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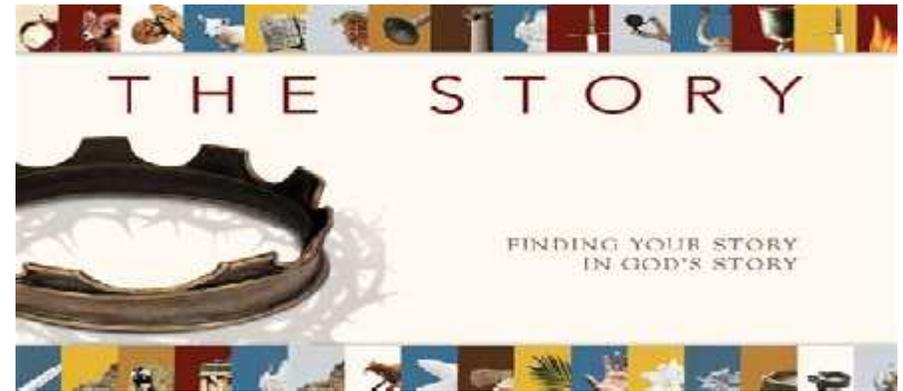
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If you would like to lead a LIFE group during The Story series please contact Joanna Beasley this week either in person or by phone at 720-556-4092.



PROLOGUE

Part One – The One Story of God

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"I would like to understand the Bible better, but I find it challenging" _____

The One Story of God

The _____ is like a _____ that tells a single _____.

But...the Bible doesn't read like a _____

The Bible is a story but it is not organized quite like a story.

Here's how the 39 books of the Old Testament are organized:

The _____ Pentateuch (*penta* means "five") Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy.

The _____ – The next twelve books in your Bible from Joshua to Esther are the historical books and read pretty much in chronological order until you get halfway in and land on 1 Kings.

_____ books – Next you come to the five books of poetry from Job to Song of Songs, and they are not necessarily in chronological order.

The _____ – the last 17 books of the Old Testament are prophetic books. They don't go in chronological order. The first 5 prophetic books are called the *Major Prophets* and the rest are called the *Minor Prophets*.

Surely the Story gets _____ in the New Testament?

Here's how the 27 books of the New Testament are organized:

_____ – The first four are the gospels or the story of the life of Jesus. Matthew, Mark, and Luke all tell the same story of Jesus over three times but from their point of view. Then you get to the book of John, and it seems as though things are all out of order. It's not that John has it wrong, it's that he recalls the life of Jesus in a topical fashion, to prove a very important point.

_____ – We have one history book in the New Testament and that is the book of Acts. It tells the story of the church from the ascension of Jesus back to heaven to about AD 63. When we come to the end of this book we turn the page and come to the book of Romans.

_____ – you might think it would pick up where Acts left off. But Romans is a letter to the church of Rome and not a history book. It is the first of 21 letters written to churches or individuals. They are not arranged in chronological order, but instead arranged by author. The first 13 are from Paul. The next 8 letters are by various authors.

_____ – that last book is the only prophecy book in the New Testament, the book of Revelation.

Once you see the story _____

“So Moses wrote down this law and gave it to the Levitical priests, who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and to all the elders of Israel. Then Moses commanded them: “At the end of every seven years, in the year for canceling debts, during the Festival of Tabernacles, when all Israel comes to appear before the Lord your God at the place he will choose, you shall read this law before them in their hearing. Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and

learn to fear the Lord your God and follow carefully all the words of this law. Their children, who do not know this law, must hear it and learn to fear the Lord your God as long as you live in the land you are crossing the Jordan to possess.” Deuteronomy 31:9-13 NIV

What does the book *The Story* contain?

The Story is not a complete Bible but a collection of selected Scriptures that follow the main storyline of the Bible. It places these Scriptures in chronological order in order to help you gain a better understanding of how God's Story flows throughout all of the 66 books of the Bible. The editors of *The Story* have written some transitional thoughts to connect the portions of the different selections of Scriptures. These are easily distinguished from the Words of the Bible and appear in italics. *The Story* is not meant to be a substitute for reading the entire Bible but instead as an outline to help you better understand the whole of God's Word more fully and engage with it more easily. *The Story* can help you understand God's story from Genesis to Revelation and how your story intersects with God's story.

What is *The Story* spiritual growth campaign?

We are going to grow individually and corporately by reading *The Story* together. All age groups will have *The Story* in a version they can understand. (*The Story*, *The Story: Teen Edition*, *The Story for Kids*, *The Story for Children*, and *The Story for Little Ones*), so that our entire church can be literally on the same page for 31 weeks.

Each Sunday the message for the adults, and the lessons for the children and youth will be based on what we all read together during the week. We will form LIFE groups that will meet weekly to discuss the reading and grow in their understanding of God's Story. **(IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LEAD A LIFE GROUP STUDYING *THE STORY* WITH OTHERS PLEASE CONTACT JOANNA THIS WEEK IN PERSON OR AT 720-556-4092)** We will make *The Story* available starting next Sunday. All ages will be reading chapter one together during the week beginning Sept. 23.

