



How (Not) to Save the World, Week 2: Silence Your Story

How can we reveal God's love right where we are?

- Make _____.
- Have _____.
- Share your _____.

The truth about what God uses:

God uses: Our _____.

- Genesis 1:26-27 (NLT)
- Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)
- 1 Peter 4:10-11 (VOICE)

God uses: What we've _____.

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2 Corinthians 4:7-10 (VOICE)

God uses: Our _____ to reveal His _____.

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John 12:9-11 (NLT)

...your life story confirms the life story of the Anointed One.

1 Corinthians 1:6 (VOICE)

Discussion Questions

1. What are the ways that shame stands in the way of us being who we are and sharing our story?
2. What is at risk if we live lives performing and putting on a show, instead of being who we really are?
3. How would our families, churches, and cities be different if we saw the value of our details, our backgrounds, and our stories as part of God's plan to show His love?

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God uses: Our REAL STORIES to reveal His REAL POWER.

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