

One day Eva Piper was an elementary school teacher, the mother of three, the beloved wife of a strong, protective husband. The next day she stood at the bedside of a broken man who could do nothing but moan in agony and turn his head away from her. Read her story in *A Walk through the Dark: How My Husband's 90 Minutes in Heaven Deepened My Faith for a Lifetime*.

Problems and Solutions

"Once we get through the next two months, things will be easy for us," I said to my wife four months before graduating with my master's degree. I owed money to the university, but by careful management we would have paid everything before graduation. The financial strain would be gone.

And it was. For a few weeks. Then our older daughter, Wanda, needed braces. Shirley's Dodge called for unexpected repairs, and we were cautiously budgeting our dollars again.

I wonder how many of us have made similar statements: "Once we get past this predicament" or "Just as soon as I start my new job." I'm too embarrassed to admit how often I said such words. I believed them, and in my naïveté I was sure life would go smoothly after that. After all, haven't we all heard, "For every problem there is a solution"?

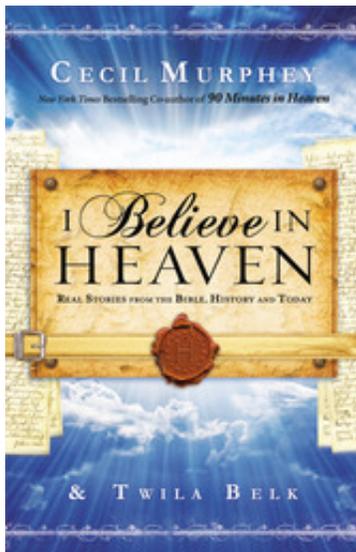
Don't we like to believe that once we surmount this issue, things will flow smoothly? A few months ago, our pastor, Owen Stepp, twisted that by saying, "For every solution, there is a problem." That is, every resolution opens the door for a new quandary.

We do well to remember both sayings. That way we focus on the immediate difficulty while preparing ourselves for the problem that follows. Is it possible that God created life to work that way? First, we face a hardship, cry out for help, work through it, and relax. Then we have to encounter the problems that arose from the solution.

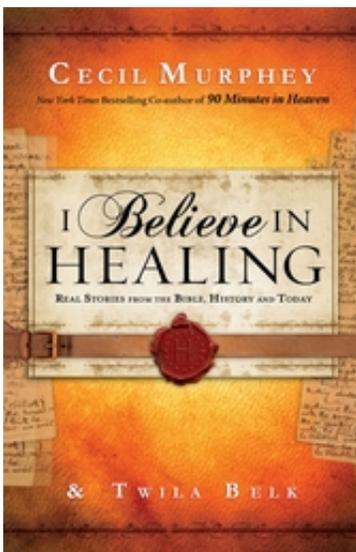
For example, when I left the pastorate to write full time, I found my solution for overcrowded days and nights was not quite enough sleep. I confronted new issues in my adjustment to lead the solitary life. I solved one problem only to have to stare at a new dilemma that required a resolution.

Isn't that how life functions? Accepting the two statements pushes us to work for the present obstacle and know we'll have other issues ahead. As a serious Christian, I believe I need those problems-to-solutions to keep me aware of my need for divine help and a greater dependency on God's

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The first part of *I Believe in Heaven* contains more than 65 stories from the Bible, history and today to reinforce the Bible's assurance that there is life after death. The second half of the book answers frequently asked questions about heaven and the after-life.



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Both of them keep us growing.

Personal News

- A number of you keep checking up on me. Thank you. It feels so good to know that others care.
- September is my busiest month this year for travel. I'll be part of the [American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference](#) in Nashville September 11-14.
- Our church is sponsoring a healing service Sunday evening, September 22, and I'll be involved because of the book Twila Belk and I wrote: [I Believe in Healing](#).
- On September 23, I'll drive to Murfreesboro, TN for a special event, sponsored by Christian Authors Network (CAN), and a couple of book signings at the Christian Product Expo (CPE) .
- I'll do a one-day event in St. Louis on September 27, where I'll speak to pastors and students at the Brookes Bible Institute.



The Twila Zone--Words from My Assistant, Twila Belk

Cec has a new [Author/Speaker Facebook page](#) in addition to the [Cec and Me \(with Cecil Murphey and Twila Belk\)](#) page. A big thanks to Gail Smith for setting it up.

In last month's newsletter, I announced that our book [I Believe in Healing: Real Stories from the Bible, History and Today](#) is being translated into Spanish. We've recently learned that our book [I Believe in Heaven](#) will also have a Spanish edition.

While we're at the AACC World Conference in Nashville next week, Cec will teach a seminar about abuse, do two book signings, and record some radio spots, as well as have an exhibitor booth. A big part of his activity there will

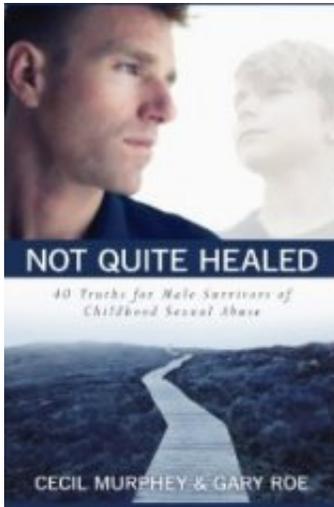
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revolve around his new book [Not Quite Healed: 40 Truths for Male Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse](#). To read an excerpt from the book, [click here](#).

Beliefnet.com recently featured Cec's gallery titled [11 Things You Don't Know about Inner Healing](#).

Cec is currently working with Katariina Rosenblatt to tell her story in a book tentatively titled *Chosen: Lured by Sex Traffickers, Redeemed by God*. To see a recent CNN interview with Kat, [click here](#).

Eva Piper has had nice media exposure for her new book, [A Walk through the Dark: How My Husband's 90 Minutes in Heaven Deepened My Faith for a Lifetime](#) (written with Cec). [Click to read a CBN article](#). [Click to watch her CBN interview](#).



Not Quite Healed includes 40 self-affirming truth statements at the end of

the book. Here's one of them:

Admitting I need help is a sign of humility, not weakness. Reaching out for help is a sign of courage.

Cec Links: (1) [Website](#), (2) [Blog for writers](#), (3) [Blog for male survivors of sexual abuse](#), (4) [Twitter](#), (5) [YouTube](#), (6) [Facebook—Cecil Murphey Author/Speaker](#), (7) [Facebook—Cec and Me, with Cecil Murphey and Twila Belk](#), (8) [Facebook—Because You Care: Spiritual Encouragement for Caregivers](#), (9) [Facebook—When Someone You Love No Longer Remembers](#), (10) [Facebook—When Someone You Love Has Cancer](#), (11) [Facebook—Christmas Miracles](#), (12) [Facebook—Men Shattering the Silence](#), (13) [Cec's Amazon Author Page](#), (14) [Twila's website](#), (15) [Twila's email](#)

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