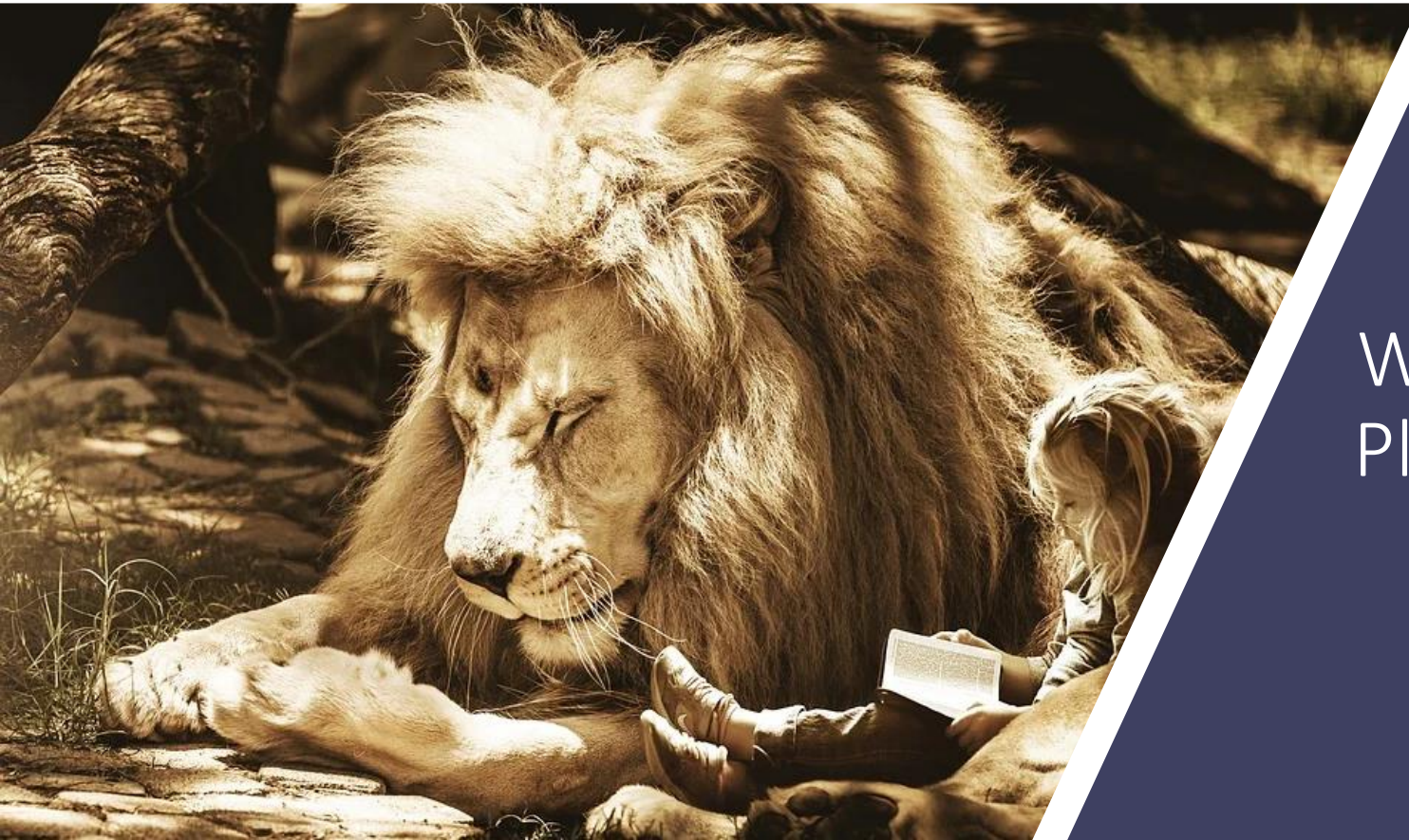


A photograph of a desk with a spiral notebook, a fountain pen, an ink bottle, and two ballpoint pens. The notebook is open, showing a blank page. The fountain pen has a wooden barrel and a silver nib. The ink bottle is labeled 'Wahl's India Ink'. The ballpoint pens are silver and black. The background is a dark, textured surface.

Who's Writing Your Story?

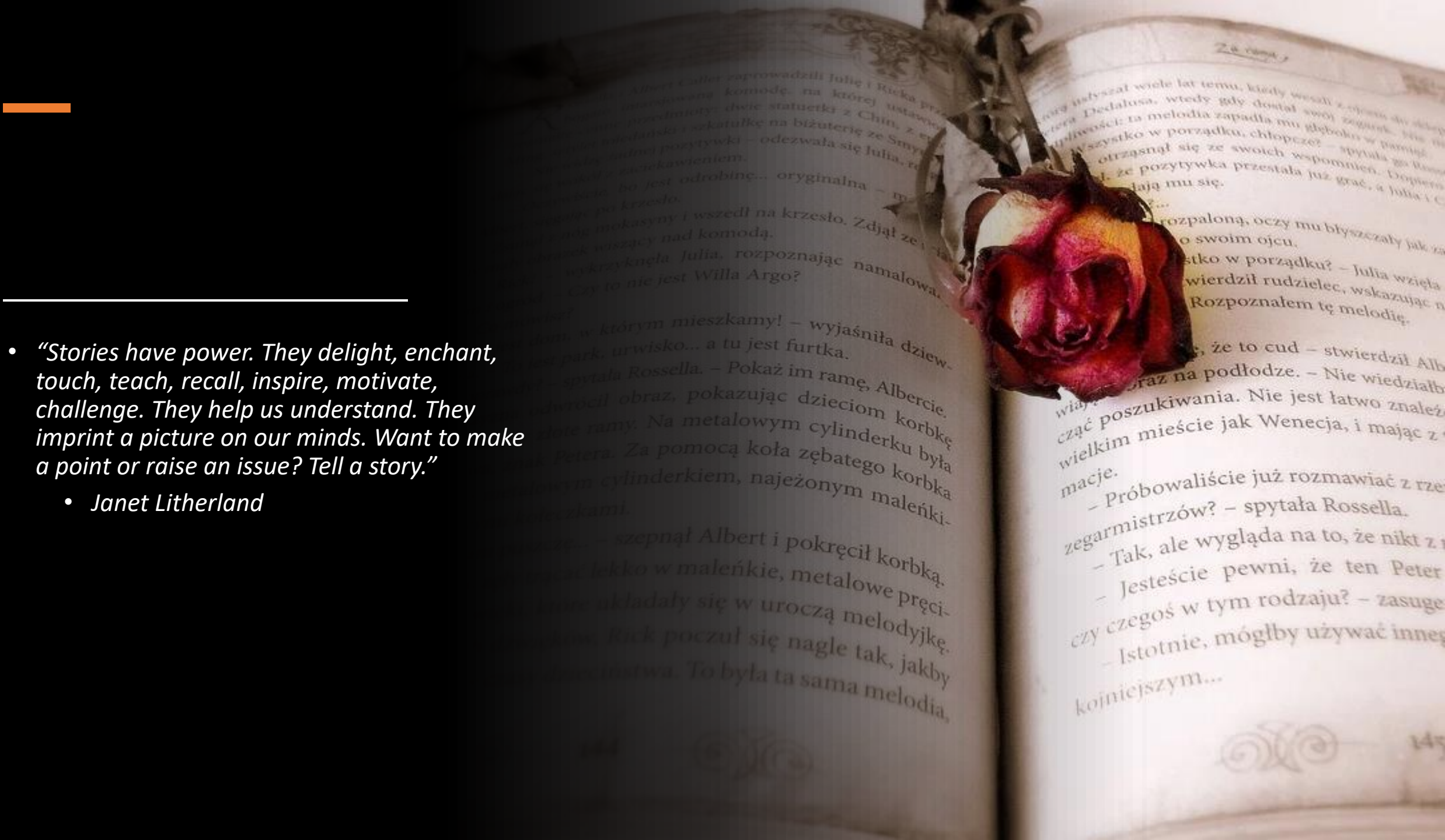
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- The power of stories
 - The characteristics of good stories
 - When God writes your story



What is your favorite story?
Please share your answer in
the chat function.

- *"Stories have power. They delight, enchant, touch, teach, recall, inspire, motivate, challenge. They help us understand. They imprint a picture on our minds. Want to make a point or raise an issue? Tell a story."*

- Janet Litherland





How do we get to know a person? Through stories.

How do we get to know God? Through stories.

John Eldredge

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Abstract

Because substantial evidence supports team mental model similarity as a positive predictor of team performance, it is important that we help team members to develop a shared understanding of relevant team content. The current study extended the list of team mental model antecedents to include guided storytelling as an effective team intervention. In the first known empirical investigation of planned story usage in teams, we broke new methodological ground by pioneering a team intervention to proactively harness the benefits of narrative. Results revealed that the combination of presenting important information in story format and giving members time to reflect upon their strategies had a positive effect on team mental model similarity. In addition, the positive indirect effect of storytelling on team performance via team mental model similarity was stronger when guided team reflexivity was present than absent. These findings provide encouraging evidence for the continued examination of storytelling and reflexivity in teams.

Keywords

storytelling, reflexivity, team mental models, distributed teams



Break Out Group Discussion Question

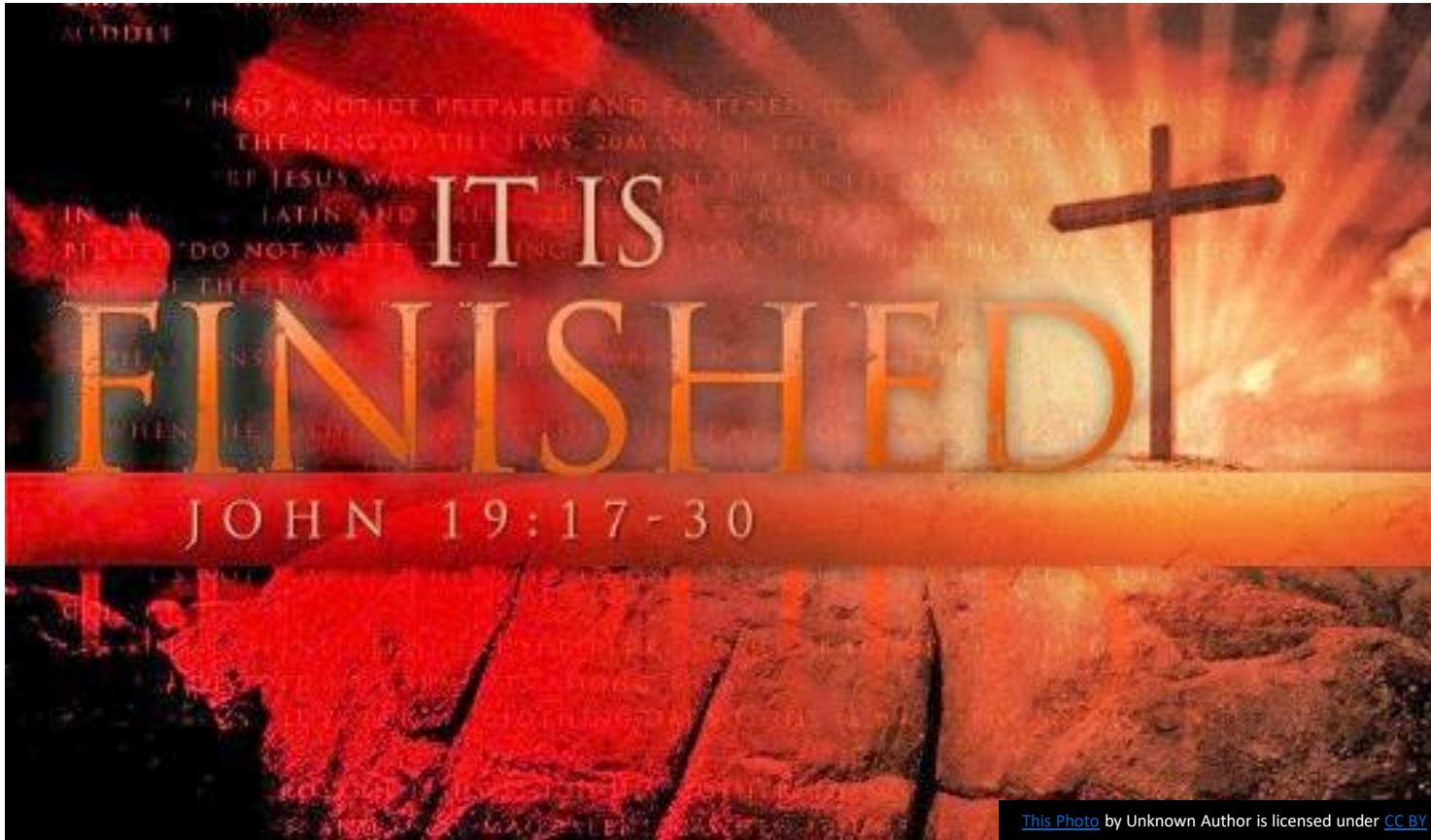
When the story of your
life is told, what do you
want to be able to say?



When the story of Paul's life was told...

- II Timothy 4: 7 KJV I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:
- ⁸ Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.





When the story of Jesus' life was told...

- I glorified you on earth
By completing down to the last detail
What you assigned me to do.
- John 17: 4 Message



The Common Storyline of Great Stories

- Things were once good
- Something terrible happened
- Battle/Journey/Adventure
- Life is restored to good again



Characteristics of a God Story

Gary Wilkerson

- “It has a positive outcome made possible only by God’s clear intervention.
 - That outcome can only be explained in terms of God’s power and love.
 - There is a complete transformation of circumstances, events, and people – all made possible only by God.”
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Characteristics of a “Me” Story

- My safety must never be jeopardized.
- My comfort zone is never to be disrupted.
- My journey must be easy, painless, and quick.
- Don't rock my boat, much less ask me to climb out and walk on the water.

C.S. Lewis

*The Lion, the Witch and
the Wardrobe*

- “Aslan is a lion- the Lion, the great Lion." "Ooh" said Susan. "I'd thought he was a man. Is he-quite safe? I shall feel rather nervous about meeting a lion"... "Safe?" said Mr Beaver ... "Who said anything about safe? 'Course he isn't safe. But he's good. He's the King, I tell you.”

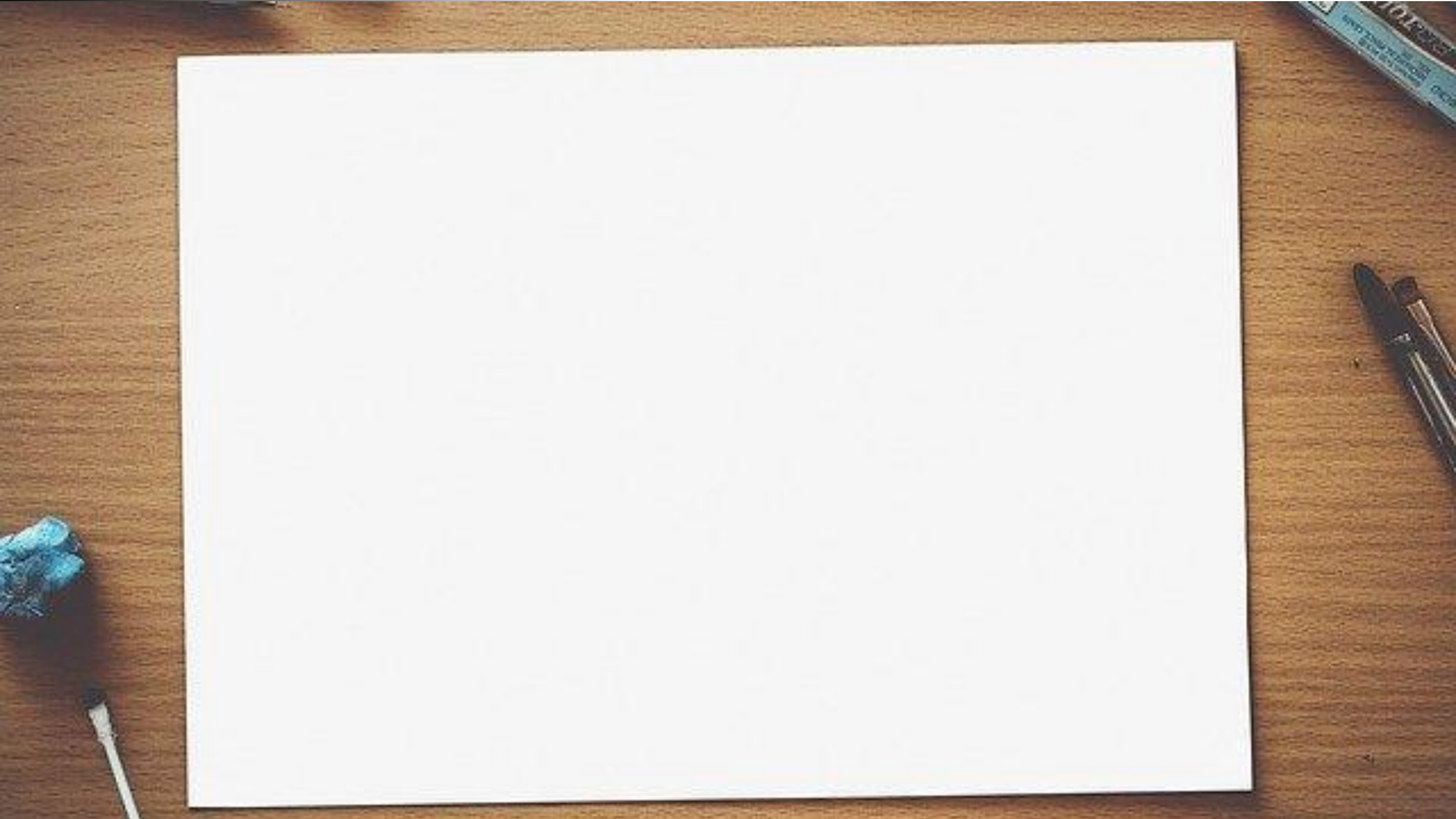


When God Writes Your Story...

- It will be different than how you would have written it.
- “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD.
As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”
- Isaiah 55: 8-9 NIV

When God Writes Your Story...

- You will have to give up control and trust God.
- “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
 - Hebrews 11: 6 KJV



What are Impediments to Letting God Write Our Stories?

Please share your answer in the chat function.

When God Writes Your Story...

- “God isn’t winging it...The Author and Finisher knows exactly what happens next, and He hasn’t dropped the ball, lost His train of thought, or gotten lost down a rabbit trail.”
 - Lynn H. Blackburn

When God Writes Your Story...

- It won't even begin to compare with what you could have or would have written.
- “Now to Him Who, by (in consequence of) the [action of His] power that is at work within us, is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly, far over *and* above all that we [dare] ask or think [infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, hopes, or dreams]”
 - Ephesians 3:20 AMPCE

When God Writes Your Story...

- It has an amazing ending.

“But as it is written:

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard,
Nor have entered into the heart of man
The things which God has prepared for
those who love Him.”

- I Corinthians 2: 9 NKJV

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Finding Grace in Your Story (Virtual)

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