

# *Personal: Peace in the Process*

Workshop #47, Monday, 3:15–4:15 PM 

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*You've worked hard on your book, you persevered, you sought God's favor, you got published! A dream come true that just keeps getting better, right? Actually, publication is more like a portal that leads to new dreams, some of which just don't seem to come true no matter how hard you work or persevere or seek God's favor. Peace can be elusive then but it doesn't have to be. . .*

## **After the Honeymoon**

*Two key perspective shifts:*

- Making peace with the Control Monster

*What you can control:*

*What you can't (Luke 12:22-34):*

- Your life as published author does not define you

## **Reviews that Wound**

- Consider whose opinion matters to you
- Find the kernel of truth
- Where to vent, where to be silent
- A critic can only review the book he has read, not the one which the writer wrote.*  
~ Mignon McLaughlin, *The Neurotic's Notebook*

## **Marketplace Madness**

- Understand your gift mix
- Accept your limitations
- Do three things well rather than a dozen things poorly



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### **When the Numbers Aren't There:**

- Beware the blame game
- The toxic effects of envy
- Cultivating joy for the success of others

### **Out of Print, Out of Gas**

- It's not personal, it's business
- Embrace what is temporal
- Moving ahead, releasing the past

### **The Place where Peace Resides**

- Above the noise
- Within the spirit
- Outside the circumstances

*God cannot give us a happiness and peace apart from Himself, because it is not there.  
There is no such thing.*

**C. S. Lewis**