

You Can Write!

Workshop: E514

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Devotion Writing Worksheet

Passages:

1. Psalm 23
2. Matthew 14:22-36
3. Philippians 2:1-18

Instructions:

1. Pray!
2. Read the Passage (more than once if time allows)
 - a. Pray!
 - b. What is the context?
 - c. What other passages support it?
3. What life example can you use for a hook?
4. What application will be your focus?
(Use: S-P-A-C-E-P-E-T-S)

Share:

1. Share your ideas with one another.
2. Give feedback if welcome – always start out with the positive.

Simple Ways to Make your Writing Better: (from *The Art of Spiritual Writing*)

- Be as clear as possible.
- Be as compelling as possible.
- Tend to the Details – structure, tone, grammar, and word choice.
- Don't write down to your audience.
- Include the audience.
- Don't lecture.
- Take the shorter route to the point.
- Don't describe, evoke.
- Include sensory details.
- Use concrete specific details.
- Use adjectives and adverbs sparingly.
- Use active not passive language.
- Develop an ear for clichés, jargon, and uninteresting language.