

© NNB TRUTHFUL IMAGINATION A MICRO-GUIDE FOR CHRISTIAN FICTION WRITERS



Opening with Purpose

This mini-guide walks you through drafting an opening scene that grabs attention while naturally integrating your faith principles. Designed for Christian fiction writers worldwide, it provides practical tools you can apply immediately.

What's Inside This Micro-Guide.

- ✚ Faith-based narrative techniques that feel authentic, not preachy.
- ✚ A clear checklist for writing engaging openings.
- ✚ Actionable steps you can use today.

Faith-Based Narrative Techniques

Faith is most powerful when revealed through lived experience. Instead of telling the reader what a character believes, allow belief to surface through decisions, doubts, prayerful moments, and consequences.

Opening Scene Checklist - Use this checklist as you draft or revise:

- ✓ Is tension present on the first page?
- ✓ Do we meet the character in a moment of pressure or choice?
- ✓ Is faith shown through action, thought, or conflict?
- ✓ Does the scene invite curiosity?

Faith Infusion Example

Before: She believed God would fix everything, so she waited.

After: She folded her hands beneath the table, whispering a prayer she wasn't sure she believed anymore—then stood up anyway.

Action Steps

- Choose one opening scene.
- Identify the emotional or spiritual tension.
- Revise one paragraph to *show* faith in action.

