

# The Story Devotional Plan 2023

## Chapter 9: The Church



Welcome to Chapter 9b of “*The Story*”, an exciting journey through the Bible!

Below are 21 days of Scripture to use in your time w/ God & to prep for the upcoming Sunday.

**Here are some tips to get you started:**

- For each passage, we encourage you to SOAP the text.
- For each day, we provide a question or statement to help you observe the text in order to apply it to your life. Ask God: “How should I apply this text to my life today?”
- Click on the following for video overviews of [Romans 1-4](#), [Romans 5-16](#), and [1 Corinthians](#).

*Let's begin!*

### THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

#### READ

- 10/30: [Rom 1:16-17](#)
- 10/31: [Rom 1:18-32](#)
- 11/01: [Rom 2:1-29](#)
- 11/02: [Rom 3:1-8](#)
- 11/03: [Rom 3:9-18](#)
- 11/04: [Rom 3:19-20](#)
- 11/05: [Rom 3:21-31](#)

#### REFLECT

- How does the Gospel reveal the righteousness of God? See 3:21-26.
- How does God’s “invisible attributes” & “righteous decree” condemn the unrighteousness of man?
- How can a person’s own judgment leave him/her w/o excuse? How might this apply to you?
- Have you let a Christian’s faithlessness impact your view of God? How can you fight against that?
- What does it mean that “no one does good”? (v12)
- What is a major purpose of the law? Why is it good to know your sin?
- Faith is mentioned here 8 times. Other than “faith”, what is your favorite word in this text and why?

### THE MOUNT EVEREST OF THEOLOGY

#### READ

- 11/06: [Rom 8:1-4](#)
- 11/07: [Rom 8:5-8](#)
- 11/08: [Rom 8:9-11](#)
- 11/09: [Rom 8:12-27](#)
- 11/10: [Rom 8:28-30](#)
- 11/11: [Rom 8:31-34](#)
- 11/12: [Rom 8:35-39](#)

#### REFLECT

- Verse 3 gives us 3 unique blessings found in vv1, 2, & 4. What are they?
- How can you proactively set your mind “on the things of the Spirit” today?
- Is it possible to be a Christian and not have the Spirit?
- Is it possible to have the Spirit and not be a Christian? If you have the Spirit, what is guaranteed?
- You were a slave to sin. Now you are a child of God. What are the benefits of adoption?
- Is it possible that the “good” mentioned in v28 is found in v29?
- According to v30, is it possible for a Christian to lose his/her salvation?
- How is v32 such incredibly hope-giving logic?
- Have you ever doubted God’s love for you?
- How is it impossible for a Christian to be separated from God’s love?

### THE SPIRIT IN THE CHURCH

#### READ

- 11/13: [1 Cor 12:1-11](#)
- 11/14: [1 Cor 12:12-13](#)
- 11/15: [1 Cor 12:14-31](#)
- 11/16: [1 Cor 13:1-13](#)
- 11/17: [1 Cor 14:1-19](#)
- 11/18: [1 Cor 14:20-25](#)
- 11/19: [1 Cor 14:26-40](#)

#### REFLECT

- What is “the common good” (v7).
- Do you think that if you are not exercising your gift, there will be a lack of “the common good”?
- Consider how both race and status have no bearing in the body of Christ?
- How is the church the equalizer of all people?
- How do you think a person realizes how God has gifted them? How has God gifted you?
- Think of a tough relationship you have.
- What is one action (vv4-7) you can take to shockingly love them well today?
- What is the most important goal in speaking? (See vv5-6, 12, 17, & 19).
- Is that your ultimate purpose when words leave your mouth?
- How should we strive for the church gathering to build up believers and reach unbelievers?
- Why is order (v26), discernment (v29), and decency (v40) so important when the church gathers?