



November 2020 Newsletter

Deep breaths. God is in control.



I'll admit it. I'm anxious. I'm wondering how this country-dividing election can end in peace for our citizens. I'm concerned about visiting friends and family without masks. And I'm constantly checking my weather map for potential natural disasters. As I write, a tree service group is hauling away two fallen oaks in our yard from Tropical Storm Zeta. Will 2020 ever end? And when it is, will life settle down?

I doubt 2021 will bring much relief. And because of this assumption, I've decided to make my own weather. I'm going to choose joy over all else. I'll count my blessings and use this month that hosts Thanksgiving to be thankful. I'm going to rejoice that I'm a child of God and trust that He's watching over me. Please join me in this attitude adjustment. What are you thankful for? Here are my top three:

1. Both my children now live within 30 minutes of me.
2. I live in a country where I'm free to worship the way I please.
3. My weird foot contusion healed, and I can exercise again.

I will be joyful in the God of my salvation!

— Habakkuk 3:17-18

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Write! Write! Write!

NaNoWriMo

It's tough to write during the holiday season. So, the fiction writing community has gathered since 1999 in an online forum to motivate each other to write and/or edit 50,000 words during a seat-of-your-pants creative challenge: [NaNoWriMo](#), or the **National Novel Writing Month**. About 300,000 writers participate each November. If you're a writer, I recommend you join in the fun. **My buddy name is JillKWillis**. If you're not a writer, please cheer us on with prayers and give us grace when we bow out of social events. We're on a mission to wrap up our projects before Christmas.



Nonfiction Books



Nonfiction November

As no one really knows who discovered No-Shave November (I'm suspecting Santa), no one is taking credit for promoting nonfiction in November. But it's now a thing, and I recommend you put down that novel and pick up something nonfiction this month. You might be pleasantly surprised. Here are a few favorites I've read recently. For more recommendations, friend me on [Goodreads](#).

- [Love Does](#) by Bob Goff
- [In the Sanctuary of Outcasts](#) by Neil White
- [When Others Shuddered](#) by Jamie Janosz

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