



A God-Centered Story

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***FREEDOM
IN THE GOSPEL***

A person in silhouette is shown from the back, pointing their right arm towards a sunset over a field. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The foreground is dark, suggesting a field of tall grass or crops.

**God gets the glory when He
is the center of your story.**

For I would have you know, brothers, that the Gospel that was preached by me is not man's gospel.

Galatians 1:11

*For I did not receive it from any man, nor was I taught it,
but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.*

Galatians 1:12

For you have heard of my former life in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God violently and tried to destroy it.

Galatians 1:13

And I was advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age among my people, so extremely zealous was I for the traditions of my fathers.

Galatians 1:14

But when He who had set me apart before I was born, and who called me by His grace,

Galatians 1:15

was pleased to reveal His Son to me, in order that I might preach Him among the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult with anyone;

Galatians 1:16

nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and returned again to Damascus.

Galatians 1:17

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to visit Cephas and remained with him fifteen days.

Galatians 1:18

But I saw none of the other apostles except James the Lord's brother.

Galatians 1:19

(In what I am writing to you, before God, I do not lie!)

Galatians 1:20

Then I went into the regions of Syria and Cilicia.

Galatians 1:21

*And I was still unknown in person to the churches of
Judea that are in Christ.*

Galatians 1:22

They only were hearing it said, “He who used to persecute us is now preaching the faith he once tried to destroy.”

Galatians 1:23

And they glorified God because of me.

Galatians 1:24

God reveals the Gospel. (1:11,12)

A silhouette of a person in a field at sunset, pointing towards the horizon. The person is wearing a light-colored shirt and dark shorts. The background is a warm, golden sunset sky with some clouds. The foreground is dark, suggesting a field or grass.

God redeems your story. (1:13–17)

A silhouette of a person running in a field at sunset. The person is wearing a light-colored t-shirt and dark shorts, and is captured in mid-stride, running towards the right. The background is a warm, golden sunset sky with some clouds, and the foreground is a dark field of grass.



God receives the glory. (1:18–24)

A person in silhouette is shown from the back, pointing their right arm towards a sunset over a field. The sky is filled with soft, golden light and scattered clouds. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

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