

CREATION TO CHRIST

I want to tell you a story that's changing the lives of people all over the world.

PART 1—True Story from the Bible

It's not a story that any one made of. Instead, it's from the Bible which is the word of the Most High God. Therefore, it's true and reliable. There is only one God and He is the Most High God. The Most High God is more powerful than any person, spirit, religious teacher, government or god that people worship.

PART 2—Created for a Relationship With God

He existed in the beginning before there was anything else. When God began to create things, He just spoke and everything came into being. He created everything on earth and in heaven. He created things we cannot see like angels. Angels are beautiful spirits who worship and serve God in heaven. God also created everything we can see—sun, moon, stars, the earth, all the plants and animals. Finally, He created a man and a woman in His own image. When God created everything, He said: this is really good.

God gave the man and woman a beautiful garden to live in. Everyday they walked together and had a wonderful relationship with Him and with each other. God told them to take care of the garden and to enjoy everything. He gave them a special command. He said, you may eat the fruit of any of trees in the garden. There is just one tree in the middle of the garden you may not eat from. If you eat from the fruit, from yet, you will die. The man and woman's relationship with God and with each other was perfect. ***God created us to have this kind of relationship with Him and with each other.***

PART 3—People are Separated from God

The man and woman had a wonderful relationship with God and each other. However, do you remember the angels God created? One of the angels became very proud. He wanted to be like God and to have the other angels to worship him instead of God. But there is only one God to be worshiped. Therefore, God cast the disobedient angel out of heaven. We call that angel, the devil. God also casted out of heaven all of the other angels who followed him, the demons or evil spirits.

One day, the devil tempted the woman to eat the food from the one tree that was forbidden. He asked her: did God really say you couldn't eat from any tree in the garden? The woman said, No, we may eat from any tree except for the one in the middle of the garden. If we eat from that or touch it, we will die. But the devil told her, you won't die. All instead, you will become like God. The woman listened to the devil and ate the fruit. Then she gave it to her husband and he ate. That day, both of them sinned. **Sin is any time we disobey God's commands.**

God is righteous and holy. He must punish us when we disobey him. God casted the man and the woman out of the garden, and their relationship with God was broken forever. Like that man and women, all of us has sinned. Our relationship with God has broken and the results of sin is eternal punishment in hell when we die. ***We cannot live forever with God as we were designed. What can be done.***

PART 4—People Can't Come Back to God

Over time, the number of people on earth increased. Even though each of them sinned, God still loved them very much and wanted them to have a relationship with Him. God gave 10 commandments to the people through wanted servants. Remember, God is perfect and holy. So we must be perfect and holy to live with Him. The 10 commandments taught people how to live right with God and each other. Some of the commands were: do not worship other gods or make idols; honor your parents; do not lie, steal, murder, don't desire the things other people have or commit adultery.

However, no one was able to obey all of these commands. Each time they sinned, God allowed them to confess their sins and offer a sacrifice to take their place of punishment. This sacrifice was shedding the blood of a perfect animal. As they offer the sacrifice, they would ask God to forgive them and let the animal die in their place. **Only by the shedding of blood can a person's sins be forgiven.**

However, as time went by. Their hearts no longer sorry for their sins. Instead the sacrifices just became empty rituals. God said, I had enough your empty sacrifices. Through keeping the rules and sacrificing animals, people realized that they are unable to come back to God on their role. What can be done.

PART 5—Jesus Comes to Earth

God still loved the people of the world very much. Therefore at just the right time. God sent Jesus to show people how to mend the relationship with themselves. Who is Jesus? Jesus is God's one and only Son. Jesus was a wonderful **teacher**. People loved to listen to him. Because he taught them how to come back to God.

Jesus was also a powerful **miracle worker**. One day, many people came to listen to Jesus' teaching all day. Because people were hungry. Jesus took five loaves of bread and two fish, bless them and began to pass them out to people. That day, over 5,000 people ate more satisfied. **Jesus' power is able to satisfy our needs.**

Another time, Jesus crossed a large lake on a boat with followers. While Jesus was sleeping, a powerful storm came up. Jesus' followers awoke Jesus and said, "Master! we are about to die!" Jesus headed up and spoke to the wind and waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Immediately the wind and rain stopped. **Jesus' power is greater than the natural world.**

When Jesus arrived the other side, he met a violent man living among the graves. He was filled with many demons and very dangerous. When Jesus saw that man, he loved even him. He spoke to demons, said: leave. Immediately they left him. And the man was in the right mind.
Jesus' power is greater than all the evil spirits.

On another day, Jesus' good friend became sick and died. Several days later Jesus arrived at His friend's tomb. When he saw his friend was buried, Jesus began to cry. Jesus went to the front of the tomb and said, "Friend, come out." His friend walked out of the tomb alive! **Jesus has power as even great than death. Jesus did all these things because He loves us and wants us all to come back to God.**

PART 6—Jesus, The Perfect Sacrifice

Jesus was God's son and wonderful teacher and a powerful miracle worker. And of all the people who ever lived Jesus alone never sinned. He alone never deserved to be punished for sin.

So many people loved Jesus. However, some religious leaders were jealous of Jesus. They arrested him and put him in trial and decided to kill Him. They placed Jesus on a large cross. They nailed his hands and feet to the cross. As he hung on the cross, Jesus' precious blood dripped down to the ground. He cried out, "It is finished!" Jesus became the perfect and final sacrifice. God loves us and allowed Jesus died on the cross in our place. Jesus bore the punishment of all our sins. Only through the shedding of blood can our sins be forgiven. Someone had paid for our sins.

After Jesus died that day, his friend took his body and he was placed in a secure tomb. However this story doesn't end here. On the third day after this, Jesus rose from the dead and spent many days showing people that he was alive again. He proved He is the son of God. Then He returned to His Father in heaven. **Jesus took our punishment and now provides a way for us to come back to God! Only he can show us the way back to God.**

PART 7—The Wandering Son

While Jesus was still on earth, He told a story. A young man said to his father, "Give me my share of the inheritance." The young man set off for a distant country and there wasted his money in wild living. After he had spent everything, he hired himself to help out to do the lowest job feeding pigs.

One day he came to his senses. He thought, "How many of my father's hired works have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; please just make me like one of your hired workers.'"

So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him. He ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. The son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son."

But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was lost and now has been found."

PART 8—How to come back to God

All of us are like the young son. We've all sinned and left God of father. But like the son, we can come back to God. We all must ask forgiveness for our sins and return to God, have the life He wants us to have as his children. Jesus said, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."** John 14:6

Would you like to let Jesus bring you back to God? Only Jesus can bring us back to God. To go back to God, you must admit to God that you have sinned against Him. You must believe that Jesus died in your place to take your punishment and ask God to forgive you. You must put your trust in Jesus only to bring you back and give you eternal life as God's child. From that point on, you must obey Jesus as your new Master. The Bible says: **"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes [trusts] in him shall not perish but have eternal life."** John 3:16

You may go to God as young man did when you turned to Father saying something like this:

God, I know you love me. I have sinned against you. And I am sorry. I believe and trust in Jesus as a perfect sacrifice to take my punishment. God, please forgive me. I agree to joyfully obey Jesus as my Master from this moment on. Thank you for my new and eternal life as your child. Why don't you call up to Him right now?

If you truly call up to God, you are now God's child, forever. God wants you to let others know you are His child. God's plan is not only to bring you back to Him, but to bring back your family and friends through you so that their relationship with God and one another may be restored. Who do you know that need to hear this story?