

The Story Devotional Plan 2023

Chapter 6: Wisdom

Welcome to Chapter 6 of “The Story”, our exciting journey through the Bible in 2023.

Below you will see 21 days of Scripture to use in your time alone with God AND to prep for the upcoming Sunday.

Here are some tips to get you started:

- For all of these passages, we encourage you to [SOAP](#) the text.
- For each day, we provide a statement or question to help you observe the text in order to apply it to your life.
- For an overview video of each one of the books, click the appropriate [title](#) below.



Let's begin!

JOB

READ

REFLECT

- 06/26: [Job 1](#) Satan may have caused all of this. But Job said “the LORD has taken away”. How might both be true? How is Job’s response in [v21](#) the right response ([v22](#)) in all circumstances?
- 06/27: [Job 2](#) Have you ever contemplated that you might be experiencing the effects of cosmic conversations? How could considering this help your perspective?
- 06/28: [Job 19](#) If there is a turning point in this chapter, where is it and why? How can this same truth turn corners for you each day? *By the way, how cool is Job’s prediction in [vv23-24](#)?*
- 06/29: [Job 21](#) How can having an eternal perspective:
-Help you love those you would otherwise be jealous of?
-Help you get through hard times in this life?
-Help you interact with people who make your life miserable?
- 06/30: [Job 32:1-5](#)
[Job 37:14-24](#) Elihu “burned with anger” at both parties for good reasons. Where should you burn with anger? What was Elihu’s advice? How could the counsel you give be more God-centered?
- 07/01: [Job 38, 40:1-9](#) How is life better, regardless of the circumstances, when we simply trust God?
- 07/02: [Job 42](#) Job seemed to have good perspective in [chs1-2](#). And he has good perspective in [ch42](#). How do you feel like Job grew spiritually as a result of what took place in this book? How have you matured as a result of studying the Book of Job this last week?

PSALMS

READ

REFLECT

- 07/03: [Psalm 1](#) The righteous are contrasted with the wicked. Are there only two groups of people in the world? If so, what are the implications?
- 07/04: [Psalm 22](#)
[Psalm 23](#) Where do you see Jesus in [Psalm 22](#)? Why is it fitting that [Psalm 22](#) ends with mission? How is [Psalm 23](#) a great follow-up to [Psalm 22](#)?
- 07/05: [Psalm 47](#) The Sons of Korah are calling for whom to clap, shout, and sing to God? Have you ever directed a command like this to the world? What has to happen in your heart to be this passionate for the nations?
- 07/06: [Psalm 67](#) Why was the Psalmist asking for blessing? When you pray and ask God to bless you, consider the motives of your heart.
- 07/07: [Psalm 96](#) John Piper has said: “Missions exists because worship doesn’t.” Missions does aim at people’s salvation ([v2](#)), but it’s ultimately about God. Where do you see both worship and missions in [Psalm 96](#)?
- 07/08: [Psalm 98](#) See [Romans 8:34](#) & [Colossians 3:1](#) and consider to whom the Psalmist is referring in [Psalm 98:1-3](#). How do [vv1-3](#) help us experience [vv4-8](#) and prepare for [v9](#)?
- 07/09: [Psalm 103](#) Who is David speaking to in [vv1-5](#)? How often should you have this conversation? What do [vv6-19](#) say about the LORD? What do they say about man? Notice who David is speaking to in the last sentence? Why do you think he ends this way?

ECCLESIASTES

READ

REFLECT

- 07/10: [Ecclesiastes 1](#) The word “vanity” in the ESV is from the Hebrew word “hebel” and means “vapor” or “mere breath”. It is used 38 times in this book and 5 of those times are in [v2](#)! What do you think might be the theme of Ecclesiastes and why?
- 07/11: [Ecclesiastes 2](#) See [v16](#). How sobering is it to think that you will likely be forgotten? How can you turn this truth into motivation to live with purpose?
- 07/12: [Ecclesiastes 3](#) Time is fleeting, but time is useful ([vv1-8](#)). With eternity in mind ([v11](#)), how can you make the best use of your time today?
- 07/13: [Ecclesiastes 4](#) See [vv7-8](#). Have you ever stopped to ask: “For whom am I toiling”? In what ways might you be working to obtain a life that is leaving you “never satisfied”?
- 07/14: [Ecclesiastes 5](#) Do you think there may be a connection between fearing God ([vv1-7](#)) and enjoying life ([vv18-20](#))? If so, what is the key to living a life “occupied with joy”? ([v20](#))
- 07/15: [Ecclesiastes 6](#) See [vv1-2](#) & [v12](#). Why is it good to daily remind yourself that your life “passes like a shadow”?
- 07/16: [Ecclesiastes 12](#) Often people put off following God to a more “opportune” time. What are reasons in [ch12](#) to “fear God and keep his commandments” as soon as possible?