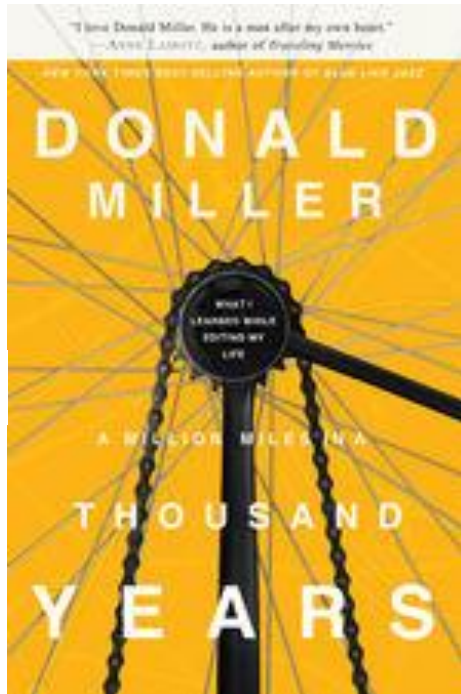


Writing Our Stories

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“Your life is a blank page. You write on it.”



(A good story is about a hero overcoming an obstacle which changes his character)

A Story about Two Sons

Luke 15



Return of the Prodigal, by Rembrandt Van Ryn

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Luke 15

²¹ 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'



...²² 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

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Luke 15

‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’



‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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Benediction

“I don't wonder anymore what I'll tell God when I go to heaven when we sit in the chairs under the tree, outside the city.....I'll tell these things to God, and he'll laugh, I think, and he'll remind me of the parts I forgot, the parts that were his favorites. We'll sit and remember my story together, and then he'll stand and put his arms around me and say, "well done," and that he liked my story. And my soul won't be thirsty any more”

Donald Miller