

GOD'S LOVE STORY FOR US

Nobody's "love story" can be confined to a handful of principles; how much less can we confine the love story of God for us? God has a story, and so do you.

In the beginning, these stories intersected beautifully, but shortly after the beginning, man rebelled. The story of man is that we ran from God, and the story of God is that He ran after us.

He ran all the way from heaven to earth. He emptied Himself of divine privilege, embracing our humanity. Not only did God become man, but He was born into poverty! Jesus wandered the earth with no place to lay His head, until He reached His final resting place—a Cross.

Suddenly our stories intersected again, just like the wooden beams that Jesus hung from. We ran from God so far that we crucified Him. God ran after us so far that He was crucified for us. But that's not the end of this love story.

Three days later, Jesus rose again to conquer everything that once stood in the way of love: sin, Satan, disease, death, and hell. Today, He lives for a friendship with us, and one day, He'll return to make every wrong thing right.

That's the love story of our pursuing God. Can it be confined to a doctrinal statement or a bulleted summary?

No love story ever can be. The story must be told. Nevertheless, doctrine has its place. It provides a framework for the narrative of God's love.

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