

“Son” Flowers... A Devotional by the members of New Hope Church in Cooper, TX

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Scripture Verse Reference: Isaiah 46:4 **“Even to your old age, I am He, and even to gray hairs I will carry you! I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.”** (NKJV)

Step-by-Step

“Tethered to earth by my mortality, I cannot see into the spiritual realm.”—Lori Hatcher

I am blessed to have many Christian writing friends who give me encouragement, guidance, and support. We regularly pray for each other; that God might use us to bring His light to this world. The quote above, from someone who, along with her husband-pastor David, has become dear friends brought all those blessings in one fall swoop.

Without her knowing it, I was struggling to understand what God’s plan was for my writing just after the first of the year. With no doubt, I knew God had called me to use my gifts in His service. After a season of rejection letters—and worse, no comments at all—I was allowing the evil one to plant seeds of doubt in my mind. *Had I spent so much time working on manuscripts, devotionals, Bible studies, and book proposals I was neglecting other parts of my life? Will my writing ever be good enough to publish? What if no one ever sees a word I’ve written? How does that glorify God?* All these questions flooded my mind.

After a morning of prayer; pleading with God to give me some sign of where He wants me to be, what He wants me to do, my friend’s blog post arrived in my Inbox. The moment I read it, God turned on the lights. He showed me how even though I don’t always comprehend His plan for me; the important step is following His direction. With each step He gives, no matter the time between steps, I am to follow the path He has set me on. He reminded me of Isaiah 46:4, and even though I am more bald than gray, His promise to deliver me stands true. He will deliver me in His time; as long as I follow the steps in my journey He has set forth.



As a technical writer at the start of my writing career, I know how important following each step in a process is. Ignore just one and the result is often failure. As we take each step in His plan for our lives, let us do so with assurance of His continual presence, aligned with His will. As Proverbs 3:6 promises, He will make our paths straight if we allow Him to do His work in our lives.