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⁶ so that a future generation— children yet to be born—might know. They were to rise and tell their children

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1. Stories are important

- ²I will speak mysteries from the past...
- ³{I will speak} things we have heard and know and that our fathers have passed down to us...
- ⁴{we} will tell a future generation

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“The most powerful person in the world is the storyteller.”
~ Steve Jobs

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“Storytelling is the most powerful way to put ideas into the world today.”
~ Robert McKee

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“Sometimes reality is too complex. Stories give it form.”
~ Jean Luc Godard

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Mark 5:18-20 (NIV)

¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him.

¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

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Mark 5:18-20 (NIV)

²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.

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2. Every believer has God stories to tell

- ⁴{tell} ...the praiseworthy acts of the LORD, his might, and the wondrous works he has performed

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2. Every believer has God stories to tell

- Your stories

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James 4:2b-3 (CSB)

^{2b} You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and don't receive because you ask with wrong motives.

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Matthew 7:7-8 (CSB)

⁷ Ask, and it will be given to you. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened to you.

⁸ For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

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2. Every believer has God stories to tell

- Your stories
- Other people's stories

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2. Every believer has God stories to tell

- Your stories
- Other people's stories
- Bible stories

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Isaiah 46:9 (CSB)

Remember what happened long ago, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and no one is like me

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3. God stories pave the way for God encounters

- ⁶ so that a future generation— children yet to be born—might **know**
- ⁶ They were to rise and tell their children ⁷ so that they might **put their confidence in God** and **not forget God's works**, but **keep his commands**.

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Results of storytelling:

1. Knowing God {v6 know}
2. Trusting God {v7 confidence in}
3. Remembering God's Presence {v7 not forget God's works}
4. Becoming a stronger believer {v7 keep his commands}

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Psalm 78:4b (CSB)
^{4b} ...the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,
his might, and the wondrous works he
has performed.

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