



Year of the Story: God's Story

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“My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love does not know the first thing about God, because God is love—so you cannot know him if you do not love.” 1 John 4:7-8 (MSG)

God's story is about love. Our story begins with God and His love for us. We cannot write our story without know the love of God.

- God's Love is Personal. Luke 12:6-7

The love of God is one of the great realities of the universe, a pillar upon which the hope of the world rests. But it is a personal, intimate thing too. God does not love populations, He loves people. He loves not masses, but men.” -A.W. Tozer

- 1. How would you describe personal love?**
- 2. Tell your story of a time when you experienced God's personal love.**

- God's Love is Proven. 1 John 4:9-10

“But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.” Romans 5:8 (MSG)

- 3. In what ways does God prove His love?**
- 4. Tell your story of how God has proved His love to you.**

- God's Love Perfects.

1 John 4:12

God's love perfects us in personal growth and development: making us more like Christ.

5. Tell your story of how God's love is perfecting you.

- God's Love Protects.

Psalm 91:14-16

"The people I love, I call to account—prod and correct and guide so that they will live at their best. Up on your feet, then! About face! Run after God." Revelation 3:19 (MSG)

God's love protects us from ourselves; it course corrects us.

6. Tell your story about a time you experienced God's protection.

- God's Love Provides.

Matthew 7:7-11

"If God didn't hesitate to put everything on the line for us, embracing our condition and exposing himself to the worst by sending his own Son, is there anything else he wouldn't gladly and freely do for us?" Romans 8:32 (MSG)

God's love provides for our greatest need; our need for relationship with Him.

7. What do you need for God to provide for you right now?

8. Tell your story of a time that God provided for you.

- God's Love is Persevering.

John 15:4-10

"Long ago the Lord said to Israel: 'I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.'" Jeremiah 31:3 (NLT)

9. Tell your story of God's persevering, unfailing love for you.