



Monday Matters

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How Did That Get into the Bible?

There are numerous characters in the Bible that were down-right awful people.

- David - had a man murdered so he could fulfill his lustful needs
- Prodigal Son - full of greed, pride and disrespect, full of lust to fulfill his needs
- Martha - shallow, distracted from important things in life
- Saul - murderer, self-righteous
- Peter - big mouth, not well-tempered
- Woman at the well - married several times, no respect for herself, low character

The list is long of these kinds of characters...and they all ended up in the Bible!

Jesus was masterful at telling stories. These stories were so close to home that they made the hearer squirm with uneasiness. We all know why He told stories. We relate in a positive way or a negative way to other peoples' stories. We identify with them. We may know that we would never live like that...or, maybe we see a little of ourselves in some of those stories. I, for sure, saw myself as lost and undone with a less than stellar story as some of those sinful folks in the Bible.

Thank goodness I am not doomed by my story. I know God has forgiven me of the sins that I could not manage on my own. Trying to be a good person on my own would build a lot of stress, and I would live with the

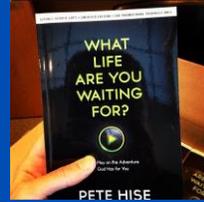


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pretense that I could do it all without God. That doesn't mean that I am now perfect. It means that I have entered that exciting path of realizing I walk in a process of knowing Him better each day.

God's will is that He is a part of everyone's story. He is ready to do that. It will be a story of redemption.

There is a book coming out on the first day of May. It is full of accounts of what God can do to and for people who are willing to allow Him to become the focus of their story. *It is entitled: **What Life Are You Waiting For?*** A chapter of this book can be downloaded free by clicking on the image to the right. It can also be pre-ordered.



For some of these people surrendering was difficult, and for some it was easy. But ultimately it was a risk and a rescue that was worth it all! (The Lord is close to the brokenhearted; He rescues those whose spirits are crushed. Psalm 34:18, NLT)

There will come a day for sure when all of our stories will end here on earth. That day is an unknown, but it can be a day that will be a day of rejoicing and celebrating, not a day to dread the unknown.

What's your story?

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