

Grace Notes

The Power of a Story

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“He taught them by telling many stories....” (Mark 4:2, nlt)

When’s the last time you told your story?

Tomorrow, May 14th, I’ll tell my story six different times to classrooms full of “I’m-ready-for-school-to-be-out” 6th graders. :)

Often, I have the incredible privilege to visit area schools when various classes are discussing the topic of alcohol and drug abuse. Rather than approach it from the perspective of the addict—I’m able to give the perspective from the relative of the addict which, oddly, many of the students have neither heard nor considered.

Obviously, the context being a public school classroom, I can’t begin “preaching and give an invitation.” But, when has God been bound to orthodox methods? Furthermore, God doesn’t need my feeble religious overtures, or my below-average oratory skills. I mean, seriously, at my *best* I make a mess of what He’s trying to do in and around me.

So, there in that classroom, I’ll tell my story. But, it’s not just *any* story. It’s *His* story.

His story? “*But, Nick,*” you’re thinking, “*I thought you said you can’t ‘preach’ to the students.*”

I won’t have to. Not once is God mentioned in the book of Esther. But read through those ten short chapters and watch our Sovereign God explode through its pages.

Why am I telling you this? To simply remind you of this: regardless of what environment in which you may work, and regardless of how hostile acquaintances of yours may be to the Gospel, no power on earth can quiet *His* story in you. It’s an unstoppable force. And, as believers, we all have a story to tell. “*This is my story, this is my song; praising my Savior all the day long,*” Fanny Crosby once wrote.

So, tomorrow, there I will be.....telling and re-telling my story. And, at the end of each class, I’ll sing “*Great Balls of Fire*” and do my “*Kermit the Frog*” imitation.

But that’s a different story.

Soli Deo Gloria, Nick