



It's Chili Time!

It's November, and the temperature is dropping. There were some days last week when I broke out an additional layer to keep warm. Trick-or-treat night found me with a blanket around my body, and a blanket is the norm now when watching TV.

So, when Myra asked what I would like for supper, my mind went immediately to chili!

Now, chili is one of those dishes that people feel strongly about. Plus, there are many "definitions" of what chili is. For me, I like beans and not too spicy, but I know other people who prefer flames to come out of their mouths.

And then there is Cincinnati and its so-called chili. First off, there are no beans. Second, they put it over spaghetti. Third, it is runny. But the most egregious for many people around the nation is the sweetening ingredient they add. You read that right; something sweet. One chain adds cinnamon, while the other adds chocolate. For some people, that is a sin against God and nature!



It makes me think about how differently authors write and what they write about. Some authors are microwaves, really fast in the writing. Others are slow cookers, where the words fall onto the page over a long period of time.

Then you have all the different genres. I couldn't come close to guessing all the different genres of literature there are.

Needless to say, just like chili, everyone has their own idea of what's good.

I just hope you like what I'm cooking!

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! (Revelation 5:12, ESV)

Behind the Scenes

The decision has been made.

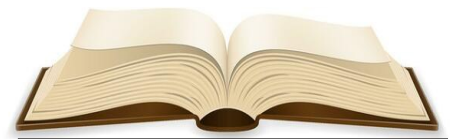
If you remember last month, I was debating which book I was going to focus on. There were five options. Well, I prayed a lot about this. I considered the progress I had made with each one, plus the motivation to work on it. I thought about what my readers might want to read next, plus what might draw in new folks.

Ultimately, I decided:

- The World War II submarine novel needs a great deal of more research, and not just the technology. There could be twenty or more characters I need to create, and I feel like I need to be about to visualize each one to make them unique. Plus, I don't think my current readers, especially in my church, are going to be excited about the subject. Verdict: back burner.
- "Where No One Would Think" murder mystery. I have written little for this book. And for the same reason regarding my church readers, it has also been relegated to the back burner.
- "The Year with Jesus" devotional is something my current readers would like. But I foresee this project taking a long time, maybe over a year. That's too long right now. Back burner it goes, but not as far as the others.
- "The Messengers: Evolution" makes a great deal of sense. It should be the next book, but I'm still stuck in chapter 8.

So, the winner is "Little-Known Heroes of the Bible." I've gotten excited about picking this project up once again. In fact, I've written 1,200 words per day for the last 4 days. That's fantastic.

The decision has been made. I hope you like it.



Books I've Read Recently:

- "[Sailing Toward the Tempest](#)" by Kent M. Schwendy. A sailing ship novel.
- "[All Aboard](#)" by Maia Ross. Part of a humorous murder-mystery series.
- "[A Time of Rage, A Time of War](#)" by Diane Moody. Part 5 of her "War" series.

**I will selling and signing books at the "Christmas Bazaar," this Saturday, November 8, from 9-3, at Germantown Methodist Church.
Come out and see me!**

My purpose: *To glorify God in everything I write, and encourage people to grow closer to Jesus Christ.*

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