B.L.E.S.S.

story

What's one of your favorite stories? Share the title and a very quick, two-to-three sentence synopsis. Why do you enjoy this story so much?

When it comes to sharing their own story of faith in Christ, why do people sometimes struggle?

Read <u>John 3:1-21</u>.

What are your brightest observations from Nicodemus' story?

Elements to observe and note can include repeated words and phrases, the place the scene happens, the people/characters, their conversation, the literary context (what's before and what's after), as well as personal prayer patterns and attitude-change patterns we might apply today.

Ponder these three story-crafting concepts: First, share your backstory. Second, share how Jesus' story intersects your story. Third, share your "I'm being changed now, because of Jesus" story.

Read John 19:38-40.

How do you see these three story-crafting concepts present in Nicodemus story?

Five Tips for Sharing Your Story Ask God for help. You be you. Keep it real. Keep it short. Practice out loud.

Try crafting your story using these three concepts. Now practice it. Try sharing it with someone.

Ask Jesus for an opportunity to share your story with someone on your "list of 8" for whom you're praying.

What do you need to do in order to be ready for such an opportunity?

Get Ready for Next Week:

Easter Sunday | We start a new series, *Everyday Resurrection*. Read these four passages in preparation for next weekend: <u>Matthew 28:1-10</u>, <u>Mark 16:1-8</u>, <u>Luke</u> <u>24:1-12</u>, and <u>John 20:1-18</u>.

What moves you anew as truly wonderful?