The Bible Story

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INTRODUCTION

- We are a movie going, movie watching culture. We enjoy stories.
- So I ask you this morning to consider what is on your index card.

1 In the Beginning, God Created

Genesis 1:1; Genesis 1:26; Genesis 2:17

- In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
- God just finished creating the whole world and he completes it by creating man.
- This truly was a perfect world. It was a perfect creation.
- God, from the very beginning of this story, in the first two chapters of the Bible story, lays out a law. But notice he also gives the penalty for transgressing that law.

2 The Scene of the First Crime

Genesis 3:1–6; Genesis 3:15; Ephesians 1:3–5

- And because of the sin of Adam and Eve, the course of humanity has forever been altered.
- Who would bruise the head of the serpent? Whose heel would be bruised by the very same serpent. It's Jesus the Christ.
- This wasn't a mistake. It was God showing perfect grace, setting the stage for perfect mercy to be exercised.
- God had a plan. God has always had the plan. It has not changed.

3 Our First Conflict: Cain and Abel

Genesis 4:1–8

- If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door.
- We see God telling us, Here is what I want, here is what I expect, and we say, This will be good enough, right?
- But Cain even offered a sacrifice, but it wasn't what God wanted. And so God was not pleased.

4 Noah Found Favor in the Eyes of the Lord

Genesis 6:5–8; Genesis 6:11–14

- The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- And as we drift away from God, we will drift further and further into more and more wickedness.
- The Bible story always shows God having favor for those who obey him, those who find favor in his sight.

- Was Noah expected to build the ark to the exact dimensions and with the exact rooms and the exact alignment that God prescribed. Yes. Why? Because that was God's way of saving him.

5 He Punished Judah, He Punished Israel

Amos 2:4–8; Jeremiah 31:31–34; 2 Timothy 3:1–5

- We're seeing it with God's chosen people in the terms of nations now, because they didn't do exactly what God said.
- The new covenant would be better. Why? Because God would put the law on our hearts.
- God stayed with his plan for man, despite individual, couple, familial, and even national transgression.
- Now I ask again, what time does that remind you of? Brothers and sisters, that time is now.

6 Jesus Died So That We May Live

Romans 6:23; Romans 6:3–5; Romans 5:8–9

- Man transgressed God's law. Sin deserves death.
- It didn't have to happen. God chose, Jesus chose to make it happen.
- There was no war we could fight, no sum we could pay, no muscle we could flex to earn our salvation.
- But God shows his love towards us, and that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What will you say to God? Has your sin been blotted out by the blood of Christ?**

MY NOTES