

# WHFC'S SUMMER PLAYLIST



## I Will Choose My Story July 31, 2022

When you were growing up, did you have a particular story you loved—perhaps a book series or comic book series or movie? What did you like about it?

Was there a “life-shaping story”—a dominant storyline about yourself that you were told, or came to believe—that profoundly impacted you as a child or young adult?

René mentioned that in the past, people were told life-shaping stories primarily by their elders or their religious leaders, and this is how they found purpose and identity. Now we are told stories mostly by the creators of mass media, whose purpose is to gain viewers. What difference does this make in the kinds of stories people are told?

What are some unbiblical storylines people are being told in the media? Select all you think apply:

- Things are going from bad to worse
- Evil is winning
- People who disagree with “our side” are evil and must be silenced
- The best way to create change is by force, not by love
- Forget about turning the other cheek; hurt people who hurt you!
- Nothing we do makes a real difference anyway, so be cynical
- I am perfect just the way I am and do not need to change a thing
- Other:

### Read 2 Corinthians 4:8-18.

René quoted N.T. Wright:

The gospel, as Paul summarizes it, is about Jesus: That he **died** for our sins...he was **buried**, and he was **raised** on the third day... It mattered vitally to Paul that these were real events which really took place. But it matters just as much that they become **the lens** through which **the whole world** can be seen in proper focus...**the grid** on which **all reality and experience can be plotted.**”

When you see events as part of the “shape of the gospel” how can that change the way you experience life?

### Read Genesis 50:20.

From childhood, Joseph believed an over-arching story about his life, revealed in a dream. How did that storyline impact the way he dealt with setbacks, as revealed in this quote? How can you apply this to your own life?

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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