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### Visiting with us today?

### We want to say "thanks" with a gift of *The Story*

*The Story* follows the main storyline of the Bible and reads like a novel. There are no verse references, and Scripture segments are seamlessly woven together with transition text into a single grand narrative. The Story can help readers understand God's story from Genesis to Revelation and how their own stories intersect with God's. To receive your gift copy just fill out a Connect Card which can be found under your seat and give it the volunteer at the Visitors Center after the Service this morning.

#### Our Vision

##### ONE CHRIST

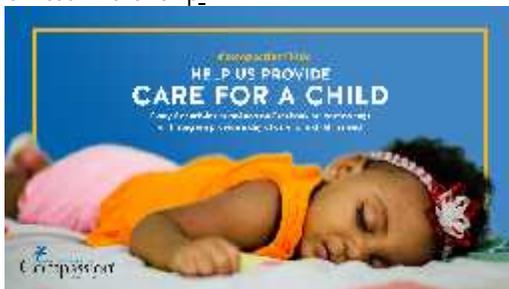
In a spiritually confused world we will bring the truth that there is only one way to know God, and that is through Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

##### ONE COMMISSION

In an often distracted church we will prioritize telling others the good news about Jesus and mentoring those who want to grow deeper in their Christian Faith. "Now go out to the Street corners and invite everyone you see." Matthew 22:9

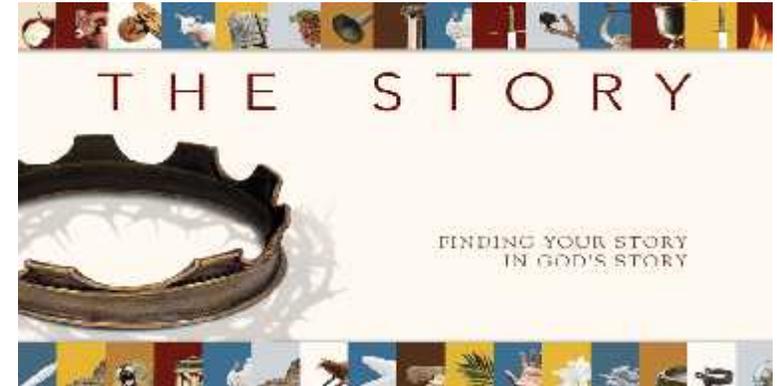
##### ONE COMMANDMENT

In an increasingly isolated society we will love God, love others and build a healthy, life- giving Christian Fellowship.



Every six check-ins on facebook provides a day of care for a child through Compassion Int.

### Mini Series One – God Chooses a People



### Chapter Three

### Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

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**Review:** In the Upper Story, God created the Lower Story. His vision is to come down and be with us in a beautiful garden. The first two people reject God's vision and are escorted from Paradise. Their decision introduces sin into the human race and keeps us from community with God. At this moment God gives a promise and launches a plan to get us back. The rest of the Bible is God's story of how he kept that promise and made it possible for us to enter a loving relationship with him.

#### What is happening in the upper story?

1. God is continuing to build the nation through which he would reveal His presence, His power, and His plan to get us back into relationship with Him. In chapter three God saves them from famine and sends them to a place where they can prosper and grow from a small family to perhaps several million people in only 400 years.
2. God is using the story of Joseph to paint a picture of some of the things that would happen in the life of Jesus one day.

It is nearly impossible to examine the life of Joseph in the Old Testament and not see the similarities of the events in the life of Christ. The life of Joseph is one of the clearest pictures of Christ in the Old Testament.

## What lessons can we learn from the lower story?

"These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!" 1 Cor 10:11-12 NIV

### 1. We are all products of our \_\_\_\_\_

We are introduced to Joseph when he is 17 years old, the son of Jacob, grandson of Isaac and the great grandson of Abraham. Jacob grew up cheating his brother Esau and also cheated his father in law out of livestock. He himself was later tricked into marrying Leah. His marriages to four wives was filled with dysfunction.

Joseph goes out to get his brothers, and they throw him into a pit. They then decide to sell Joseph into slavery, to a group of Ishmaelites who are traveling through the land. In order to convince their father that something terrible has happened to Joseph, they dipped his coat of many colors into the blood of a goat that they had killed. They brought the coat back to their father, Jacob, who mourned and wept over the apparent death of his son.

### 2. Our \_\_\_\_\_ don't change who God is.

Even though God allowed Joseph's brothers to sell him into slavery and he was away from his homeland, God is still with Joseph: from a great job in Potiphar's house, though false accusations, and then to prison God never left Joseph.

### 3. Though our families \_\_\_\_\_ they don't have to \_\_\_\_\_

Joseph became the one in power. He could do to his brothers what they did to him. And for a while he does. It is hard to break family patterns.

He is conflicted... wanting revenge... and at the same time going into the back room and shedding tears,

### 4. We can break destructive cycles when we allow God to help us see life through the \_\_\_\_\_

"God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great rescue. So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God." Gen. 45:7-8

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good..."  
Genesis 50:20



Our outreach to the homeless this month will take place on Saturday Oct. 20 at 1:30 pm. Meet in the church parking lot to car pool to our Denver location.

Dedicate your child to the Lord next Sunday Oct. 21 during the Worship Service.



Keep posting thoughts and photos on **The Story @ Christ Street** – put up a selfie of you and someone else from the church reading together – we are giving away a dinner out at the end of the month

Text the word "give" to 720-552-6702



