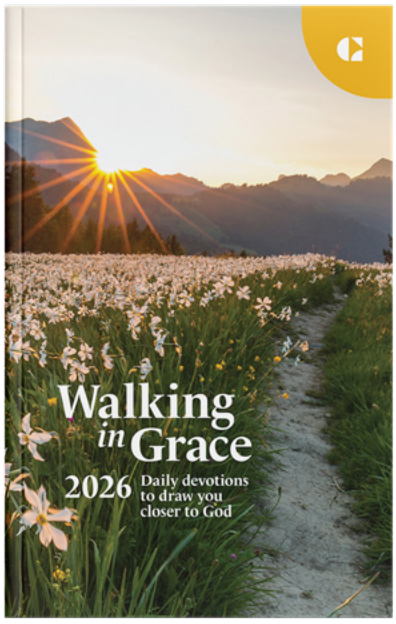

Walking in Grace

Dear Author: Thank you for your interest in *Walking in Grace* (formerly titled *Daily Guideposts*). In addition to reading recent devotions from *Walking in Grace* for guidance on the kind of writing we're looking for, here are specific suggestions for writing successful *Walking in Grace* devotions:

- Come alongside the reader as a trusted friend and share how you were transformed, encouraged, or inspired. The most effective devotions allow readers to experience your takeaway or "aha moment" along with you.
- Faith must be integral part of your devotions. The spiritual takeaway is something that evolves over the course of the devotion. It takes the reader on a journey of discovery with you.
- Do not preach, proselytize, or politicize.
- The best devotions take everyday happenings, ordinary moments, and distill a spiritual lesson from them. They need not be dramatic. They need to be relatable.
- Successful devotions are about you. They may reference a historical or inspirational anecdote or person, but the point of the devotion is how a particular situation or incidence made a difference in your life or changed your perspective on something.
- Successful devotions are specific and make a singular point. They are about distinct thoughts, feelings, instances, moments, scenes, and conversations.
- We are unable to accept previously published work, even if it has appeared only in a blog.

Submissions:

- Please submit 3-5 devotions. Each devotion must include your name, opening scripture with its Bible edition/version/translation, your devotion, a prayer, and Digging Deeper suggestions (2-3 additional Scripture references) that pair thematically with your devotion.
- Please observe the correct word count. For the devotions, no more than 250 words. The total word count with all the accoutrements (Bible verse, prayer, and Digging Deeper) should not exceed 320 words.

Submit devotions along with a short (150-200 words) bio by email to:

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