

**Welcome To**

**THE STORY**  
FINDING YOUR PART IN GOD'S STORY

Yes! I will contribute to the book of The Story

- I will do personal devotions or journal with my family
- I will participate in a regular Story group
- I will share my weekly Story or life group
- I will share my relationship experiences in my Life to God's story

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**The Story Journey**

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# Creation

*Life as We Know It*

*Rote & Salona UMC*

*Hartzel*

*Pastor Frank*

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*“In the beginning God...”*

**The Main Character of The Word**

*“created the heavens and the earth...”*

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**The creation is presented poetically and artistically:**

**Days 1, 2, and 3 are places created by God.**

**Day 1 - Light and Dark**

**Day 2 - Sky and Water**

**Day 3 - Land**

**Days 4, 5, and 6 those places are filled with the things the places were created for.**

**Day 4 - Sun and Moon/stars**

**Day 5 - Birds and Sea creatures**

**Day 6 - Animals and human beings**

**Day 7 - Rest**

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*“<sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” <sup>27</sup> So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”*

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**All the beauties of creation are secondary to  
you.**

**This truth is a self-esteem builder.**

**Gods supreme passion is to be with us at all  
costs.**

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**And it was good!**

Or

**And it was very good!**

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## The Fall

**Adam and Eve were created with the freedom and power to choose.**

**God does not force love.**

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The story → the tale of two trees

**The tree of life**

**The tree of the knowledge of good  
and evil**

**They presented a choice: Genesis 2. 16-17**

**“16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”**

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**Adam and Eve chose to be disobedient**

God's vision to be with people was

**ruined**

*Adam & Eve chose to*

*Disobey and ignore God*

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## Adam & Eve hid from God

Did not take responsibility  
For their choice

*“<sup>22</sup> And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” <sup>23</sup> So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. <sup>24</sup> After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.”*

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**Why would a loving, caring, creating God  
banish His chosen creation from His  
presence?**

**God's perfect plan**

**Man's imperfect choices**

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From the Higher Story perspective

Gods perfect environment has been  
corrupted by rebellion and  
disobedience

WAS IT  
FAIR?

From the Lower Story  
perspective - **YES!**

We all make mistakes!

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**The rest of the Bible is about what God did to  
get us back into a relationship with Him**

**To make us righteous!**

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Genesis 4 – 9

**Reveals the sin and the sin nature that  
permeated the human race**

**God's Chosen People**

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God chose Noah to build the ark

God attempts a do over of the human race after the judgment of flood waters

The flood erased the wicked human race

but it did not

Erase the sin nature

from Noah and his family

Genesis 9: 20-23.

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**How Can It Be????**

**God wants us back!**

**He does not give up on us -  
ever!**

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The Upper Story has not changed – God wants to have a relationship with us!

It is the Lower Story that needs to change.

If the flood was not the way then what?

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**After Adam and Eve sinned and became aware of their nakedness, they made fig leaf clothing to cover their nakedness. God took away the fig leaves and covered Adam and Eve with the**

**skins of animals**

**The First Clue to Gods Plan**

**For God to restore the vision that human beings are His supreme passion will require the shedding of blood**

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**A FACT**

**GOD WILL  
NOT GIVE UP  
ON US!**