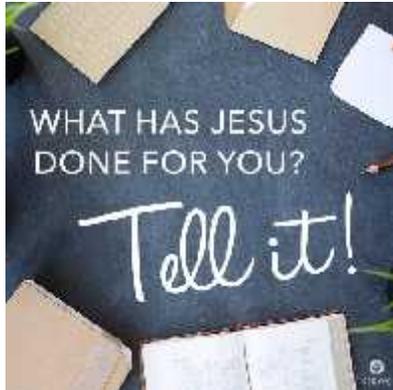


# Christ Street Fellowship

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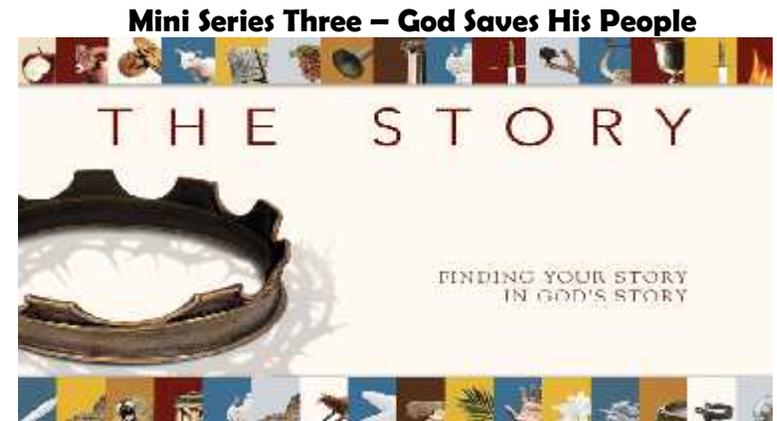
During our series on "The Story" many of us have learned new things and have seen God grow our faith and our trust in Him. During our Service on May 26 we will set aside time if you would like to tell how you have grown or what God has done with you and for you over the last several months. Let Pastor Gary or Joanna know if you would like to share your story.

## Two Convenient Ways to give a one time or reoccurring gift to Christ Street Fellowship



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



## Chapter Thirty Paul's Final Days 5-12-2019

Paul wrote a letter from jail to Timothy just before he was martyred. The letter revealed important truth about how we should view life:

### I. Life is a \_\_\_\_\_

"And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am..." 2 Timothy 1:11-12

"You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me...2 Timothy 1:15

"You, however, know all about...what kinds of things happened to me...the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted." 2 Timothy 3

Character is \_\_\_\_\_ by tests, God already knows if we are growing in character...so the test is not for his illumination but for ours.

Character is also \_\_\_\_\_ by tests.

Your character can grow, you have an opportunity to become more like Jesus when you respond as Jesus would have.

He will test your faith through \_\_\_\_\_, He will test your hope by how you handle \_\_\_\_\_, He will test your love through \_\_\_\_\_.

“Every test that you have experienced is the kind that normally comes to people. But God keeps his promise, and he will not allow you to be tested beyond your power to remain firm; at the time you are put to the test, he will give you the strength to endure it, and so provide you with a way out.” 1 Cor. 10:13

## II. Life is a \_\_\_\_\_

*“an arrangement whereby a person (a trustee) holds property as its nominal owner for the good of one or more beneficiaries.”*

*“a trust was set up” synonyms: safe keeping, care, custody*

“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.” 2 Timothy 1:6

“What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup>Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.” 2 Timothy 1:13

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others...” 2 Timothy 2:1-3

“...my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.” Acts 20:24

God owns everything (Psalm 24:1) and God gives to each person some of his possessions,, whether it is time, energy, intelligence, opportunities, relationships or resources.

The God-given role of human beings is to “take care of His stuff,” and he will reward those who are good stewards of his things. (Matthew 25:21)

## 3. Life is a \_\_\_\_\_

“Those in frequent contact with the things of the world should make good use of them without becoming attached to them, for this world and all it contains will pass away.” 1 Cor. 7:31-32

“For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near.” 2 Timothy 4:6

*“...a continual looking forward to the eternal world is not (as some modern people think) a form of escapism or wishful thinking, but one of the things a Christian is meant to do. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. The Apostles themselves, who set on foot the conversion of the Roman Empire, the great men who built up the Middle Ages, the English Evangelicals who abolished the Slave Trade, all left their mark on Earth, precisely because their minds were occupied with Heaven. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this. Aim at Heaven and you will get earth ‘thrown in’: aim at earth and you will get neither.”*

C. S. Lewis “Mere Christianity”

**“So we do not look at what we can see right now, the troubles all around us, but we look forward to the joys in heaven which we have not yet seen. The troubles will soon be over, but the joys to come will last forever.” 2 Cor. 4:18**



