

September 8 | Sunday

What's Your Story?

Read [Romans 10:8-15](#)



9 | Mon – Stories | Read [Psalm 107:1-28](#)

Everyone has a story. You are living out yours at this moment. If you are a follower of Jesus and have experienced being redeemed from sin, then you also have a faith story. The psalm above relates stories of people whose lives were changed by God's intervention. Do any of them resonate with you? How has coming to know Jesus has changed your life? When you answer this question, that will be your faith story.

10 | Tue – An unlikely role model | Read [Joshua 2:1-22](#) and [6:25](#) / [Matthew 1:5-6](#)

One of the most dramatic faith stories in the Old Testament is the story of Rahab. She was a prostitute living in a city that had rejected God. Read the story of how God saved her and what that meant to future generations. Her faith was mentioned hundreds of years later in Hebrews 11:31 and in James 2:24-26. Does your family know your faith story? If they do, it will have an impact long after you are gone.

11 | Wed – Unpromising beginning | Read [Luke 6:12-16](#)

Jesus chose twelve pretty average men to pour His life into. Three years later, eleven of them had become dynamic leaders whose faith stories changed the world forever. Impetuous Peter became rock-solid, immature brothers James and John became wise leaders in the community of new believers, Simon the Zealot stopped looking for a political solution to the problems that sin had created, and the cynic Thomas chose to die rather than give up his faith in Jesus. What is one thing that has changed in *you* since you began to follow Jesus?

12 | Thu – Too late | Read [Luke 23:32-43](#)

Do you know someone near the end of their life who has lived so sinfully that they feel no hope of being accepted into heaven? That is the condition of the man in this story. Yet the hours he hung on a cross next to Jesus completely changed him. He had no time to make amends or change his ways but what mercy was extended when he admitted his need! He began the final day of his life as a condemned man but ended it walking into eternity with Jesus. Ask God to show you someone who needs this hope and then please share it.

13 | Fri – Where do you put *your* faith? | Read [Luke 18:10-14](#)

Contrast the faith stories of these two men. Notice in verses 10-12 where the Pharisee, a highly-respected religious leader, puts his faith. Then read where the despised tax collector put his hope. It might be easy for someone to tell a faith story full of their own good deeds and the many ways they have tried to be a righteous person. Those are commendable but is that the most important thing God is looking for?

14 | Sat – Hard times impact your faith story | Read [Job 13:15a](#)

Have you read the faith story Job tells? The calamities he endured after a lifetime of faithfully following God are inexplicable until you read what was going on behind the scenes. Job's story is not just about how God blessed him. It has great impact because Job continued to trust God after the blessings were snatched away. Your faith story has integrity only when you can still say God is good and worthy of your trust in the face of deep disappointment and loss. Please consider this question honestly: do I love God for His blessings or for Himself?