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WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

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The Good News is an **announcement**?

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The Word became **human** and made his home among us.
– John 1:14

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message of Jesus

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Jesus

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Is your story about what *you* did?

or about what *Jesus* did?



story about what *you* did?

“I was bad but then I got smart now I’m better.”

“How I became a Christian”

“Here’s what you have to do to go to heaven”

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story about what *Jesus* did?

“**He** is good and that’s why I’m following him.”


He saved me.

He deserves to enter paradise, I’m just riding on his coat tails”

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A story about us

- We become the hero
 - Salvation is based on what we do
 - Righteousness we earn for ourselves
 - We are the paragon of virtue

 - We must never fail to be a source of goodness and righteousness
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A story about Jesus


- Jesus is the hero
 - Salvation is based on what He did
 - Righteousness is given as a gift (grace)
 - Jesus is the paragon of virtue

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In response to Jesus, we are
a conduit for blessings, we are not the source




3 **What** structure for stories

- What?
 - So what?
 - Now what?
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What?

- What happened?
 - What did God do?


 - An event that happened in your life
 - An event that happened in history

 - What did God do?
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So What?

- God did something, So what?
- That changes things – How?
- Unpack the story, how does what God did change things?
- Always look for a change – God doesn't intervene to defend the status quo.

Now What?

- Since God changed things,
 - How should we live differently?
 - Knowing what we now know, what should we do?
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Advice

(from one conduit to another)

- Make sure Jesus is the hero of your story.
Isaiah 64:6
- Genuine Love is crucial, no program or process can substitute for real love
- Look for stories of redemption
- Stories that reveal God's characteristics chief among his qualities is love

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