

Mourning the Change & Loss – Letting Go to Move Forward

Women Write2Heal Retreat Abstract 12,2018

EVENT NAME: Women Writing2Heal Retreat

Date: Dec 28 – 30, 2018

Presenter Name: Teresa Bitner

Workshop Title: Mourning Change & Loss – Letting Go to Move Forward

Briefly list your talking points and / or flow of presentation:

Learn the common Stages of Change & Loss

- Interactive sharing exercise

Take a moment to list the losses

- Interactive writing exercise

Acknowledge the Change & Loss

Interactive sharing exercise

Mourn the loss – through writing & reflection

- Reflective writing exercise

Letting go

- Reflective writing exercise

Moving forward

How to survive a major change & loss process

Acceptance – what that looks like & how to work towards that

SMART Goals – for continues forward momentum

- Interactive/Reflective writing exercise

Include the following in your presentation:

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If you have published, or intend to do so, please **share how writing** has helped you. *This could also be personal journaling, poetry, song writing, blogging, etc. Example: Dr. Karen will share how the power of *the promise*, the process, the product, and the promotion of publishing a book inspired her to continue writing to heal. Please explain:

Teresa will share throughout the presentation about writing & healing. Specifically how Soul Love: How A Dog Taught Me to Breathe Again publishing and writing has helped me fully heal and move forward. The book serves the purpose of sharing gut wrenching grief, providing hope to those who've lost it and a grief companion. Blogging as a means of showing up in a vulnerable and authentic way, writing is my therapy and sharing gifts.

How will you make sure to refer back to Dr. Karen's Writing2Heal brand, BridgeUcation and the purpose of this Retreat?

I will make notes in presentation to refer back & make a slide or 2 to be sure to.

Equipment needs: Projector (do we have access to a copier or should I bring copies?)

Do you need Vendor Space? Yes please – 1 table & chair

Do you have item(s) to the Swag Bags? Yes - Pens & Bookmarks

Are you offering free consultation or services that require scheduling? **Free & I can do followup discovery/strategy sessions**