MY “WHY…”

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Sharing here what I’m not writing for is probably an easier task for me.

Firstly… This is not cathartic writing. I am waaay beyond catharsis.

Nor is this a “how-to” or self-help book. I am writing in narrative form hoping that the storyline will be engaging and that my characters will be relatable.

 I am writing the Women’s Fiction novel, “Hurricane” to expand the Kingdom of GOD. Seriously. Literally. That’s my “why” number one.

I want to gingerly nudge the reader toward the one who genuinely and consistently loves and will help them all day, every day, if asked and allowed. Shyanne often misses this step yet recovers.

So, no knocking the reader over the head with scripture. The goal is for the reader to gain this insight by observing Shyanne, how she navigates and leads her life.

Generic? I know. Lofty? Probably.

But it is the driving force behind why I am putting paper to pen (or typing into my laptop). I want the reader to see that without Shyanne’s personal relationship with the Lord, she would not have been able to endure the devasting changes that her poor decision-making resulted in. After all, the reader makes poor decisions too.

Shyanne would not have been able to reject the convenience of readily available self-loathing or the temptation to play the blame game as a maladaptive method of coping, absent her ongoing relationship with the Lord.

I am hoping too that the reader will be inspired by Shyanne’s refusal to give up on herself or her dreams in the face of betrayal, loss of health, home and earning ability and under the throes of unbridled stress. Rather, she reassesses, creates new dreams and new ways to accomplish those dreams.

Lastly, I am hoping that the reader will glean from Shyanne’s inherent intestinal fortitude and her evolving commitment to self that they too can persevere, rise above calamity and win in life.