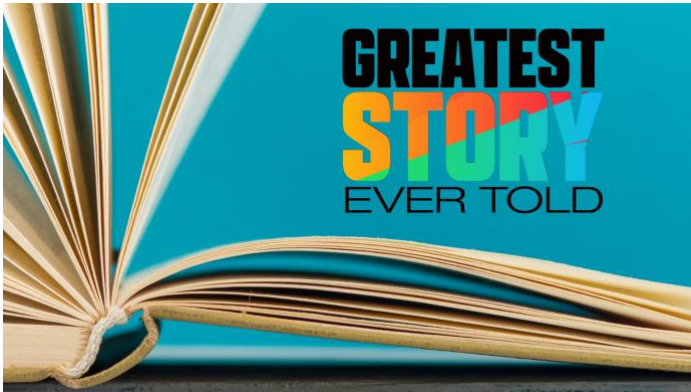


TAKE HOME SHEET



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What are some of the reasons people try to hide the real truth about themselves from others?

What are the perceived benefits of doing this?  
What are the costs?

Is there someone you know who admitted a major fault or weakness about themselves to you?

How did it impact you?

When you read this verse, “*You spread out our sins before you— our secret sins—and you see them all.*” Psalm 90:8 (NLT), how does it make you feel?

Review the first three message points and verses.

How does this impact your thinking about your life and story?

Read the following and reflect on the potential impact your life can have. Ask God to help you live up to the great opportunity you have to represent Him as the hero of your life.

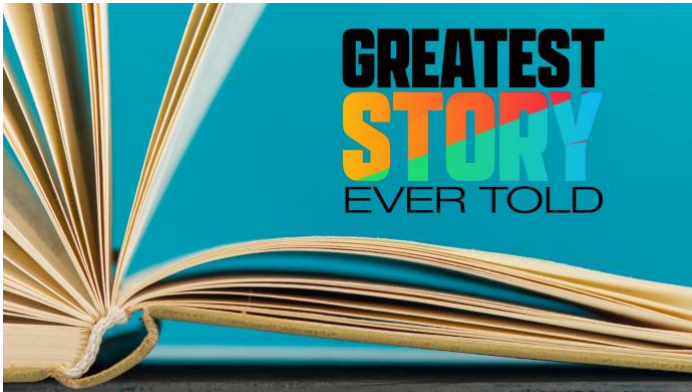
*<sup>17</sup> This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! <sup>18</sup> And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. <sup>19</sup> For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> So we are Christ’s ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, “Come back to God!” <sup>21</sup> For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.*

2 Corinthians 5:17–21 (NLT)

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

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MESSAGE NOTES



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*O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.*

Psalm 139:1 (NLT)

*“Can anyone hide from me in a secret place?  
Am I not everywhere in all the heavens and  
earth?” says the Lord.*

Jeremiah 23:24 (NLT)

**1. Pretending, hiding, or ignoring doesn’t  
change the truth.**

*You spread out our sins before you — our secret  
sins—and you see them all.*

Psalm 90:8 (NLT)

*For all that is secret will eventually be brought  
into the open, and everything that is concealed  
will be brought to light and made known to all.*

Luke 8:17 (NLT)

*God will judge us for everything we do, including  
every secret thing, whether good or bad.*

Ecclesiastes 12:14 (NLT)

**2. Facing the truth about ourselves and God,  
opens the door to true love and freedom.**

*<sup>28</sup> Then Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who  
are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will  
give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you. Let me  
teach you, because I am humble and gentle at  
heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For  
my yoke is easy to bear, and the burden I give  
you is light.”*

Matthew 11:28–30 (NLT)

**3. A key that unlocks all of this is humility.**

*<sup>5</sup> And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as  
you relate to one another, for “God opposes the  
proud but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>6</sup> So  
humble yourselves under the mighty power of  
God, and at the right time he will lift you up in  
honor. <sup>7</sup> Give all your worries and cares to God,  
for he cares about you. <sup>8</sup> Stay alert! Watch out  
for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls  
around like a roaring lion, looking for someone  
to devour. <sup>9</sup> Stand firm against him, and be  
strong in your faith.*

1 Peter 5:5–9 (NLT)

**4. Facing the truth about my life offers  
benefits to me and everyone around me.**