

Your Story

Walking Through Tragedy (Wk.1)

LifeNotes

TALK IT OVER

Main Idea

Telling our story reminds us of what God has done and points others to Him.

Key Scriptures

Give praise to the LORD, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done. Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts. 1 Chronicles 16:8-9

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. Romans 8:18

Sometimes the most powerful stories come directly out of our own pain.

Our stories are one of the greatest tools we have

Start talking.

- Why are we often resistant to share our stories?
- How do you feel when someone shares their story with you?
- What book or movie would you compare your story to?

Start thinking.

- Read 1 Chronicles 16:8-9. Why does the passage begin with “praise”? Why is God worthy of your praise?
- Pastor Joel explained how in the original Hebrew, “make known” means, “to communicate what you have come to know through experience.” What have you come to know about Jesus through first hand experience?
- Why would the story of what you’ve experienced with Jesus matter to someone else?

Start sharing.

- What about Anna’s story connected to you? Explain.
- Where does Anna find hope?
- Read Romans 8:18. What is the glory that Paul is speaking of?
- What is the hope you cling to through tragedy and pain?
- How might sharing our stories of pain lead others to Jesus?

Start doing.

- Pray that God will reveal to you the person(s) He wants you to share your with.
- Make time this week to begin to tell it.

Closing prayer.

Your story matters because you matter to God. God created you right here, right now, for this spot on the Kingdom calendar and He has a purpose for your life and for the story He’s writing in you. Ask God to give you a “holy radar” for the opportunities He will place before you to share your story.