

*Eight Essential Bible Stories*  
Living the Message 2024-2025

## Overview

If you had a friend or family member who wanted to know what this “Christianity-thing” was all about and asked you for some good Bible stories to them get started, what stories would you share? This year in *Living the Message*, we’re trying to answer that question by looking at – actually, *reconsidering* – eight important stories that reveal who God is for us. Each of them is reasonably familiar. And each of them, in my opinion, is often either underestimated or misinterpreted. Finally, each of them, when read differently, gives us access to a God bigger, bolder, and way more interesting than the one we’d perhaps imagined and, in this way, can revitalize our faith. The lineup of this year’s “essential eight” includes the following:

Date (Tuesdays)	In-Person Presentation Location	Bible Story – Topic
Oct 1	Mpls	Exodus 3 – God is revealed by what God does.
Nov 12*	West	Exodus 20 – God’s chief desire is that we love each other.
Dec 3	Mpls	Mark 7 – God became one of us. Really!
Jan 7	Mpls	Genesis 3 – God will not give up on us.
Feb 4	Mpls	Luke 15 – God doesn’t wait for us to be ready.
Mar 4	West	Jonah 4 – God’s love is bigger than we think.
Apr 1	Mpls	1 Kings 19 – God shows up in the most unlikely of places.
May 6	Mpls	Luke 24 – God is available to us here and now

\*Moved one week later due to Nov 5 Election Day

- Taught by Pastor Lose
- In-Person presentations:
  - 6:30-7:30pm on the first Tuesday of the month, except for class on Nov 12.
  - Held at the Mpls Campus, Room 207, except for Nov 2024 and Mar 2025 which are at the West Campus in the Rehearsal Hall.
- Pre-recorded videos will be emailed by the first Tuesday of the month.
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