

THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE MEDIOCRE

LIFE STORIES FROM THE PAGES OF SCRIPTURE

The Bible is a collection of candid snapshots, a photo album of unvarnished proofs. Hundreds of people—good, bad, and mediocre—were caught in the unblinking lens of Scripture. Only one perfect man appears, and His picture is on every page of the book. But many saints, despite problems and imperfections, chose to trust and obey God. Others glowered into the camera, frowning, fuming, leaving behind an ugly picture of shame and selfishness. Some followed the Lord, but from afar.

All of them left a legacy, for as the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 14:7, "None of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself." What story will your life tell? What legacy will it leave? Consider these examples:

- Abel A Story of God-Centered Worship
- Cain A Story of Self-Centered Worship
- Enoch A Story of Walking with God
- Noah A Story of Rainy Day Faith
- Abraham A Story of Anytime Faith
- Lot A Story of Weak-Willed Virtue
- Joseph A Story of Rock-Solid Virtue
- Moses A Story of Mountain-Climbing
- Caleb A Story of Mountain-Claiming
- Achan Story of Coveting, Covering, Cowering, and Condemnation
- Gideon A Story of a Few Good Men
- Samson A Story of Binding, Blinding, and Grinding
- Hannah A Story of a Mother with Bent Knees
- Eli A Story of a Father with Weak Knees
- Saul A Story of a Loser
- David A Story of a Winner
- Jonathan A Story of a Faithful Friend
- Nabal A Story of a Foolish Man Who Lived Up to His Name

- Solomon A Story of a Wise Man with a Foolish Heart
- Absalom A Story of a Handsome Prince with an Ugly Heart
- The Prophets of Baal Story of a Hollow Farce
- Elijah A Story of a Holy Force
- Job A Story of Trusting God When Everything Goes Wrong
- Isaiah A Story of Availability: Here Am I, Send Me
- Jonah A Story of Balking: Here Am I, Don't Send Me
- Daniel A Story of Sanctified Statesmanship
- Esther A Story of Being in the Right Place at the Right Time
- Nehemiah A Story of Passionate Leadership
- Joseph and Mary A Story of Humble Obedience
- John the Baptist A Story of Rugged Righteousness
- Nicodemus A Story of an Old Man Reborn
- Andrew A Story of Soul-Winning
- Peter A Story of High-Strung Energy in Jesus' Hands
- John A Story of a Loving Heart in Jesus' Hands
- The Impertunate Widow A Story of Dogged Prayerfulness
- The Good Samaritan A Story of Courageous Kindness
- Lazarus of Bethany A Story of Resurrection and Life
- The Penitent Thief A Sad Story with a Happy Ending
- The Rich Young Ruler A Happy Story with a Sad Ending
- Thomas A Story of Disappearing Doubt
- Agrippa A Story of Almost Persuaded
- Barnabas A Story of Cascading Encouragement
- Luke A Story of a Brilliant Mind Devoted to Christ
- Timothy A Story of Tears, Tenderness, Timidity, and Triumph
- Onesimus A Story of Twice-Found Freedom
- Paul A Story of Grace Sufficient

A Story of _____

Your Name _____