

My Story

"Living the story you want to tell."

Worship Team Today Is The Day

Greeting/Welcome

Worship Team Call Upon The Lord
Let It Be Known

Message Pastor Jay Bruner
"My Story" (Part 1)

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Living the story you want your life to tell

The key to a great story is "INTENTIONAL LIVING".

So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do.

Ephesians 5:15-17 (NLT)

HOW TO INTENTIONALLY LIVE THE STORY I WANT MY LIFE TO TELL

Case study - Nehemiah

1. I must INTENTIONALLY choose to OWN MY STORY.

*Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. **Nehemiah 1:2 (NLT)***

*...With a prayer to the God of heaven, I (Nehemiah) replied, "If it please the king, and if you are pleased with me, your servant, **send me to Judah to rebuild the city where my ancestors are buried.**" **Neh. 2:4-5 (NLT)***

2. I must INTENTIONALLY choose to put SIGNIFICANCE in MY STORY.

Hanani, one of my brothers, came to visit me with some other men who had just arrived from Judah. I asked them about the Jews who had returned there from captivity and about how things were going in

Jerusalem. They said to me, "Things are not going well for those who returned to the province of Judah. They are in great trouble and disgrace. The wall of Jerusalem has been torn down, and the gates have been destroyed by fire." When I heard this, I sat down and wept. In fact, for days I mourned, fasted, and prayed to the God of heaven.

Nehemiah 1:2-4 (NLT)

How to bring significance to My Life Story:

- Use it to bring value to God.
- Use to bring value to others.
- Discover the story waiting to be told by my life.

3. I must INTENTIONALLY place MY STRENGTHS in MY STORY.

...In those days I was the king's cup-bearer. Nehemiah 1:11 (NLT)

4. I must INTENTIONALLY stop dreaming and START DOING!

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Nehemiah 2:4-5 (NLT)

Going deeper on your own: Pastor Jay made the statement, "so many times we have uphill dreams with downhill habits". Would you agree or disagree, and why? If you agree, list some examples where this maybe occurring in your life (maybe it's your health, your marriage, your finances, raising your kids, or maybe it is your occupation). Pastor Jay made the statement "I have come to understand that we are either going to live out the story we want our lives to tell or we are going to live our lives playing a role in someone else's story; you know, just getting yanked around doing small parts in everyone else's story." Would you agree or disagree with that statement? Do you feel like this is happening in your life? Now review the notes above. Ask God, what is one thing you could do this week to begin living the story you want your life to tell?