

MESSAGE 2: THE REST OF THE STORY

Parts 1-2

HISTORY IS GOD'S 4 ACT LOVE STORY

"This is the story of how it all started, of Heaven and Earth, and when they were created."

Genesis 2:4 (MSG)

ACT I: GOD _____

"Long before he laid down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of his love." Ephesians 1:4 (MSG)

"The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on ALL his creation. All living things will thank you, Lord." Psalm 145:9-10 (NLT)

"God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment." 1 Timothy 6:17

"I'll never quit telling the story of your love—how you built the cosmos and everything in it. Your love has always been our lives' foundation, your faithfulness has been the roof over our world." Psalm 89:2 (MSG)

ACT II: WE _____ FROM GOD'S LOVE

"We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, and gone our own way." Isaiah 53:6 (MSG)

(Satan said to Eve) *"Did God really say, 'You must not eat fruit from ANY tree in the garden'?"*

(Eve) *"We're allowed to eat fruit from all the trees except God said, 'You must not eat from the one tree in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you'll die.'" Genesis 3:1-3*

"'You won't die!' Satan said. 'God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened, and you'll become just like God!' Then Eve saw that the fruit looked delicious and pleasing, and she desired what it could give here, so she took it and ate it. She also gave some to her husband..." Genesis 3:4-6

The P.A.T.H. that led us out of Paradise: (Genesis 3:1-6)

P _____ “Did God really say?” - We question God’s wisdom

A _____ “You’ll become just like God!” - We try to be God

T _____ “The fruit looked delicious” - We let feelings control us

H _____ “She took it & ate it!” - We disobey God’s directions

RESULT: “Because you are in darkness, all the foundations of society are shaken to the core.”
Psalm 82:5 (LB)

ACT III: GOD SENT JESUS _____

“This is how God showed his love to us: He sent his one and only Son into the world so that we could have life through him.” 1 John 4:9 (NCV)

Jesus: “I came to find and restore the lost.” Luke 19:10 (MSG)

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16 (KJV)

“God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world.” 2 Corinthians 5:19 (CEV)

ACT IV: WE CHOOSE _____

“Today I am giving you the choice between life and death, between blessing and curse. I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice YOU make. Oh, I want you to choose life!” Deuteronomy 30:19 (NLT)

“God’s unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ.” Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

“No man has ever seen, heard, or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 2:9 (LB)

“May you be able to feel and understand...how long, how wide, how deep, and how high God's love really is and experience this love for yourselves.” Ephesians 3:18-19 (LB)

“It makes no difference who you are or where you’re from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open.” Acts 10:35 (MSG)

“With deep love I will take you back...” Isaiah 54:7 (GN)