

**Erwin  
McManus**

The more I was getting into Christianity, the further I got from Jesus.

Tell the story honestly and authentically but never allow tragedy to have the final chapter.

“Finding your voice could freeze you up. We find our voice from taking creative risks.” Isaac Rentz

**Anne  
Lamott**

We're all in the same boat. No one's nailed it. No one knows what they're doing. We all make it up as we go.

All other writers don't know where they're going to land and how the book's going to turn out when they start.

All you have to offer us is your version and we want it, we crave it, and it will bring you joy.; it cripples us.

Perfectionism is the voice of the oppressor; it cripples us.

Apple trees can't help but produce apples. They don't accidentally produce grapes. Likewise, the fruit of the spirit is produced from us.

If I've given God Lordship of my life, then where I am twenty years from now (even five years from now) is none of my business.

The work we do *for* God comes *from* walking with Him.

**Phil Vischer**

Don't strive to do big things; strive to love.

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If you have to ask, you're not called. Your calling is the thing you can't not do.

Always write in secret. Don't do everything for a purpose. You need a place where you can do what you love to do just because you love it.

Don't be a catfish, a bottom feeder. Be a trout, swim upstream to the pure water, purifying and transforming the river behind you as you go.