

Welcome to the Story of the Bible.

Every Sunday I will send out the link for the video for this week along with the list of recommended resources. Dig in to your hearts content and according to the time you have available during the week. Please feel free to contact me at any time with clarifying questions or comments!

This week we look at the book of Genesis. I will spend time in the creation narratives because those narratives set the framework for the gospel story. Where is our hope? What is the character of God? Then we look briefly at Abraham and his family focusing on what it is God is doing by moving Abraham out of Mesopotamia and into the land of the Bible. Here is the link for the video: <https://bit.ly/3Ru7UPY>

I will try to keep these weekly videos to 40-50 minutes. I ran over this week, so I cut off the final portion and will link that separately as "bonus" content. This week's bonus content ("How did Joseph get to Egypt") is here: <https://bit.ly/3UVAoVz>

Additional Reading:

Genesis 1–11

- Genesis 1 and 2 are normally seen as two different creation narratives. Read them together and write down what you think is similar and what is different between them.
- Are there themes throughout Genesis 1–11 that you notice?
- What questions do you have?

Genesis 12–22

- Chapter 12 is seen as a huge shift in the biblical story. What do you think changes in chapter 12 from the previous chapters?
- Are there chapters that make you uncomfortable as you read? Why?

Genesis 37–50 (skim)

- How would you describe Joseph's life?
- How would you describe God's involvement in Joseph's extended family?

Resources:

For more on a biblical view of creation/evolution/science watch John Walton's talk from the Art of Hard Conversation series: <https://bit.ly/3UWSWVG>

Check out John Walton's books: *The Lost World of Genesis One*

For a great overview of the Old Testament see Sandra Richter's book *The Epic of Eden*.

Grab a discussion partner and dig in!

Sincerely,
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