Making Sense of My Story

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Main Idea

The greatest gift God gives us, outside of our salvation, is a story that makes sense. God has created each one of us with purpose and the Bible reminds us that all of our days are ordained by God before one of them came to be. All of us have a story but who is writing our story and do we get to choose?

Make it Practical

- Have a vision of a better future for yourself and others. Write a story that is compelling and solves problems for others.
- Be connected with a community of people who are committed to the same vision.
- Be willing to engage and redeem every conflict that challenges the vision. Embrace difficulty and find purpose in it.

"...He Himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else...He marked out their appointed time in history...God did this so that they would seek Him and perhaps reach out for Him and find Him...'For in Him we live and move and have our being."

From Acts 17:25-28 NIV

Talk About It

- 1. Describe the story of your life so far. Do you feel you are experiencing the "narrative void," or do you think your story has "narrative traction"?
- 2. What character do you want to be in your story? What steps do you need to take to become that character?
- 3. What kind of vision do you have for a better future for others? How can you help solve problems for other people?

"God wants us to take the reins of our own story."

Prayer

Father, thank You for creating us with purpose. Give us Your vision for our lives, and help us become the heroes and guides we need to be to write a story that makes a difference. Surround us with a community of people who are committed to the same vision. And give us strength to accept the challenges that happen to us, choose to be transformed, and decide to help others. Fill our lives with meaning, for You glory. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Leader Tips

Share how this message inspired and challenged you personally. Opening up about your journey will help others be willing to share theirs.