

Perspectives

The Rest of the Story

Paul Harvey was a nationally-known radio broadcaster from 1952—2008. Millions of people tuned into his program each week. In one of his most well-known segments, he would begin a story about someone or an event that you most likely would not recognize at first. He would not tell the full story all at once. Just when he had you hanging on his every word, intrigued by the story, he would stop for a commercial break. After returning, he would say, “And now, the rest of the story.” You were always amazed how the first part of the story had you thinking one thing, but the “rest of the story” had a completely different ending than you expected.

God is a God of “the rest of the story.” For example, I have encountered people whose life seemed to be heading down the wrong path, and you could most likely tell where his/her life was eventually going. However, this person has an encounter with God and his/her life takes a new direction. The first part of his/her life told one type of story, but with God this person has a “rest of the story” experience.

One of the lies of Satan is to tell someone there is no hope of change, no hope of a life transformation, no hope for a better tomorrow. However, the good news is that God offers a different message. God says give me your life and I will make it abundant, to the full (see John 10:10).

The Bible is full of “the rest of the story” people—those whose life trajectory was changed by God. One prime example is seen in the life of Paul. His mission was to persecute Christians; however, after his encounter with God, his mission became to spread the gospel, pointing people to Christ and how to become a Christ-follower—a Christian.

During this quarter, we are looking at “the rest of the story” good news found in Psalms and the book of Acts. We will see that sin does not have the final word, your past does not determine your future, and with God all things are possible. In each session you will see how God is a God of “the rest of the story”!

May God bless you as you study His Word this quarter!

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