

GOD'S BIG STORY

CREATION



EVERYTHING
GOD CREATED
WAS GOOD.

FALL



ADAM & EVE SINNED,
AND SIN PASSED TO
ALL PEOPLE, EVEN
YOU AND ME.

REDEMPTION



THOUGH ALL OF
US ARE SINNERS,
CHRIST DIED
FOR US.

RESTORATION



JESUS WILL
COME AGAIN.

FIND IT IN THE BIBLE: * 1 TIMOTHY *

This week's story comes from the book of 1 Timothy. 1 Timothy is an epistle, or letter. The missionary Paul wrote this letter, and it is one of three letters called a Pastoral Epistle.

He writes to his friend Timothy about false teachers, instructions for the Church and how to live out the Christian faith.

OT-NT CONNECTION

God has always cared about what we do with what we have. The books of Psalms and Proverbs teach us how God views generosity.

- **Psalms 37:21:** The righteous give generously.
- **Psalms 112:5:** Good will come to the generous.
- **Proverbs 11:25:** A generous man will prosper.
- **Proverbs 22:9:** A generous man will be blessed.

* DOES GOD WANT ME TO GIVE AWAY EVERYTHING I OWN? *

God may call some people to give away all they have, but that is not true for everybody. There are very wealthy people who love God deeply. Two questions to ask yourself are:
"Do I act like my stuff is more important than God?
How does God want me to be generous with what I have?"

I DON'T HAVE MONEY TO GIVE AWAY; HOW CAN I BE GENEROUS?

God cares more about our heart than about the quantity of money we give away. We can always be generous with our time, gifts and talents. He wants us to have a heart ready to share no matter how much money we have.

JOURNAL

1 Timothy 6:17-19 says that we are to: *Do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.* What is one practical way you can live those things out this week? Write a short prayer asking God to help you be generous in everything you do.

READ



Read Acts 2:40-47. The believers in the early church give us an example of how we should live with one another. Notice the ways they were generous with each other. What is one way you can follow their example and be generous with your friends and family?