## Sacred Story

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## Message Thread: A Sacred Story is being told through your life.

Sacred = Connected to God

"You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." Psalm 139:16

What's the point of our story being SACRED? It's a gift, an open invitation to be connected to God.

Principles to live out this SACRED STORY:

• ESTABLISH A CONNECTION!

"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Ephesians 2:8-10

- BE ALL IN
- LEAN IN
- RUN to GOD with YOUR HURTS

"Then I pray to you, O Lord, I say, 'You are my place of refuge. You are all I really want in life." Psalm 142:5

"God, shine your light and show me what I need to see."

"God, is there any area in my life that you want to heal?"

• ASK FOR and OFFER FORGIVENESS

If we wait until we FEEL like forgiving, it may never happen. Forgiveness is a choice. This is the process of getting to a life of wholeness and freedom.

"Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone." Romans 12:17-18

"Don't let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good." Romans 12:21

• STAY ON THE PATH

Habits that we need to develop:

- Keep your prayer life active
- Read and study God's Word
- $\circ~$  Find a community of people who are on the same path
- $\circ$   $\,$  Find someone who can keep you accountable to the path  $\,$

God is the author of your story! He is trustworthy, and He will be faithful to meet all your needs.

Stay on the path! You are living a SACRED STORY!



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