

THEOLOGY OF LIFE EXPERIENCES

Seeing what God has brought you through points to what He's called you to.

LESSON

Seeing Your LIFE STORY

1. God can use _____ to instill
_____.

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

1 Kings 3:7-12

2. God can use _____ life events to
_____ his cause.

Genesis 50:15-20

¹⁵ When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ... ¹⁷ Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you. ... ¹⁹ But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰ As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive.

Genesis 33:4

But Esau ran to meet him (Jacob) and embraced him and fell on his neck and kissed him, and they wept.

3. God can teach us lessons when we're _____
that will serve us through _____.

1 Samuel 3:8-11

Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." Then the Lord said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel...

1 Samuel 16:10-12

And Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen these... Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest" And the Lord said, "Arise, anoint him, for this is he."

4. God can use our experiences to _____

_____ in the same boat.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

God wonderfully... comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

5. God can use our life experiences to tell

_____.

Philippians 1:12

Now, I want you to know, brothers, what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel."

Notes:

LAB**Mining Your LIFE STORY**

5 HIGH POINTS (Moments of great success, pride, or joy)	5 HARD TIMES (Moments of failure, loss, or grief)
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

TOP 5 HINGE MOMENTS (Where your life made a lasting shift)	HINGE MOMENTS INSIGHTS (What heroes, lies, or lessons emerged?)
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
4.	4.
5.	5.

LIFE

Sharing Your LIFE STORY

1. Choose one of your Hinge Moment insights and share it with your partner.

- Which lessons or values did you gain that continue to influence your decisions, relationships, or ministry?
- Where did you see God's fingerprints most clearly?

2. What part of your story might God be inviting you to share for someone else's benefit?

- Is there a particular struggle or trial you've experienced that could provide comfort to someone facing the same challenge?
- How might you intentionally use your story to point others to the hope and goodness of God—even if the story itself involved pain?