

THE REST OF THE STORY

God's Four Act Love Story- HIStory

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ACT I: GOD CREATED US TO LOVE US

“Long before He laid down earth's foundations, God had us in mind, and settled on us as the focus of His love.” Eph. 1:4 (Mes)

“The Lord is good to everyone. He showers compassion on all His creation. All living things will thank You, Lord.” Psalm 145:9-10 (NLT)

“I'll never quit telling the story of Your love—how You built the cosmos and everything in it. Your love has always been our lives' foundation, Your faithfulness has been the roof over our world.” Psalm 89:2 (Mes)

ACT II: WE WALKED AWAY FROM GOD'S LOVE.

“We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, and gone our own way.” Isaiah 53:6 (Mes)
The PATH out of Paradise: (Genesis 3:1-5)

Presumption: when we question God's wisdom.

“Did God really say....?”

Arrogance: when we try to usurp God's position.

“...you will become just like God”

Temptation: when we focus on our feelings.

“the fruit looked delicious and pleasing...”

Hostility: when we disregard God's directions.

“...so she took it and ate it...”

“Because you are in darkness, all the foundations of society are shaken to the core.” Psalm 82:5 (LB)

ACT III: GOD SENT JESUS TO WOO US BACK

“This is how God showed His love to us: He sent His one and only Son into the world so that we could have life through Him.” 1 John 4:9 (NCV)

Jesus: “I came to find and restore the lost.” Luke 19:10 (Mes)

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” John 3:16 (KJV)

“God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world.” 2 Cor. 5:19 (CEV)

ACT IV: WE CHOOSE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT GOD'S LOVE

“Today I am giving you the choice between a blessing and a curse!” Deut. 11:26 (NLT)

“No man has ever seen, heard, or even imagined what wonderful things God has ready for those who love the Lord.” 1 Cor. 2:9(LB)

“God's unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into His own family by bringing us to Himself through Jesus Christ.” Eph. 1:5 (NLT)

“May you be able to feel and understand... how long, how wide, how deep, and how high God's love really is and experience this love for yourselves...” Eph. 3:18-19 (LB)

“It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as He says, the door is open.” Acts 10:35 (Mes)

“With deep love I will take you back...” Isa. 54:7 (GN)