



Writing Team AI Prompts

A Guide for Writers and Content Creators

Overview

We have developed a series of AI prompts to assist writers and content creators as they author materials that support our ministry to preach, teach, and train. First a quick word about a bigger picture theology of AI:

A Theology of AI: Keeping Tools in Their Place

Theological Concept	Rationale	Scriptural Support
Imago Dei: People bear God's image, machines don't.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human beings reflect God's image (Genesis 1:27); AI is a man-made tool. We must not offload Spirit-led discernment or divine inspiration to a tool that can't reflect God's nature. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Genesis 1:26–27 Psalm 8:4–6 James 3:9
Incarnation: Ministry is embodied not downloaded.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus ministered in person, in homes, around tables, through touch and presence. Ministry is inherently relational. AI can support it, but never substitute for the human, face-to-face work of ministry. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John 1:14 1 Thess. 2:8 Romans 12:15
Spiritual Discernment: Depend on God not on shortcuts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AI may increase productivity, but it must never replace prayer, Scripture meditation, or Spirit-dependence. The danger isn't using AI but depending on it more than we depend on God. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proverbs 3:5–6 John 15:5 Isaiah 30:1–2
Idolatry: Resist the temptation of both pride and sloth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pride tempts us to use AI to look smarter than we are. Sloth tempts us to let it do the hard spiritual work for us. Efficiency is not the same as faithfulness. Don't confuse the two. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jeremiah 9:23–24 Proverbs 13:4 Colossians 3:23
Community: Communal wisdom is better than isolation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> God designed us to discern truth and carry out ministry in community. AI can serve as a brainstorming tool, but when shaping content that serves others, we must process our decisions with others not in a vacuum with a chatbot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proverbs 15:22 Acts 15:28 Hebrews 10:24–25 1 Corinthians 12

Use AI prompts in the following ways:

- **Research Assistant** - Speeds up background work in the same way concordances, word studies, and commentaries do.
- **Synthesis Companion** - Helps to summarize multiple insights into clear themes, phrases, or personal statements.
- **Editorial Coach** - Provides suggestions to improve clarity, flow, and tone, but never replaces the human editor's discernment
- **Brevity Buddy** - Helps rephrase content to be more concise without losing the core meaning. Plug in your content and the word count your aiming for.
- **Language Elevator** - Suggests more vivid, specific, or emotionally engaging vocabulary to sharpen your phrasing.
- **Idea Sorter** - Supports brainstorming by generating options, helping you group ideas, and identifying possible structures.
- **Format Adapter** - Assists in re-packaging the same truth into various formats — devotionals, discussion questions, or social media posts while staying faithful to the source message.

Do NOT Use AI prompts in the following ways:

- **Ghostwriter** - AI should never be the primary author of spiritual content. The Holy Spirit works through you and your voice, not an algorithm.
- **Discernment Replacer** - AI can't pray, sense the Spirit's leading, or understand the needs of our church community. Use it as a tool, not as a substitute for spiritual discernment, biblical conviction, or pastoral wisdom.
- **Final Editor** - AI should never have the last word. Always review, revise, and reframe AI-generated content to make sure the content and tone reflects the heart of Grace.

Sample Prompts for each approved usage:

1. Research Assistant

Purpose: Gather biblical, historical, or cultural background for your devotional topic.

Setup: Before using the prompt, identify the topic, passage, or theme you're writing about (e.g., "The faith of Abraham in Genesis 15" or "The biblical idea of hope in suffering").

Prompt: "Give me biblical and historical background on [TOPIC/PASSAGE]. Include relevant cross-references, word study insights, and any helpful context from biblical culture or geography."

2. Synthesis Companion

Purpose: Turn multiple notes, sources, or commentaries into clear themes or statements.

Setup: Paste in your collected notes from sermons, commentaries, study resources, or brainstorming documents.

Prompt: "Here's a collection of ideas and notes on [TOPIC]. Can you help me summarize the key themes and insights into 3–5 clear statements or headings, with a short explanation under each?"

3. Editorial Coach

Purpose: Improve clarity, flow, and tone in your devotional, blog post, or small group guide.

Setup: Paste your full draft into the prompt. Let ChatGPT know what tone you're going for (e.g., warm and conversational, reflective, or inspiring).

Prompt: "Can you review this devotional for clarity, tone, and flow? Help it read more smoothly while keeping a warm and reflective voice. Suggest any edits that improve engagement or readability."

4. Brevity Buddy

Purpose: Tighten your writing while preserving the heart of what you've written.

Setup: Decide on your target word count (e.g., 250 words for a daily devotional), and paste your current version into the prompt.

Prompt: "Please help me rewrite this text to be under [WORD COUNT] words. Keep the key ideas intact, but make it more concise and focused."

5. Language Elevator

Purpose: Enhance your vocabulary and emotional impact without sounding forced.

Setup: Paste a paragraph or short devotional section you'd like to improve. Note the emotional tone or imagery you're aiming for (e.g., inspiring, comforting, urgent).

Prompt: "Can you elevate the vocabulary in this paragraph to make it more vivid and emotionally engaging, while still sounding natural and pastoral? I'm going for a [TONE] tone."

6. Idea Sorter

Purpose: Brainstorm possible angles, themes, or structures for a new piece of content.

Setup: Have a general topic or passage in mind. You don't need fully formed ideas — just a starting point (e.g., "forgiveness," "James 1," or "discipleship in daily life").

Prompt: "I'm writing a devotional or blog post on [TOPIC/PASSAGE]. Can you help me brainstorm 3–5 different ways to approach this topic? Suggest possible main ideas, metaphors, or devotional outlines I could use."

7. Format Adapter

Purpose: Transform a single core message into multiple content types — like a daily devotional, small group questions, or a social media post — while staying consistent with the heart and theology of the original.

Setup: Start by writing (or pasting in) the core content you want to adapt. This could be a sermon excerpt, devotional draft, or paragraph that summarizes the main point or big idea. Note which formats you'd like ChatGPT to generate.

Prompt: "Here's a devotional idea or short teaching: [PASTE CONTENT]. Can you repackage this into the following formats while staying true to the original message?"

- A 200–250-word daily devotional
- Three small group discussion questions
- A one-sentence social media caption
- A 'big idea' summary statement for readers to remember