

Chris' Story Concerning the Book



Murder In the Church

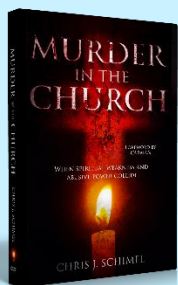
Very soon after beginning to read *Murder in the Church*, you will learn that because of a peculiar set of circumstances, I was thrust into participation in this story, almost leaving me no alternative unless I completely abandoned my pastoral oath concerning the family in *Murder in the Church*.

After the tragedy occurred, this family was nothing short of distraught from the pain they felt. Soon afterwards, I suggested that perhaps God would like them to write a book about the story to help others in similar crises and to help them grieve. I told them I would help them if they wanted. They thought that might be a good idea. So, they gave me taped interviews detailing their personal feelings and the actions they engaged in minute by minute in the story.

At a certain point they were in such pain over the loss of their daughter, they decided they weren't ready to write a book, and weren't sure they ever would be. But they said if I wanted to continue on my own, I could go ahead and do so. They asked me to just change the names so as to keep their identities hidden.

Unfortunately, I had no idea of where to go with a book at that time. Furthermore, I was observing tension in their relationship. I never like to write anything unless I can provide a positive or happy ending. Since I was not able to see a happy ending with the family, I was not able to see a book being written. For some reason, I was unable to perceive any good news in the story without a happy ending for their marriage. So, I gave up on the idea.

Three years later God woke me up in the middle of the night and spoke three things to my heart concerning the story in less than five seconds. First, He wanted me to write the book. Second, He gave me an outline for how He wanted the book to be written. And third, he showed me the good news in the story.



That is why I felt compelled to write *Murder in the Church*. It really wasn't my idea; it was God's.

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