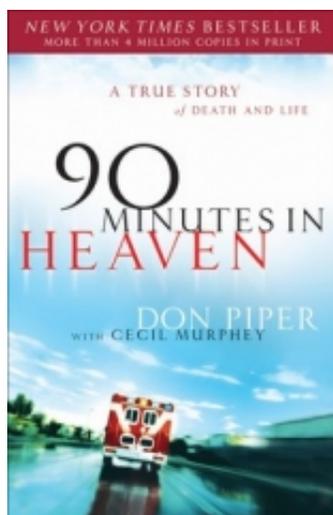


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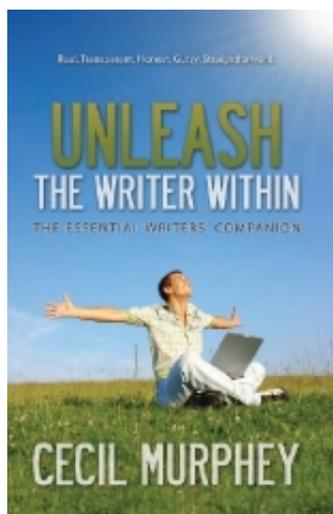
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Good news for fans of *90 Minutes in Heaven*: Filming for the movie begins in early 2012.



Who Am I?

I wonder how many times during my life I've pondered, "Who am I?" I first asked when I was 21 and in searching for the answer, I met God and my life changed.

That's when I realized that my life had meaning and I had purpose. But occasionally, the question arises again. *Who am I?* Isn't that the struggle most of us have all through life? We wonder if we'll ever figure it out. (We won't.)

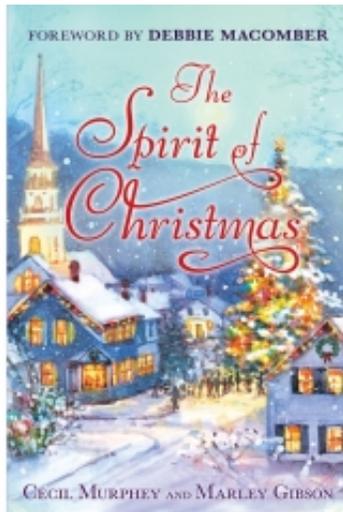
Many times I've turned to Dietrich Bonhoeffer's poem in which he agonized over his identity while he was in a Nazi prison. He wrestled with whether he was a hypocrite—pretending to be a stalwart believer while trembling inside—or if he was truly the heroic Christian his guards observed. Here are his closing words:

*Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine.
 Whoever I am, Thou knowest, O God, I am Thine.*

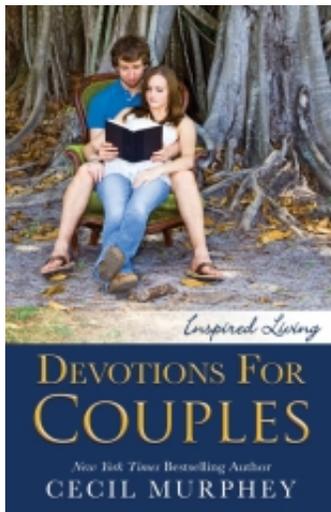
Like most people, I've changed identities many times in relationships. I was Sam and Annie's boy or Ray's kid brother. I've named myself through my occupation. At various times I've been a public school teacher, a missionary, a pastor, a professional writer, and a public speaker. Or I could refer to being a husband, father, grandfather, and now a great-grandfather.

None of those categories fully define me. But perhaps the intensity of the query isn't to give myself a satisfying answer. Maybe searching for an answer keeps me self-examining, which is another way to speak of

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growing.

Bonhoeffer's words bring me peace because God accepts me as I am. Yet the lurking uncertainty has a positive effect. As I define myself, I can use that as a starting place to make life adjustments. I don't have to remain who I was or who I am today.

Perhaps that's why this issue continues to jump into my life. It's not only to embrace who I am, but also to make me aware that who I am right now is no longer whom I want to remain.

Maybe the better question is, "Who am I becoming?"

Personal News

By the time you receive this, I'll be in Kenya, East Africa, with my grandson Michael Hege. He wants to see where his mother grew up and I'm delighted to have an excuse to return.

At last! We've sold the movie rights to [90 Minutes in Heaven](#) and the producers will start filming "early in 2012."

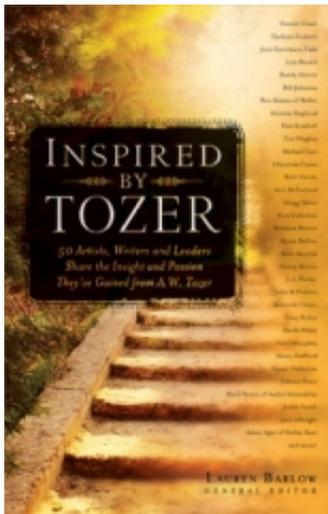
[Unleash the Writer Within](#) is now on sale. It's not a how-to-write book; it's to help writers accept their uniqueness so they can become better writers.

[The Spirit of Christmas](#), a compilation book by Marley Gibson and me, is already in the 3rd printing, even though it has been on sale only a couple of weeks.

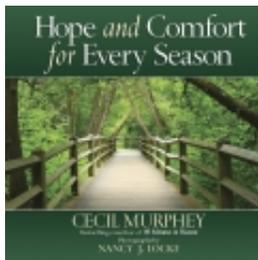
Barnes & Noble picked up the first of my Inspired Living series for a 4-week exclusive with their eReaders promotion, beginning December 12. The first title is *Devotions for Couples*. They will cross-promote the series with my compilation book [The Spirit of Christmas](#).

A.W. Tozer, a highly respected pastor and writer, died in the early 1960s but his influence lives on. I first "met" Tozer through his book, *The Pursuit of God*. Regal Books has released [Inspired by Tozer—59 Artists, Writers and Leaders Share the Insight and Passion They've Gained from A.W. Tozer](#). I'm delighted to be one of the contributors.

The Twila Zone—Words from My Assistant, Twila Belk



Cec is delighted to be a contributor to the newly-released *Inspired by Tozer*.



Special offer: Order 10 or more copies of *Hope and Comfort for Every Season* from Twila and you'll pay only \$2 per book and get free postage.

It's finally time to unleash [Unleash the Writer Within](#). For a sneak preview of Cec's long-awaited book for writers, [click here](#). For ordering information, [click here](#).

I have several cases of Cec's beautiful 4.6 X 4.6 inch gift book, [Hope and Comfort for Every Season](#), and that means a good deal for you. If you order ten or more copies of the book from me, I'll offer them at \$2 each, plus free postage. The book makes a nice giveaway for churches or organizations. It's also perfect for use in gift baskets.

Here's more about [Hope and Comfort for Every Season](#): Illuminating the wisdom of Ecclesiastes 3, Cec shares life-changing insights and messages of comfort and hope alongside beautiful photographs of the changing seasons captured by Nancy Locke. Illustrations from life, intimate prayers, and inviting images create a sanctuary to be revisited many times and in many seasons by those who need comfort, renewal, inspiration, and the promise of a new day.

Speaking of gifts, Cec's new book [The Spirit of Christmas](#) is great for the teachers, pastors, caregivers, postal workers, newspaper carriers, dog sitters, and hard-to-buy-for people on your list.

On Thursday, December 15, at 9 p.m. ET, you can join Cec and Marley Gibson, as well as contributors to [The Spirit of Christmas](#), for an online Christmas chat with The Knight Agency. The authors will take questions and give away copies of [The Spirit of Christmas](#) and other holiday treats. To get to the chat room, click on <http://client1.sigmachat.com/sc.php?id=115545>. Enter any combination of username and password. (Your computer must be Java enabled to chat.)

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