

Hebrews 9:27-29

“Based on a True Story”

Lynn and I were watching T.V. and we had a conversation:

Lynn: “You might not want to watch this movie ----- it’s a true story.”

Tom: “We’re living a true story.”

Lynn: “This one started out really hard.....”

Tom: “That is exactly OUR life.”

Hebrews 9:27-29 ²⁷ *And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,* ²⁸ *so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

1) Appointed to _____ - even Jesus.

Our lives are stories – “true stories”. If each life played out like a movie, what would we see?

Ephesians 2:1-3 *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*

2) We have all _____ sinned.

If you say, “no, not equally”, you might be a moral sinner.

My Story

My story seems crazy to me. Even today, I will just say, I have had good times and bad times.

I am on my 5th family. I was incarcerated one-half of my life, from 18 – 42. And now, I have been out longer than my last incarceration of 10 years. This Bible is a part of “my story”, a written record of good done in a den of evil.

Today, I love, I sin, I laugh, I cry, I believe.

Ephesians 2:4-10 ⁴ *But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶ and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰ For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

Your Story

3) God knows _____ story.

What is your “true story”? Were you once young? I mean really young? 8 – 10 - 16 – 21? What happened there? Do you know God has watched the entire reel. Did you have triumphs? Losses? 35 - 40 - 50 - 55 + +

Was life wonderful? Was it a struggle? Did you try your hardest?

Marriages – Deaths – Vacations – Endless nights at the T.V. – Religious events – Holidays.

What a story to be told.

4) Hopefully a _____ of your true story is _____.

Jesus' Story

What was Jesus' "true story"?

1 Timothy 3:14-16 ¹⁴ *These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly;* ¹⁵ *but if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.* ¹⁶ *And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifested in the flesh, Justified in the Spirit, Seen by angels, Preached among the Gentiles, Believed on in the world, Received up in glory.*

There it is in a synopsis.

Jesus lived among us and changed the world at the cross.

The Cross

5) Where _____ and _____ meet.

Hebrews 9:27-29 says His "true story" ended there.

Ephesians 2:4-10 says our story begins here.

6) If we put our _____ in _____ we are _____.

Our true story meets His true story. He will meet us where we are at: lonely, tired, afraid, untrusting, lost....
He will meet us there.

"at the foot of the cross"

Back to how this message got its beginning: Lynn said, "You might not want to watch...." Sorry baby, that ship sailed. We are living our "true story".

Let's pray God gives us peace as we trust Him.

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

7) _____ your life by _____ for others.

You still have a life to live. Live it boldly, confidently, hopeful.

Your true story isn't over yet.

What will your next chapter be?