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“Why do you want to write a book?” That’s the question my fourth-quarter coach, Allen Hunt, challenged me with when I told him I was getting serious about writing the book that had been percolating in my head for the last several years. The idea of writing a book had come and gone, but honestly, it had never completely left my mind. Now, this man, whom I deeply admire - a Ph.D. in New Testament and Ancient Christian Origins from Yale, and a prolific author of at least ten books - was asking me to explain why I want to write a book. Why did I open my big mouth?

Allen was not asking me for a quick one-sentence answer; he wanted me to think about it, pray about it, and come back to him in two weeks with my reasons for wanting to write a book. I took this challenge seriously and spent time with Christ in adoration to seek His will, then returned with a heartfelt answer. Since God always has a bigger plan than I do, Christ actually placed three reasons to write a book on my heart. On the next page is the text of what I came back to Allen with.

Why Write A Book?

Help Others

As part of living my fourth-quarter virtue of generosity, I would like to share my journey and lessons learned so that they may help others find Christ and aid their path to joy.

To be a Treasure for my Family

My Dad's book, "Only in America", has been a real gift to our entire family and me. It captures our family's story and gives great insight into how my family members approached life. My book would be less historical and more spiritual, but it would hopefully capture and pass down important lessons for my kids, grandkids, and beyond.

To Promote Adoption Without Being an Adoption Book

I am not sure I could write a whole book about adoption, and I am not sure anyone would read an adoption book written by a man anyway.

This book will have no financial or personal recognition goals; it will be written with the conviction that if it helps just one soul, it is worth all the time and sacrifice it may require.

What will make my approach at least slightly different?

- It will be written from a down-to-earth, non-theologian perspective.
- Easy to read and as non-threatening as possible.
- Stand-alone chapters.
- Include quotes, Bible passages, music lyrics, and reflection questions in each chapter.

So, there it is, plain as day, my reasons for writing the book you are now holding in your hands. I pray that perhaps you are the one soul for whom I wrote this book.