



God's Story + My Story

The story we live in is the story we live out.

The Bible tells one great story—from creation to new creation. The gospel is the good news that, through Jesus Christ, God has acted to reconcile us to Himself, redeem a people, and restore what was broken by sin. As followers of Jesus, we are not simply people who know this story; we have been brought into it. In Christ, we are reconciled to the Father, being transformed by the Spirit, gathered into His Church, and sent into the world to live out God's purposes as we await the restoration of all things.



1. CREATION — God created a good world

Genesis 1:26–31; Genesis 2:15–17

Biblical Truth: God is the Creator and King of all things. He created humanity in His image to know Him, live under His loving rule, reflect His character, cultivate His creation, and fill the earth with His glory.

In your own words: What was God's original purpose for humanity and creation?

2. REBELLION — Humanity rejected God's rule

Genesis 3:1–19; Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23

Biblical Truth: Humanity rebelled against God and chose to live according to our own wisdom rather than His. Sin fractured our relationship with God, one another, ourselves, and creation, bringing corruption and death into the world.

In your own words: What went wrong with God's good creation?

3. PROMISE — God promised to rescue and restore

Genesis 3:15; Genesis 12:1–3; 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Isaiah 53:4–6

Biblical Truth: God did not abandon His creation. Throughout Scripture, He promised to defeat sin and evil, bless the nations, dwell with His people, and send a King who would rescue His people and restore His purposes for creation.

In your own words: What did God promise to do about humanity's rebellion?

4. REDEMPTION — Jesus fulfills God's promise

Mark 1:14–15; Romans 3:21–26; 1 Corinthians 15:3–4; Ephesians 2:8–10

Biblical Truth: Jesus Christ, God the Son, came as the promised King. Through His perfect life, death on the cross, and resurrection, He defeated sin and death and reconciles us to the Father. By grace through faith, we are forgiven, made new, and restored to life with God. In Christ, God's original purpose for humanity is being recovered: we can once again know God, live under His rule, reflect His character, and participate in His work in the world.

In your own words: What has Jesus done to rescue and restore us, and how do we receive that rescue?

5. CHURCH — Jesus forms and sends a new people

Matthew 28:18–20; Acts 2:42–47; 2 Corinthians 5:17–20; Ephesians 2:19–22; 1 Peter 2:9–12

Biblical Truth: Jesus does not only save isolated individuals; He brings us into His family and gives us a new identity and purpose. The Church is God's redeemed people, filled with the Holy Spirit, being transformed into the likeness of Jesus and sent into the world as His witnesses. We now live out the story of redemption—following Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and joining Jesus in what He is doing.

In your own words: What does it mean to belong to Jesus and His Church—and to be sent into the world as part of His story?

6. RESTORATION — Jesus will make all things new

Romans 8:18–25; Revelation 21:1–5; Revelation 22:1–5

Biblical Truth: Jesus will return, evil will finally be defeated, the dead will be raised, and God will restore His creation. God's people will dwell with Him forever in the new heavens and new earth. The story that began in a garden ends in a restored creation where God again dwells fully with His people.

In your own words: Where is God's story ultimately going, and how should that future hope shape the way we live now?

Your Story Within God's Story

The gospel does more than give us a new destination; it gives us a new identity, a new people, and a new purpose. Because we have been reconciled to God through Christ, we are now learning to live as the people God created us to be. Our lives become part of the story He is telling in the world.

MY LIFE APART FROM CHRIST

What did rebellion against God look like in my own life? What was I trusting, pursuing, or living for?

HOW JESUS MET ME

How did I come to understand who Jesus is and what He had done for me? How did I respond to Him in repentance and faith?

MY LIFE WITH JESUS NOW

How is Jesus changing me? How am I learning to live under His rule, reflect His character, and participate in His purposes? How has He brought me into His people, the Church?

MY PLACE IN THE STORY

What story am I living out now because I belong to Jesus? In this season of my life, where has God placed me, who has He placed around me, and how can I participate in His work of redemption as someone being transformed by Christ?

THE HOPE I'M LIVING TOWARD

How does the promise that Jesus will return and restore all things shape the way I live today?

Put It All Together

In 3–5 minutes, tell the story of how God's Story changed your story. Try to explain enough of the larger biblical story that someone who does not yet follow Jesus could understand the gospel through your testimony. Include not only how Jesus saved you, but also how He is transforming you, bringing you into His people, and sending you to live out His purposes as you wait for the restoration of all things.

A helpful question to keep asking: "Because this is God's Story, what kind of life am I being called to live?"