



A Bible Study On Telling Your Story

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Introduction

We hear children asking, "Tell me a story," or "Read me a story." There are short stories and long stories. There are good stories and bad stories. There are happy stories and sad stories. There are stories about you and stories about other people. And there is the story of God. No human being was there in the beginning to write the story, but God wrote it Himself. We call it the Bible – the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures, the His story. And so we come to know the history of our Creating Father, our forgiving Savior Jesus, and our empowering Spirit. We give thanks for His story.

Passages to Study

Psalm 26:7 – David relates that he has trust in the love of God and is glad to tell all of God's wonderful deeds.

Mark 5:19 – Jesus heals the demon-possessed man and he went away telling how much Jesus had done for him.

I Corinthians 2:1-5, II Corinthians 6:3-13 and II Corinthians 11:16-12:10 – The Apostle Paul tells his story.

As a Christian believer in Jesus as your Savior and Lord, you have a story to tell.

Sometimes people have a feeling that sharing their spiritual story is a little egotistical in that it might give the impression that you are building yourself up in a boastful way. But that is not the purpose of sharing your life story. We share our story as a way of giving our witness as to how God has worked in and through our lives. All of the honor, all of the boasting, all of the thanks, all of the attention is focused on a gracious God who has revealed Himself through the person and work of Jesus. Now God's

story becomes our story. So take time to pair up with another person in your group and share your story as to how God has brought you into a faith relationship with Jesus.

Read: Matthew 16:20 and Matthew 17:9

Jesus tells His disciples not to tell anybody about Him until He was raised from the dead. Well, Jesus has been raised from the dead. We believe Jesus is alive. And that means it is time for us to tell the story of our life in Christ Jesus. We are resurrection people with a story to tell.

Questions for reflection and discussion

- Are you reluctant or afraid to tell your story?
- Are you worried or fearful as to what people will say or do when you tell your story?

Ask God to guide you in various ways that you can tell your story – in words, in writing, in actions, in love, in difficult situations, in joyful thanks and praise. Thank you God, for giving me your story and for the joy of giving my story to others.

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