

you **matter.**

Week #2: Your Story Matters

1. You have a _____ story.

*Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth;
all the stages of my life were spread out before you,
The days of my life all prepared
before I'd even lived one day.*

Psalms 139:16 (MSG)

*He observes every soul
from His divine residence.
He has formed every human heart, breathing life into every human spirit;
He knows the deeds of each person, inside and out.*

Psalms 33:14-15 (VOICE)

2. _____ with your story.

- Give God your _____.

*Some trust in chariots and some in horses,
But we will remember and trust in the name of the Lord our God.*

Psalms 20:7 (AMP)

- Give God your _____.

*“He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.”*

Psalm 147:3 (ESV)

- Give God your _____.

*But if we confess our sins, he will forgive our sins, because we can trust God to do what is right. He will
cleanse us from all the wrongs we have done.*

1 John 1:9 (NCV)

- Give God your _____.

*But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will
boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.*

2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

- Give God your _____.

Since God cares for you, let Him carry all your burdens and worries.

1 Peter 5:7 (VOICE)

- Give God your _____.

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

3. _____ your story within the bigger _____ story.

*“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them all. But God had mercy on me
so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then
others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.*

1 Timothy 1:15-16 (NLT)

*For we are the product of His hand, heaven’s poetry etched on lives, created in the Anointed, Jesus, to
accomplish the good works God arranged long ago.*

Ephesians 2:10 (VOICE)

Discussion Questions

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