

Changed by the Story of Jesus

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I Peter 2:1-10

You and I are people of God through Jesus – and His story envelopes ours!

What is story? We don't mean fairy tale, made up story. Our story and the story of Jesus are real events in this world.

1. Because we have received God's Word, the words in our stories change.
 - a. This not a theoretical or emotional concept – this changes the words we say. We are called to be rid of anything that doesn't fit the Story of Jesus.
 - b. Every single action listed is an effort at finding security in ourselves
 - c. So STOP doing those things – remind yourself daily that your security is not in what others think of you but in Jesus Christ.

2. The whole goal of our stories change when we encounter Jesus and enter His story.
 - a. Our desire is for the substance of the Gospel. Which is the person of Jesus Christ found in the written Word of God.
 - b. Since our identities change and our hope and security is in Christ and His salvation, all of our desires change.
 - c. We crave because we have tasted His goodness therefore we grow into our salvation.

3. All of our stories become aligned with the Story of Jesus (or not).
 - a. To those who believe, Jesus is a secure foundation to build your new life on.
 - b. We have a choice we can come to Jesus or reject Him like others have.
 - c. Built into a spiritual house – a place where God's Space and human's space intersect.
 - d. We become priests in this house – that means you and I represent God to the world.

We are left with two options:

1. We can accept Jesus, His story and let it envelope ours and change entirely the way we look at the world.

2. We can deny Jesus and try to write our own story and encounter the fact that we're only stumbling around.