

GOD LOVES STORIES

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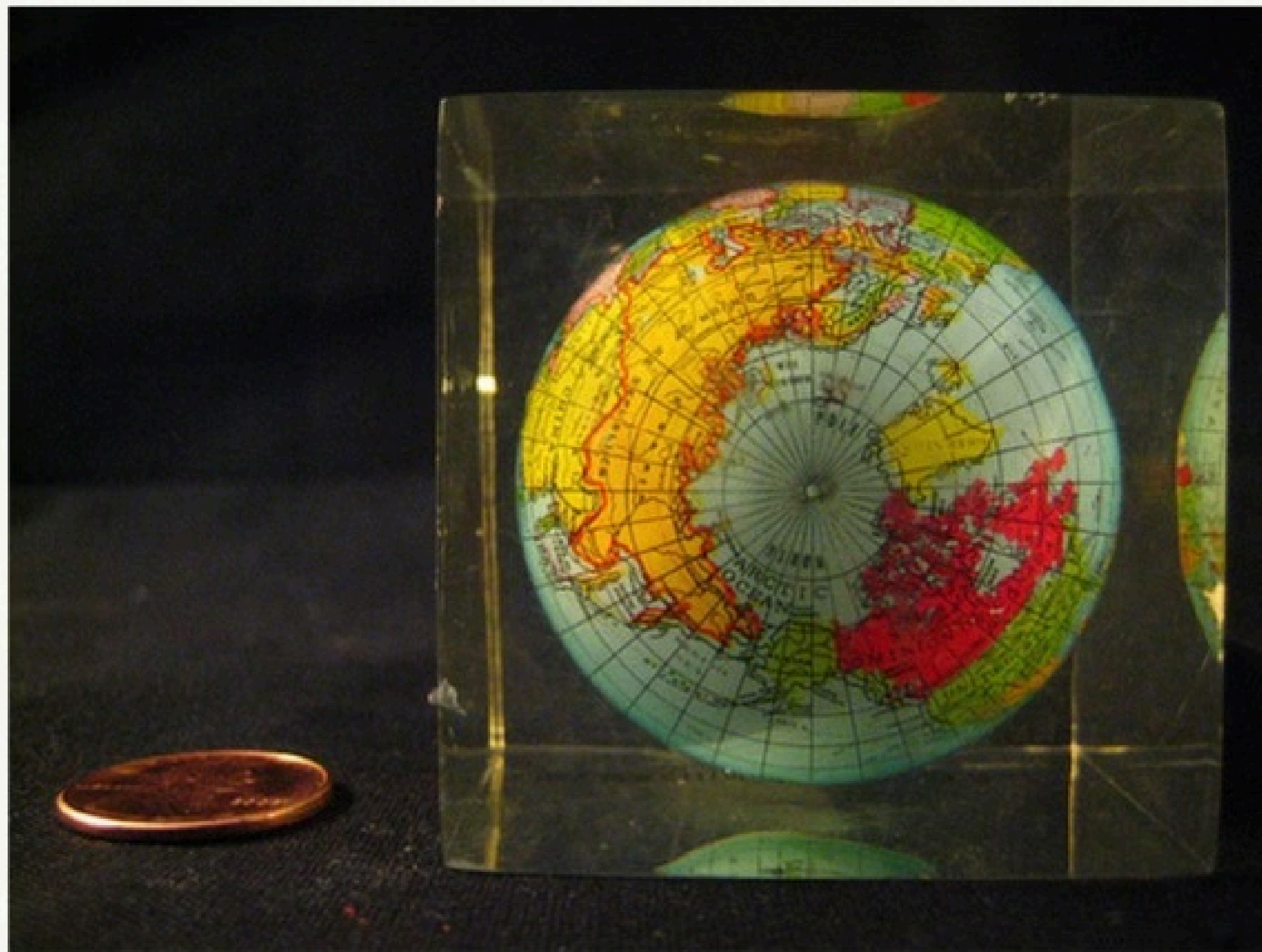




*I'm
Glad I
Spotted
You!*



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“The biblical writers, unlike the Greeks, never set out a systematic theology. Instead, they embedded their theological ideas in stories.”

ROBERT ALTER



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1. Why God chose stories

2. Stories in our lives



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 - A story can transcend language
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- A campfire with bright orange and yellow flames is burning in the lower right corner of the slide. The background is a dark, misty forest with bare trees, creating a somber and atmospheric setting.

And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.”

LUKE 10:25-37

But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

LUKE 10:25-37

But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

LUKE 10:25-37

Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

LUKE 10:25-37

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“When Jesus wanted to fully explain what his forthcoming death was all about, he didn’t give a theory. He gave a meal and a story.”

N.T. WRIGHT



STORIES IN OUR OWN LIVES



STORIES IN OUR OWN LIVES

- We tell ourselves stories



I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember
your wonders of old. I will ponder all your work, and
meditate on your mighty deeds.

PSALM 77:11-12

STORIES IN OUR OWN LIVES


- We tell ourselves stories
- Be cautious what stories we share



The words of a whisperer are like delicious morsels; they go down into the inner parts of the body.

PROVERBS 18:8

STORIES IN OUR OWN LIVES

- We tell ourselves stories
 - Be cautious what stories we share
 - Testimonies have power
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- A campfire with bright orange and yellow flames is burning in a dark, misty forest at night. The fire is the central focus, casting a warm glow on the surrounding logs and the dark trees in the background. The overall atmosphere is quiet and contemplative.

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

REVELATION 12:11

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

ACTS 1:8