

FAST FACTS

- Age 55
- He lives in Wellington.
- He is married and has three children.
- Former trial room lawyer Paul Turk debuted his first novel, "Faith Beyond the Trials" this month.
- The Christian-based legal drama follows the lives of John and Anna Taylor.
- The couple's marriage is tested after a tragic death and unexpected arrest.
- The legal drama is based in West Palm Beach and deals with the issues of drinking and driving.
- Visit www.paulturkauthor.com for information.

What makes Paul's book stand out in your mind?



BETTIE KESTER-COMRAD
LAWYER/MINISTER/
AUTHOR

He has an intense commitment to helping people realize that there should be an element of faith in the things of life that we don't really associate with that. He wanted to write books to help people see this and help people better their lives.



KAREN GRANGER
PUBLICIST

I enjoyed reading "Faith Beyond the Trials" because of the story's overarching theme about the fact that life doesn't always turn out the way we expect it to. The book has a strong message of hope; it's not sappy or simple, yet it is inspiring no matter what kind of trial you may be facing.

ON THE SPOT

How did the book come to be?

I've had this in the back of my mind for a long time. I retired at 54 because I've been wanting to write legal novels that are Christian based for a long time and this is my first one. I was a trial lawyer for 30 years. My kids have grown up and my wife was supportive of the idea. It took about three months to write and then I circulated it to six different couples. After that I had it professionally edited and published. I didn't want to go through a traditional publishing house because it takes an awfully long time to go through one of them. So it was like quasi self-publishing. The book has not been on the market that long but I've already received a lot of good feedback.

What inspired you to give up your old life and start a new one?

My family went through a series of tragedies. My brother died of the age of 45 and then a series of cousins died over the next few years. That was sort of a wake up call and played a part in my decision to try to pursue my dream. That's what I'm trying to do now. At the age 55 I'm not so sure how much time I've got left on this planet.

So what's next?

Well I want to continue being a novelist. I'd like to see this book turned into a movie. I think it would make a good Christian movie. It would be a good family movie. I think we need more of those in our society in this day and age. In this day and age there's too much violence and sex and stuff.

Is there anything else you would like to add?

Don't be afraid to be go for your dream. Have faith in God. If it's something you really want to do go for it and follow your dreams. It's never easy. I was working for a big law firm and I had job security. I quit that to pursue something that I didn't know for sure it could pay my bills or not. I just felt this is something I really wanted to do. I feel good about it. No regrets at all.

PAUL TURK
AUTHOR

