And David knew who he was writing for. "This shall be

written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the LORD" (Psalm 102:18).
Written for a generation not yet born. Read by a people not yet created.

The prophets were told to write.
"Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book" (Jeremiah 30:2).
"Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it" (Habakkuk 2:2).
Hear the order in Habakkuk. First, write it. Then, make it plain. The Hebrew word is *ba'ar*: to make distinct, to set out clearly. Then, the one who reads it runs with it.
A vision that is only spoken can only be heard. A vision that is written and made plain can be carried, and run with, by people the prophet will never meet.

The apostles wrote.
Paul could not be in Corinth, in Ephesus, in Philippi, in Colosse and in Rome at the same time. So he wrote. And he told the churches to pass the letters on: "And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans" (Colossians 4:16).
His letters went where his feet could not go. They are still going.

Luke wrote, and he told us why: "It seemed good to me also, having had perfect understanding of all things from the very first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus, That thou mightest know the certainty of those things, wherein thou hast been instructed" (Luke 1:3–4).
John wrote, and he told us why: "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31).
And from the throne of heaven, the risen Lord said to John on Patmos: "What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven churches" (Revelation 1:11).

Now hear the Lord Jesus Himself.
When the devil came to Him in the wilderness, He did not argue. He said, "It is written" (Matthew 4:4).
In the Greek it is one word: *gegraptai*. It is the perfect tense. It means it was written, and it stands written. The writing was done long before, and it was still standing when the Lord took it up and used it.
That is what writing does. It stands.
A word spoken is heard and passes. A word written stands, and can be taken up again, by you, by your sons, by a stranger in another nation, by a believer who has not yet been born.

So when you write, you are not doing something new.
You are walking in the oldest pattern in the Book.