

Living God's Story: A Preaching Outline  
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*Living God's Story: Finding Yourself in the Pages*

The outline below represents the first half of a 40-week teaching series tracing the key events, characters, and truths of the Bible. The purpose of the series was to instruct the congregation biblically, as well as to form them spiritually, by helping them appreciate the grand and personal nature of redemptive history. Each Old Testament message was linked to a related New Testament text to emphasize the continuity of the Scripture and of God's unfolding work in human history.

*In the Beginning, God...*

Genesis 1-2

Ephesians 2:10

Like everything else in creation, we glorify God and become our best selves when we find our place in His Story.

*Paradise Lost*

Genesis 3-11

Romans 3:23-24

From the beginning, men and women have chosen to write their own stories, apart from God, bringing ruin to ourselves and our world.

*The First Family of Faith*

Genesis 12-50

Galatians 3:6-7

God calls ordinary people to join Him in writing a better story for our lives, our families, and our world.

*Free at Last!*

Exodus 1-17

John 8:36

We're all slaves to something, and only God can set us free,

*Covenant Made, Covenant Broken*

Exodus 19-34

Mark 12:29-31

When we give our hearts to lesser gods, we betray the God who loves us, and forfeit His blessings.

*Wilderness Wandering*

Numbers 13-21

John 3:14-15

When we choose the wilderness, God goes with us, and graciously leads us back to His purposes.

*Taking the Land*

Joshua 1-6

Ephesians 6:12

Engaging the powers of darkness calls for courage, obedience, and prayer.

*We Want a King!*

1 Samuel 8

Matthew 6:33

We want someone to write a better story for our lives and our world, but God's Story is always best.

*A Kingdom Divided*

1 Kings 12-19; 2 Kings 17

James 4:4-8

When it seems like everyone has abandoned God's Story, He has not abandoned us.

*God's Messengers*

Isaiah 1, 40, 55

Hebrews 1:1-2

When we stray from God's Story, He sends messengers to speak truth into our lives.

*A Prophecy Fulfilled*

Micah 5:1-5

John 3:16

The coming of Jesus the Messiah declares God's pursuing love, reminds us of His care, and proclaims hope that change is possible.

*Words of Wisdom*

Ecclesiastes 3:1-14

Ephesians 5:15-16

Our stories are told in time, but God makes them beautiful for eternity.

*Jerusalem Falls*

2 Kings 21; Jeremiah

Romans 6:23

When we break from God's Story it leads to hurt and heartache...but God's mercies are new every morning.

*Living In Exile*

Daniel 1-6

1 Peter 2:11-12

When the world tries to rewrite your story, let God write His Story in and through you.

*Time to Rebuild*

Ezra/Nehemiah

1 Peter 5:10

When we return to God with repentance and resolve, He is able to restore us, and write the next chapter.

*Between the Times*

Malachi

Galatians 4:4

When it seems like nothing is happening, God is preparing the way for the next chapter in His Story, and ours.