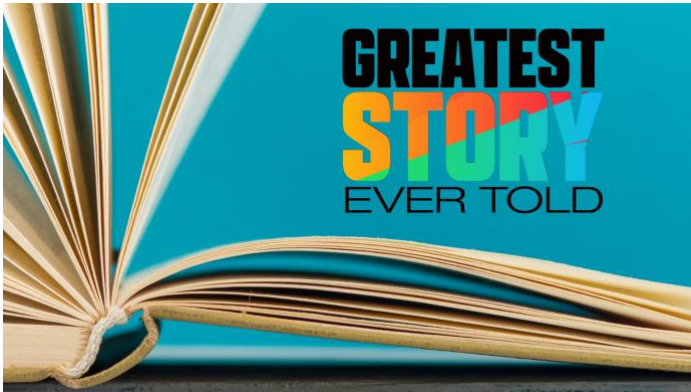


TAKE HOME SHEET



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As we introduce our new series, let's take some time to do an honest personal inventory.

If my life were written as a story, who would the main characters be?

As I live day to day, who is the hero or heroine?

Why did I answer that way?

Here is a story about John the Baptist who was a major spiritual influencer:

²⁶ So John's disciples came to him and said, "Rabbi, the man you met on the other side of the Jordan River, the one you identified as the Messiah, is also baptizing people. And everybody is going to him instead of coming to us." ²⁷ John replied, "No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven.

²⁸ You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.' ²⁹ It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the bridegroom's friend is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success.

³⁰ He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less."

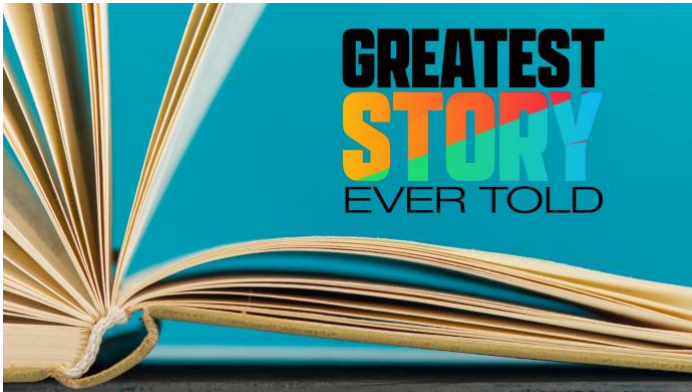
John 3:26–30 (NLT)

What can you learn from John's response?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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¹ O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. ² You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away. ³ You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.

Psalm 139:1–3 (NLT)

The life stories of those who have decided to follow Jesus have a lot in common with the stories of others.

There is one major difference – the hero.

⁹ Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.
¹⁰ May your Kingdom come soon.
May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:9–10 (NLT)

*He must become greater and greater, and I
must become less and less.*

John 3:30 (NLT)

In this series, we will aim to look at our stories from God's perspective.

Question:

“Why doesn't God take us immediately to heaven when we accept Jesus as our savior and leader?”