

YOUR TRUE STORY
2 Corinthians 5:16-6:2 (CSB)

From now on, then, we do not know anyone from a worldly perspective. Even if we have known Christ from a worldly perspective, yet now we no longer know him in this way.¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!¹⁸ Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.¹⁹ That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us.²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God."²¹ He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

¹ Working together with him, we also appeal to you, "Don't receive the grace of God in vain."² For he says: At an acceptable time I listened to you, and in the day of salvation I helped you. See, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation!

2 Corinthians 5:16–6:2 (CSB)

1. A WORLDLY Perspective of your Story.

- Seeing ourselves and Christ from a worldly perspective diminishes and frustrates our story.

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2 Corinthians 5:16 (CSB)

For we know that if our earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal dwelling in the heavens, not made with hands.² Indeed, we groan in this tent, desiring to put on our heavenly dwelling,³ since, when we are clothed, we will not be found naked.⁴ Indeed, we groan while we are in this tent, burdened as we are, because we do not want to be unclothed but clothed, so that mortality may be swallowed up by life.⁵ Now the one who prepared us for this very purpose is God, who gave us the Spirit as a down payment.

2 Corinthians 5:1-5 (CSB)

2. A HEAVENLY Perspective of your Story.

- Seeing ourselves and Christ from a heavenly perspective rewrites and releases our story.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (CSB)

Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation.¹⁹ That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us.²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, "Be reconciled to God."²¹ He made the one who did not know sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21 (CSB)

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2 Corinthians 6:1-2 (CSB)

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say, "There is no resurrection of the dead"?¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised;¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain, and so is your faith.

1 Corinthians 15:12-14 (CSB)

Finally brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable—if there is any moral excellence and if there is anything praiseworthy—dwell on these things.⁹ Do what you have learned and received and heard from me, and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9 (CSB)

"A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance."

John 10:10 (CSB)