

Endnotes (eBook)

Introduction

^a According to nanowrimo.org/about-nano, in 2022, 413,295 writers participated in NaNoWriMo and 51,670 “won” by hitting the goal.

^a wikiwrimo.org/wiki/NaNoWriMo_statistics

^a thebooknetwork.co.uk/the-blog/13-nanowrimo-books-that-have-been-published#:~:text=But%20she%20isn't%20the.smaller%20presses%20or%20self%2Dpublished.

^a The Appendix compares four of the most popular plot structures and recommends resources for further in-depth study.

^a This is also a good approach if you want to outline your story before working with a ghostwriter.

^a <https://collected.jcu.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1055&context=mastersessays#>

^a Don't scoff. Nehemiah crafts a rather thrilling tale about this exact thing.

Day 1: Opening Image

^a See the Glossary for a breakdown of all these terms. I'm including as many as I can, but every plot structure uses the terms differently.

^a These terms are in the Glossary: 1st Person, 2nd Person, 3rd Person Limited, 3rd Person Omniscient, and Unreliable Narrator.

^a Since this is more micro, you can adjust it in your second and following drafts so don't get too caught up here.

Day 2: Theme Stated

^a Judges 6:12

^a Read Psalm 139. God crafted every single part of you, from toenail to split end. It is in the comfort of that assurance David prays for God to search his heart.

Day 3: Setup

^a Ruth 1:1-5

^a Save The Cat! pages xv-xvi and 120-123.

^a This is most often the case when your protagonist is not a traditional hero, such as a story about an antihero or a villain origin story.

Day 4: Catalyst

^a We can debate the exact placement of the 15 plot points in any story. For example, Jesus clearing the Temple also works as His Break into 2 (day 6's lesson). But John 3 fits perfectly as the Debate (tomorrow's lesson), and is near the 10% mark, making it sensible to use this scene as the Catalyst.

^a realfaith.com/sermons/angry-jesus-cleanses-the-temple/

^a workingpreacher.org/commentaries/narrative-lectionary/cleansing-the-temple/commentary-on-john-213-25-2

^a vimeo.com/274418019?embedded=true&source=video_title&owner=63205691

^a colinshope.org/about-us/colins-story/

^a You may need to “phone a friend” on this one if you don’t know what misbelief you are believing. After all, it is a misbelief. But sometimes we know the lies we are believing but can’t seem to overcome them, like in my example.

Day 5: Debate

^a “If we were asked to read to a dying man who did not know the gospel, we should probably select this chapter as the most suitable one for such an occasion; and what is good for dying men is good for us all, for that is what we are; and how soon we may be actually at the gates of death, none of us can tell.” (Charles Spurgeon)

^a Although I am a believer and have confidence in Jesus’ divinity and authority, I am guilty of trying to take back that authority. Consider what obstacles hold you back from giving total control of your life and choices to God.

Day 6: Break into 2

^a etymonline.com/word/*ag-#etymonline_v_52549

^a This is part of what makes Twilight such a divisive story. Bella makes almost no choices; the plot happens to her instead of because of her. (The other major criticism is these books promote unhealthy relationship dynamics, but that isn’t relevant to our purpose here.)

^a The Greek word for Messiah, Χριστός is in the Opening Image (John 1:17) and John the Baptist uses it in 1:20 (saying he is not the Messiah) and again in 3:26-30 (pointing to Jesus as the Messiah). theopedia.com/messiah-in-the-gospel-of-john

^a Christian tradition teaches her name was Photine, she later became a missionary in Carthage, and Nero martyred her in 66AD. (orthodoxwiki.org/Photine_of_Samaria) But none of that has happened yet. Right now, she’s just an outcast woman in an outcast city. Yet Jesus chooses her for His first pronouncement that He is the Messiah!

Day 7: B Story

^a Before we get too far into this lesson, know that introducing your B Story characters is a part of the Fun and Games beat, which we discuss on days 8 through 14. While it is good to identify these characters now, you can introduce them anytime in the Fun and Games.

^a Sometimes A-Story mentors fit more in the second type, exaggerating their flaw, by showing who they will become if they don’t change.

^a blog.adw.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/37-Miracles-of-Jesus-in-Chronological-Order.pdf My count excludes sign #37, since we are specifically looking at during his ministry (AKA before his death and resurrection).

^a The only way John would know this ending to the story is if this man, or someone in his household, became an active member of the church after Jesus’ resurrection. This means they did not just believe; they lived out that faith.

^a Genesis 2:18 – the first “not good” God utters about His creation is man being alone.

Day 8: Fun and Games – Keeping Promises

^a I am aware there are exceptions. Sometimes the entire book is a twist on the premise. But this should be undertaken with extreme care.

^a hebrew4christians.com/Scripture/Torah/Oral_Torah/oral_torah.html

^a ohr.edu/ask_db/ask_main.php/39/Q1/

^a All 10 of the Commandments can be tied up in these two commands. philgons.com/2021/01/how-do-love-for-god-and-love-for-others-relate-the-two-greatest-commands-as-one/#the-ten-commandments

Day 9: Fun and Games – Momentum

^a John 6:6 – “He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.” The other Gospels use a more fact-based lens (what happened) instead of this reflective lens (why it happened).

Day 10: Fun and Games – The Bouncing Ball

^a Alternatively, you can use the table provided in *Journaling through John*.

Day 11: Fun and Games – A and B Story

^a Note: their internal flaw may not cause every obstacle. But it should influence how they respond to those challenges.

Day 12: Fun and Games – Trajectory

^a If you get a negative score, reconsider your trajectory. Maybe your thought this was a Floundering Forward story but it’s more Onward and Upward than you realized.

^a We will not be covering John 7:53-8:11 because it is not in the original manuscripts. The earliest versions of John that includes this story are from 500 AD. There will be time during the Week 3 Discussion and Review to discuss this story and how it fits into the overall narrative of John.

^a [jewishroots.net/library/holiday-articles/water libation ceremony.html](http://jewishroots.net/library/holiday-articles/water-libation-ceremony.html) (The source’s underline I have replaced with bold.) Read the full article; I promise it’s worth it!

Day 13: Fun and Games – Foreshadowing

^a If you don’t know what this “twist” will be yet, that’s alright. Keep writing and you can come back and add in these details later.

^a Paul later lists in Philippians 3:4-6 the reasons he is “winning” by Jewish standards. (He then goes on in verse 7 and 8 to say that those standards are worthless.) Having Benjamin as his ancestor is part of this list.

^a Way too many references here to list them all but here are a few: Deuteronomy 7:6-8, 26:19, and 28:9.

^a Way too many references here to list them all but here are a few: Isaiah 42:6, 49:6, 52:10, 60:3. Even Abraham’s original call, back when his name was Abram, was to be a blessing to the nations (Genesis 12:1-3).

^a When we read of Jesus clearing the Temple in Mark, He says, “Is it not written: ‘My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations’? But you have turned it into a den of robbers.” (Mark 11:17) He is standing in the Court of Gentiles, which is the only part of the Temple that non-Jews could go. They erected a 3-cubit barrier (about 4.5 feet) and posted signs threatening death to any non-Jew who crossed. Before Jesus shut it down, this market had taken over the only place Gentiles could worship.

^a Read more about that here: [lucris.lub.lu.se/ws/portalfiles/portal/57820558/Court of the Gentiles m fr.pdf](http://lucris.lub.lu.se/ws/portalfiles/portal/57820558/Court_of_the_Gentiles_m_fr.pdf)

^a If you want to know more about my story, you can check out my blog. I recommend starting with the post Confused but Confident, which I wrote the day my mother died. imperfectprogresstiles.com/2017/04/12/confused-but-confident/

Day 14: Take a Deep Breath

^a Don’t like my summary? Go check out Exodus 1-3 for yourself.

^a Exodus 3:14

^a gracetranscendingthetorah.com/scrolls/writing-gods-name/

^a biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/why-it-matters-that-god-is-yahweh.html

^a It’s a bit long but this teaching is excellent on the idea of God’s self-existence. sljinstitute.net/systematic-theology/theology-proper/attributes-of-god-part-ii-where-did-god-come-from-or-the-self-existence-of-god/

^a corechristianity.com/resource-library/articles/three-differences-gods-self-existence-makes-every-day/

^a John 7:37 always makes me think Jesus called Himself the Living Water. He calls Himself living water, but it is not an “I AM” statement. He also doesn’t use an I AM statement with the Woman at the Well. Thus, Living Water didn’t make the list, creating the perfect trick question to stump Bible nerds!

^a Philippians 2:13 and Romans 8:26-28

Day 15: Midpoint – Raise the Stakes

^a letthewordsflow.wordpress.com/2011/05/12/narrative-tension-and-the-ticking-clock/

^a Like this one: screencraft.org/blog/101-plot-twist-ideas/

^a jerichowriters.com/how-to-write-a-compelling-plot-twist-a-complete-guide/

^a Don’t feel you need to go back and fix the first half of your story to include more foreshadowing. Focus on finishing the story before getting distracted editing and rewriting.

^a As stated in day 13, the “surprise” should be proportional to your intended audience. *The Magic Treehouse*, was written for 1st through 4th graders. The twists in this series are easy to predict, but it doesn’t make it bad writing.

^a Your main character has not yet learned the theme and fixed their fatal flaw. Their change at this point in the story should be mostly external, not the internal / character change that will come later.

Week 3 Discussion and Review

^a John 7:53-8:11 is not in the original manuscripts. The most recent manuscripts to include this passage are from AD 500. Most scholars believe this is probably a true story and John might have recorded it. But they also don’t think it belongs here. The passages before and after both take place on the same day, in the same place, and flow together like a continuous scene. My decision to skip it is not discounting its truth. I skipped it because we are looking at John’s story structure and scholars do not agree this belongs where it is in John’s story.

Day 16: Midpoint

^a *The Night Circus*, the most famous "NaNo Novel" on many of the lists I found, was written over three NaNoWriMo's. That's 3 years!

^a We know this is still part of the same scene because in verse 21 the onlookers are talking about the miracle He just performed.

^a Until now, Jesus’ has used His words for every miracle (in John). In this miracle, He is hands-on in a way that grabs our attention. He spat in the dirt, made mud, and spread it on the man’s eyes! This is a sharp contrast from the other miracles John recorded.

Day 20: Bad Guys Close In – Tension and Momentum

^a Judges 6:11-7:25

Day 22: All is Lost

^a For example, a singer losing their voice, a dancer needing knee surgery, or a beauty contestant scarring their face.

^a Betrayal can also work as a Catalyst or Midpoint twist, but that will not be as devastating. There is not enough time for the audience to care about the relationship that is betrayed.

^a John 12:6 – “...because [Judas] was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it.”

^a John 18:10

^a Remember, this does not need to be the death of a person. It could be giving up on a dream, losing a job, or the death of a friendship/relationship.

^a Like a seed must die before the plant can bloom, pain can bring new life in the most unexpected ways.

Day 23: Dark Night of the Soul

^a We are now in the throes of the hardest part of aligning plot structure with the Gospel of John. John 14 through 17 consist almost entirely of Jesus's last words, with occasional interruptions from His disciples. Even though these chapters contain foundational theology, John deviates from plot structure and disrupts pacing to include them.

To fully commit to keeping plot beats in the right place, all four chapters would fall in the Dark Night of the Soul. Then His arrest would be the Break into Three and the crucifixion/resurrection would stretch to fill the Five Point Finale. Implementing this pace in the Bible study would require an unmanageable amount of reading in one day and very little reading for the rest of the study.

Instead, I used His arrest for the High Tower Surprise. This means the Bible studies for Days 23 to 26 won't align with the plot structure discussions. This further proves the point I keep reiterating: **plot structures provide guidelines, not rules**. John knows how important this information is for his readers and sacrifices pacing to share it.

Day 24: Break into 3

^a In the Hero's Journey, this is called "the Return," because the character returns to their Act 1 world, but they are not the same. This feels very limiting to me because not every story ends with the hero back where they began. It isn't important whether your hero is "breaking" back into the Act 1 world, into a whole new world, or staying in the Act 2 world. What matters is that they make a decisive step that proves you have a new and improved protagonist, ready to face their fear and address their internal flaw.

Day 27: Finale – The High Tower Surprise

^a Some believe Judas thought Jesus' arrest would "force His hand" to overthrow Rome. Even if this is true, it's still a betrayal.

Day 28: Finale – Dig Deep Down

^a Not every story has this type of help. If you choose to include it, make sure it conforms to the established rules of your story.

^a Read more about Pilate after Jesus's death in this article: historytoday.com/history-matters/strange-afterlife-pontius-pilate

^a On Day 4 we talked about how they were making a lot of money in their position, mostly by taking advantage of the poor and foreigners.

^a Matthew 27:54, Mark 15:39, and Luke 23:47.

^a The book of James was written by one of Jesus' brothers. See also Mark 3:31-32, Matthew 12:46-47, or Luke 8:19-20.

^a Some explanations given: To emphasize the reordered relationships in the kingdom of God. To honor John, the only disciple present. His siblings were not yet believers. He knew John, as the only disciple who died a natural death, would outlast His siblings. John was His closest friend. Jesus knew John would stay in Jerusalem during the diaspora caused by the church's persecution.

^a I say "immediately" because many translations say, "from that hour," indicating the obedience was not delayed.

^a Without Joseph, they would have thrown Jesus' body in a common grave. This would mean no empty tomb after the resurrection.

^a For ideas, check out the A21 or Colin's Hope story. I linked to both stories on Day 4, when we discussed the Catalyst.

Day 29: Finale – Execution of the New Plan

^a Or maybe he fails. We will get to that soon enough.

^a John makes a point of explaining that he reached the tomb first, even though Peter went into the tomb before him. This seemingly silly anecdote feels like He is setting straight a debate among friends. It makes me laugh at the humanity of Peter and John. They were ordinary people, just like us!

^a In verse 13, Jesus speaks to Mary, but she still doesn't recognize Him. She sees Him without recognizing Him. It is possible that He looked different, as He is now in a new, resurrected body. Alternatively, Mary could have been too overwhelmed with sorrow to notice her miracle standing right there.

^a Sure, some woman claims to have seen Him, but she is just a woman; her words wouldn't even stand in court.

^a Again, the door is locked. They do not feel safe.

^a John 20:29b NIV

Bonus Day: Epilogue

^a This is obviously not word for word from the Bible in any translation. I wrote it this way for comedic effect.

^a Marissa Meyer often includes a scene that didn't fit the story's pacing as bonus material in the back of her books.

^a Jeremiah 2:12-13. God tells the heavens to be amazed and dumbfounded that His people (Israel in this case) had forsaken the true source of life (His living water) for fleeting pleasures that cannot satisfy (broken cisterns that cannot even hold water).

^a John notes this more explicitly in verse 19 since he is writing with hindsight, most likely after Peter's death.

God's Epic Story

^a Genesis 1:1a – "In the Beginning, God..."

^a Genesis 1:3 – "And God said, 'Let there be light,' **and there was light.**" (*Emphasis added*)

^a Genesis 1:27 – "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

^a God speaks to Adam directly throughout Genesis 2. Genesis 3:8, implies He walked with God at a set time daily.

^a Genesis 2:25 – "And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."

^a Genesis 2:25 – "And the man and his wife were both naked **and were not ashamed.**" (*Emphasis added*)

^a Genesis 2:15 – "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it."

^a Genesis 3:4-5 – "But the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and **you will be like God**, knowing good and evil.'" (*Emphasis added*)

^a Genesis 3:6 – "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate."

- ^a Romans 1:22-25 – “Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things**. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and **worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator**, who is blessed forever! Amen.” (*Emphasis added*)
- ^a Romans 3:23 – “for **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” (*Emphasis added*)
- ^a Genesis 3:8b-10 – “And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ And he said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.’”
- ^a Isaiah 59:2 – “but your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear.”
- ^a Genesis 3:7 – “Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.” *Before they were confronted by God, shame was already creating distance between Adam and Eve.*
- ^a James 4:1-2 – “What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel.”
- ^a Romans 1:28-32 – “And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.” *When God is not the standard, our behavior toward each other is destructive.*
- ^a Psalm 38 – David describes the physical and emotional toll of his sin.
- ^a Galatians 5:19-21 – “Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”
- ^a Isaiah 24:5 – “The earth lies defiled under its inhabitants; for they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant.”
- ^a Genesis 3:17b-18 – “cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.”
- ^a Genesis 6:11-12 – “Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth.”
- ^a Romans 8:20-22 – “For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.”
- ^a Genesis 3:15b – (*to the serpent*) “...[Jesus] shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.” (*This is the first prophesy of Jesus.*)
- ^a John 5:39-40 – (*Jesus to the religious leaders*) “You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.”

- ^a John 1:15 – “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
- ^a John 3:16-17 – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”
- ^a Philippians 2:5-8 – “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”
- ^a 1 Corinthians 15:22 – “For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”
- ^a 2 Corinthians 5:21 – “For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”
- ^a Hebrews 4:15 – “For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.”
- ^a Romans 6:23 – “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
- ^a Isaiah 53:5-6 – “But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”
- ^a Romans 5:12,18-19 – “Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned ... Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.”
- ^a 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 – “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.”
- ^a John 3:36 – “Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.”
- ^a 2 Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
- ^a Romans 5:8 – “but God shows his love for us in that **while we were still sinners**, Christ died for us.” (*Emphasis added*)
- ^a 2 Timothy 1:9 – “who saved us and called us to a holy calling, **not because of our works** but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began,” (*Emphasis added*)
- ^a Ephesians 2:8-9 – “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is **not your own doing**; it is the gift of God, **not a result of works, so that no one may boast**. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.” (*Emphasis added*)
- ^a 2 Corinthians 5:18-20 – “All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.” (*Emphasis added*)
- ^a Romans 8:38-39 – “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

- ^a Ephesians 2:14-16 – “ For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.”
- ^a Matthew 28:19-20 – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”
- ^a Luke 6:27-28 – “...Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.”
- ^a Ephesians 4:31-32 – “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”
- ^a Galatians 3:27-28 – “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
- ^a 1 John 1:9 – “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
- ^a Romans 8:1-2 – “There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.” (*Emphasis added*)
- ^a Colossians 1:19-20 – “For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself **all things**, whether **on earth or in heaven**, making peace by the blood of his cross.” (*Emphasis added*)
- ^a Mark 16:15 – “And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole **creation**.” (*Emphasis added*)
- ^a Romans 10:9-10 – “because, if you **confess** with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and **believe** in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” (*Emphasis added*)
- ^a Learn more about God’s epic story by checking out this YouTube playlist:
https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PL7H38SxVUvImTwb2_0iwkH59cIGJQqiJg

Glossary

- ^a External is in italics because it is optional. When “problem” is used in writing circles without clarifying “internal” or “external,” it refers to their external problem.

Appendix

- ^a Find sketches of The Hero’s Journey, Freytag’s Pyramid, and an approach to Three Act Structure in the online version of the Glossary.

About the Author

- ^a This purpose statement took several years to develop but began with reading the book *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey.
- ^a All believers are called to be a light to the world and prepared to share our story with nonbelievers. I am not exception. But my primary calling is to believers, and this is where I focus my time, attention, and resources.