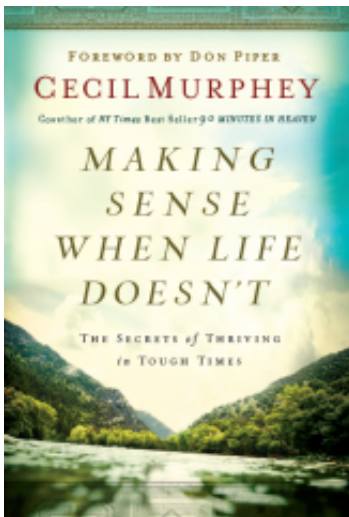




Cecil Murphey
WRITER * SPEAKER * TEACHER * SURVIVOR 



Cec says, "When my life doesn't make sense, I have one statement that I say to myself, and it works: 'Who am I to think that I should be immune?'"



"Angels are everywhere. If you've ever doubted their existence, all you need do is read these true life accounts from those who have encountered these heavenly

Revealing Character

In July, I did a book signing at the International Christian Retail Show. One man handed me his copy and as I wrote he said, "I saw you last year."

I smiled and focused on writing his name.

"One of your friends did a signing, and she called out to you to break through the line for one of her books. You shook your head and went to the end of the line."

When I gave him the book, he gripped my now-free hand and said, "That tells me a lot about your character."

I've thought about that sentence quite often in the six weeks since that event. I'm a man of words. I've always been good on my feet; my list of publications shows I can put thoughts on paper.

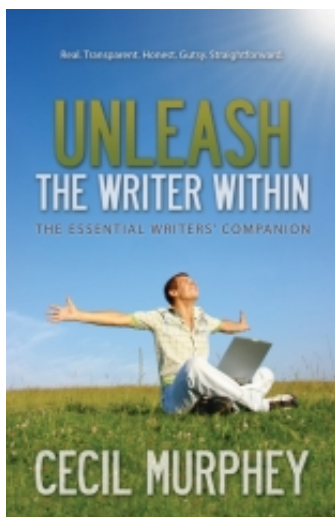
I've realized how powerful words can be. I also need occasional reminding that words aren't everything—in fact, they may not be as important as our actions.

We know the adage, "Actions speak louder than words," and perhaps like me, you need reminding of that from time to time. I label myself a serious Christian, and I'd like people to grasp that significant part of who I am.

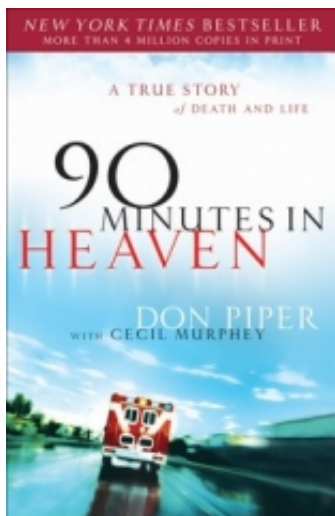
I chose to live my faith by my behavior and let my actions love and my words become few. I first began to move in that direction the day of my dad's funeral. Just before the service started, a woman rushed up to my mother, my siblings, and me. For several minutes, she quoted one Bible verse after another—and punctuated each with a cheery word of praise to God. I knew she was trying to console us, but the verbal ballast did nothing for me. I kept wishing she'd stop preaching and move on. I also wondered if my

beings. Their stories will inspire, encourage and touch your heart with the assurance God is willing, ready and able to work in the lives of His children."

(Debbie Macomber)



Is it time for you to unleash the writer within? This book and www.cecwrightowriter.com are great helps.



Do you or someone you know have a story similar to Don Piper's? If so, Twila would love to hear from you.

zeal for God sometimes came across like that. Since then, I've tried to edit my oral words.

Although my behavior hasn't always been consistent with my faith, I still believe I made the right choice. Some will disagree with me and probably quote Bible verses to dissuade me.

And perhaps for them, the words are more important. For me to be an authentic Christian, I'll stick with my decision.

Personal News

- By the end of this month, Twila and I expect to turn in our manuscript for our book *I Believe in Healing*. We're both working on the follow-up book called *I Believe in Heaven*.
- Radio and blog interviews continue for my book [*Making Sense When Life Doesn't*](#). September 10–12, I'll make a trip to South Bend, IN to appear on the *Harvest Show* and drive to TNL studios in Aurora, IL for an interview there.
- I'll keynote and teach at the [Maranatha Christian Writers Conference](#) in Muskegon, MI September 24–28.

The Twila Zone—Words from My Assistant, Twila Belk

Guideposts posted *Angel to the Rescue*—one of the stories from [Heavenly Company: Entertaining Angels Unaware](#)—on their website. [Click here to read it.](#)

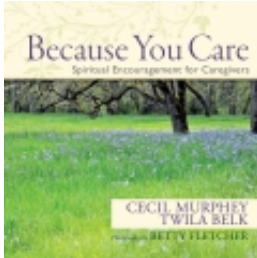
Want to know more about [Making Sense When Life Doesn't](#)? Here's what a recent reader said: *"This is not a book by someone telling you how to 'get over' the situation or 'buck up'. It is the heartfelt, gut-wrenching type of life lessons that cause you to examine parts of your life that you didn't realize were broken and open your eyes to the possibility of moving on as a stronger person. This is a book I want to reread every year."*

Kathy Carlton Willis Communications is in the process of setting up a blog tour for [Because You Care: Spiritual Encouragement for Caregivers](#). It will run the first week of October. Would you like to take part? [Click here for more information.](#)

Regal Books has asked us to compile a book called *I Believe in Heaven*. It will include stories such as Don Piper's in [90 Minutes in Heaven](#) as well as near-death experiences . If



Here's a sneak peek of *Not Quite Healed: 40 Truths for Male Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse*, coming in February.



Would you like to be involved in a blog tour for *Because You Care*? See the Twila Zone for details.

you or someone you know have a similar story, please [email me with a few details](#).

We'll have news about Cec's second book for writers soon. In the meantime, if you're an aspiring writer or a writer who wants to be more real, I encourage you to read [Unleash the Writer Within](#). We continue to receive rave reviews from individuals and groups who use it.

Cec Links: (1) [Blog for writers](#), (2) [Blog for male survivors of sexual abuse](#), (3) [Twitter](#), (4) [YouTube](#), (5) [Facebook—Cec and Me, with Cecil Murphey and Twila Belk](#), (6) [Facebook—Because You Care: Spiritual Encouragement for Caregivers](#), (7) [Facebook—When Someone You Love No Longer Remembers](#), (8) [Facebook—When Someone You Love Has Cancer](#), (9) [Facebook—Christmas Miracles](#), (10) [Facebook—Men Shattering the Silence](#), (11) [Twila's website](#), (12) [Twila's email](#)

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