



*We all have a story,
But God!*

*Our lives are filled with many various elements.
The one element that outshines them all is the entrance of Jesus Christ into our life.
Every other word recorded in our story hangs on this truth.*

What are we to do with our story - as we are/where we are?

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W O M E N I N S E P A R A B L E

Romans 8:35-39 ESV



We are women who stand together on the promise of Jesus Christ's love that He displayed on the cross, sealed in the grave, and eternally proclaimed in His resurrection!

As followers of Jesus, we are Inseparable of Christ's love despite our various journeys of life, our joys, our pains, our society, our culture, our location or the physical distance between us.

And in His Love, we stand together in Prayer, Scripture, and Girl Time proudly declaring that we are Women Inseparable.

*Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or danger, or sword?*

As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.*

*For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come nor powers,
nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Romans 8:35-39 ESV



Hello,

May I ask you a personal question?
How do you see your story? Truly, think about this.

Yours is a story worth telling. The very fact that you have lived your story all these days and are here today on a quest to see what God has done in you and through your story means that yours is a story to tell. Will you tell it?

I don't know who needs to hear your story, nor do I know what aspect of your story needs to be heard. But I guarantee someone is in need of your story today. Perhaps it's you. Perhaps you need to hear what the Lord has done in you through the days of your living. Sweet friend, listen well.

My prayer is that we will open our eyes to the thread of Jesus Christ in our stories. And that we will freely tell our story to the heart in need.

Jaclyn Palmer

QUESTION GUIDE



Did I read this out loud?

Did I write out this passage?

Did I pray over this passage?

What's the context?

Who is speaking?

Who is listening?

Where are they?

What year/season is it?

What about the culture?

Who asked the question?

Is this based on tradition?

Is this teaching freedom in the New Testament?

Are there repetitive words?

What Scripture comes to mind?

Is this seen elsewhere in the Old/New Testament?

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SESSION ONE



Let's Read It Again

Genesis 50:20

"As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today."

Simple Truth

May we shift our eyes from the characters and the circumstances of Joseph's story to what God meant for good through Joseph's story.

There were people in Joseph's life that desired to harm him through various seasons and circumstances. Each story with its own intentions and outcomes, but God looked at Joseph in every moment weaving each season into a story that could be told again and again.

People in our lives seek to bring evil against us through various seasons and circumstances, but God is weaving our story into one that can be told again and again.

From Joseph to you, each life story is weaved with the same scarlet thread of Jesus Christ.

Yours is a story that points to Jesus Christ.

It is a story that points many people to Jesus, even today.

No longer do the intentions of others remain as the focal point.

Now and forever, the center of your story is Jesus Christ.

And that is a story worth telling.

Ponder:

It isn't usually evident when you are going through the bad that God will use it for good. Keep living the scarlet story of Jesus Christ, so that others can find, reread, and proclaim their personal story of Jesus.

Goal:

See how your story points to Jesus Christ. How beautiful that His presence is weaved throughout the chapters of your life, so that "many people can be kept alive" for all of eternity.

Write a proclamation of truth as Joseph did. Replace his details with yours.



SESSION TWO

Work, But God

1 Corinthians 3:6

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth."



Simple Truth

Remember who did the growth in you. Too often we fall under the same trap as these first century Christians by placing a human in this segment of our story. We often find ourselves (albeit innocently) elevating a person's role in our growth; therefore, neglecting a vital opportunity to bring glory to the One who did it all.

We are living in two different kingdoms while remaining here in this world.

One kingdom is this natural life living in this world around us.

The other kingdom is the eternal life we live today in this world around us.

One gave us life. One gives us eternal life.

Since the day we received the gift of eternal life, Jesus has been and will forever be our foundation. In this truth of our story, God knows all our thoughts. This is a beautiful element of our lives. To know we no longer must reside alone in our thoughts, trapped by its uncertainty, we are now free to think and choose and laugh and live in the knowledge of his presence and protection within our thoughts, the very thoughts of our heart.

Ponder:

Life walks hand in hand with work. Others work; you work...but God is good and steadfast.

He remembers you, protects you, does the work through you, loves you, saved you, and will always and forever prepare a way for you, in the Kingdom of God as you live in this world.

Goal:

What are your work responsibilities? Jot them down.

As you look over your work that impacts the world around, how can God produce fruit through your work that others may testify, "But God"?



SESSION THREE

Live!

Genesis 6:8/8:1

"Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord... But God remembered Noah."



Simple Truth

God created man in his own image. Male and female he created them. He gave unto them the breath of life and man became a living soul. Then Satan. Then curses. Then death (Abel). God gave a new promise to man (created in His image, yet a descendant of the curse). God's creation in His image remained. God's gift of marriage remained. God's breath of life remained.

Then Jesus.

"God gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Jesus will have eternal life."

That "whosoever" is you and me created in His image, yet a descendant of the curse of mankind, now rescued from the curse of death. God's breath of life surges through us today and sweetly remains for all of eternity.

We are created in His image. We are a descendant of the curse. We are rescued from the curse of death. We are given the breath of life by God Almighty. And we are a living soul.

Ponder:

How does this eternal mentality affect our written story? Six times we see the word, "Behold" in the written story of Noah and the rebirth of mankind. Each account opens our eyes from the curse of death to the breath of life. When we insert our "Behold" moments (even the dark, before Christ statements), does it open our eyes to see the evidence of God moving our written story from death to life?

Goal:

See the evidence of the breath of life around you. Start a written list of words, dates, or memories that God has used (and can use) to open your eyes from the curse of death to the promise of life? No longer see those moments as shame but as a piece of His story in your Eternal Life.



SESSION FOUR

The Truth Stands Tall

Genesis 31:5

“And (Jacob) said to them,

I see that your father does not regard me with favor as he did before.

But the God of my father has been with me.”



Simple Truth

Jacob's life story differs greatly from our cultural and modern mentality. Many questions and misunderstandings can easily arise in our hearts and minds as we read the written story of Jacob as recorded in Genesis. But God was there with Jacob through the twenty years of daily living. Many questions and misunderstandings can easily arise in our hearts and minds as we read the written story of our lives today. We can look back at conversations, encounters, and situations that cause our hearts to pause, look around, and see God.

How easily this can become a challenge as we look back, but God was there. Just as Jacob's story was not recorded as an example for us to glean from Jacob but to see God, so our story has not been lived as an example for all to glean from but that others may see God.

But first, may we see God in our story more than we see ourselves.

May we look back at our years of daily living and purpose to see it as God's story.

May the Truth stand tall.

Ponder:

Think about some of the hardest times in your life.

What could the purpose be?

God does not waste our pain.

Goal:

Choose to accept Jesus' forgiveness and give Him the heart of each situation.



SESSION FIVE

Use the Story of God in Your Life

Acts 13:14 & 30

*“But they went on from Perga and came to Antioch in Pisidia.
And on the Sabbath day they went into the synagogue and sat down...
But God raised (Jesus) from the dead,”*



Simple Truth

Saul of Tarsus was a well-known, devout student of the Old Testament law and defender of God, the Father of Abraham and of Isaac and of Jacob. As a student of the Law, he knew the ins and outs of the stories of our Biblical Forefathers. His person was that of pious boldness and extreme zealotry. Man did not shake him or intimidate him, for he was solid in his knowledge of the Old Testament God. Saul, also called Paul, did not change his person after he met Jesus Christ, the Son of the God of whom he so zealously lived for.

He used his knowledge of the story of God each time he entered into a Jewish Synagogue. He dutifully offered facts, referenced fathers of the faith, and quoted Scripture passages. He spoke the language of a devout Jew, meeting each of them where they were - zealous in their head knowledge of God.

Then Paul preached “the message of this salvation” (v26).

Paul knew himself, he knew his audience, and he knew His Savior.
In this, Paul did what he was called to do. Nothing more, nothing less.

Ponder:

Ephesians 2:1-10

We were dead because of our sins. But God made us alive. A gift freely given so that we could carry out His purpose and good works already prepared for us to do. Nothing more, nothing less.

Goal:

Make a word list - 2 columns; Before Christ & In Christ

Feel free to use the Scripture that is on your heart, Ephesians 2, and/or words from your personal story.



USE THE STORY OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE



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Feel free to use the Scripture that is on your heart, Ephesians 2, and/or
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Before Christ

In Christ

Scriptures on my heart...

SESSION SIX

Sweet Friend, Be Strong

Psalm 73:26

*“My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”*



Simple Truth

As for me, the Psalmist says, I am feeling all things of the flesh; envy, hopelessness, burdened by this wicked world, and on the edge ready to slip and to stumble.

Until, he says, I went into the sanctuary of my God. At that point, it all changed.

Discernment shone a light on his feelings, his eyes saw the end of the wicked, and the truth beckoned his heart to know his place in God's embrace - sure and steadfast,
But God.

That alone is what we stand on each and every time our flesh craves something that causes our feet to slip and stumble. This truth alone is what we run to every time our heart feels the weight of anything too heavy for it to bear. God is our truth. He is our strength, our shield, our high tower, our wing and shadow of protection. He is our Rock, our foundation, our friend, our Father, our everything - forever.

Ponder:

How easily do you relate to Asaph as he pens the confession of his thoughts and feelings throughout Psalm 73. His words are all too real are they not? As Asaph paused in the midst of his mental and emotional battle, we too can just as easily pause in the presence of God.

Oh, how quickly the torments within dissipate!

Goal:

Make a verse list.

Encourage yourself to slowly read Psalm 73. As words/phrases pass before you, allow the Spirit to bring other Scripture references to your mind that will, in turn, strengthen you - as you are.

Pray as you read. Utilize a cross reference tool (Bible app, a friend!), past Bible reading journeys, sermon notes, etc... Be personal and intentional in creating a Verse List that will be an easy Sword for you to hold as you stand in strength even when your flesh feels like it is ready to fail. But God.



*God Is My Strength and Portion Forever
A Psalm of Asaph.*

Psalm 73

*Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had nearly slipped.
3 For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For they have no pangs until death; their bodies are fat and sleek.
5 They are not in trouble as others are; they are not stricken like the rest of mankind.
6 Therefore pride is their necklace; violence covers them as a garment.
7 Their eyes swell out through fatness; their hearts overflow with follies.
8 They scoff and speak with malice; loftily they threaten oppression.
9 They set their mouths against the heavens, and their tongue struts through the earth.
10 Therefore his people turn back to them, and find no fault in them.
11 And they say, "How can God know? Is there knowledge in the Most High?"
12 Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase in riches.
13 All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands in innocence.
14 For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every morning.
15 If I had said, "I will speak thus," I would have betrayed the generation of your children.
16 But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a wearisome task,
17 until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I discerned their end.
18 Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall to ruin.
19 How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away utterly by terrors!
20 Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord, when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.
21 When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,
22 I was brutish and ignorant; I was like a beast toward you.
23 Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right hand.
24 You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me to glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
26 My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
27 For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.
28 But for me it is good to be near God; I have made the Lord God my refuge,
that I may tell of all your works.*

SESSION SEVEN

Sealed on the Rock

2 Timothy 2:19

“But God’s firm foundation stands, bearing this seal: ‘The Lord knows who are his,’ and, ‘let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity.’”

Simple Truth

A worker of God is approved by God. Such a fascinating statement about us and about God. We are given a place to work and a God who seals that work with the deep approval called the Holy Spirit. This truth is almost too big to comprehend. May we sit with this truth for a moment. May we allow this truth to wash over us as if we have never heard it before.

A worker of God is approved by God.

Selah.

Be strengthened by Jesus.

For in this strength we find the jewel of the Rock on which we stand. Consider the strength it takes to remember Jesus and become workers of God who are, in turn, approved by God with the seal of the Holy Spirit. The beauty of what this looks like is as diverse as the beauty of a favored vessel. Despite its appearance and its previous function, when used for God it is instantly fit for His good work.

Ponder:

As a vessel, you have been made new. The exterior of your body shines the light of Salvation. The interior of your heart and mind have been washed and purified with the blood of Jesus Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit. This defines you as brand new. Every day you are identified as clean, as brand new, as fit and ready to honor your relationship and commitment to Christ Jesus.

Goal:

What does your daily life look like on the Rock? Salvation has placed you on the Rock. Therefore, you are daily living on the Rock. Think about each day of the week, think about the hours of those days, think about those who are on the Rock with you, think about those who are circling around the Rock, and consider the words, “Some have gone astray.”

SESSION EIGHT

Nothing is too difficult for God.

Mark 10:27

"Jesus looked at them and said,

'With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.'"



Simple Truth

Sometimes we look at the external and declare it is too hard to serve. So we wait for the hard to ease up. May I present the reality that all things will be hard at all times? Living in a broken world surrounded by a stalking lion easily places us in the center of all things hard. But God! The power of God is not intimidated by the hard trials of this world.

There are times that we look at the external and wonder why God has not proved that, in fact, nothing is impossible with God. We wonder why the brokenness is still broken, the health is still poor, life gave way to death, the struggle is still there. In these times we fail to remember what the power of God looks like. It looks like the faith of one who stands on the Rock despite the storm that crashes all around. It is on that Rock that His power is seen by those who wander around the base of the Rock. Oh! that we will witness the Power of God Almighty in our hard time so that others may see and declare, "There is nothing impossible with God because once I was blind but now I see."

Ponder:

The power of God is not intimidated by the hard trials of this world.

Rather, the power of God is exemplified by the life that declares,

"Yes, _____ is hard, but my God is _____".

May we fill in the blank with the thing that is too hard for us to deal with right now. Then fill in that blank as to who and/or what your God is.

Goal:

Read these chapters to see God's power over the impossible.

Genesis 18

Luke 1

Luke 18:18-30

Job 42

Matthew 19:16-30

Jeremiah 32

Mark 10:17-31



