

Revealing Together

2 CORINTHIANS 5:14-21

Sunday, March 1, 2026 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

↕ Because God **BROUGHT YOU BACK** to him in Christ, (v. 14-19)

God made us new v. 17 John 3:3; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:4-5; Galatians 2:20

God reconciled us v. 18-19 Romans 5:10-11; Colossians 1:19-22; Ephesians 2:13-16; Isaiah 53:5-6; 1 Peter 3:18

live as a  Ready Storyteller —**AVAILALBE** and **INTENTIONAL**— (v. 16, 20)

ambassadors v. 20 Matthew 5:14-16; 1 Peter 2:9; Acts 1:8;

God's point of view v. 16 1 Samuel 16:7; Colossians 3:1-2; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18; John 7:24; James 2:1-4

looking for open doors to **REVEAL** Christ. (v. 20-21)

share your story Mark 5:19; John 9:25; Psalm 66:16; 1 Peter 3:15; Acts 26:12-18

share God's story v. 21 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; Romans 1:16-17; John 3:16; Ephesians 2:8-9

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

THE SHARED STORY

P.E.A.R.L.

PEARL is an acronym we use to help you share your story and God's story with those who are far from God!

- P**RAY for them
- E**AT with them
- A**SK questions
- R**EVEAL your story
- L**OVE them tangibly



To learn more about P.E.A.R.L. scan the QR or visit wawaseebible.com/pearl

REVEALING YOUR STORY

A big part of revealing your story and God's story is being **Ready**. We have a tool that can help you! **"The 2nd Greatest Story Ever Told"** is a resource that will help you write out and articulate *your* story. Either a **Growth Story** of how God is changing you as you follow Jesus, or your **Salvation Story** of how God brought you from spiritual death to life in Christ—*your before, how you came to trust Jesus, and what's changed since*.



You can download this free resource at wawaseebible.com/pearl or pick up a physical copy at the Resource Center by the Cafe.

Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

Welcome to Life Groups!

Each week we'll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

Share with the Group:

What's something you can't stop talking about lately? It could be a hobby, show, team, politics, topic? You might think: what don't you need to be asked about to bring it up?

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. Pastor Josh mentioned that there are a few different types of stories that you tell as a  **Ready Storyteller**. There are **Pointing Stories, Growth Stories, and Salvation Stories**:

- **Pointing Stories** direct attention to Jesus. Usually brief, clear, and conversational moments that give credit for something to Christ.
- **Growth Stories** are short accounts of how God is changing you as you follow Jesus—a specific struggle or area of life, what God is teaching you, and how you're responding (often still in process).
- **Salvation Stories** tell how God brought you from spiritual death to life in Christ—*your before, how you came to trust Jesus, and what's changed since*.

If you were to rate how often you've shared each type of story in the last 3-4 weeks, which type has shown up most for you, and which has been missing?

2.  We're going to practice this together. Take a few minutes to pair up with one other person in your group (not your spouse) and answer at least 1 of the following questions. Then if a few are willing, share with the group.

- **Growth Story Set-Up:** What's one current struggle or question you're facing right now, and how is it showing up in your life?
- **Salvation Story Set-Up:** Before Christ, what did you trust most, and what did you think God was like?

(Study Guide continues on back panel...)

At Wawasee, each of us is growing to increasingly live out these four roles as we follow Jesus together.



Secure Son/Daughter

I live each day increasingly confident in being a loved child of God—resting in grace, not striving to achieve approval.



Courageous Connector

I cultivate honest relationships that cross barriers and create belonging—even before belief.



Ready Storyteller

I live each day with a sense of sentness, ready to reveal my story and God's story.



Legacy Builder

Because of Jesus, I multiply what has been given to me by spiritually investing in others for kingdom impact.

Word Find in the **Word**

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 (NiRV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

²⁰ So we are **Christ's official messengers**. It is as if God were **making** his **appeal** through us. **Here** is what **Christ wants** us to beg you to do. **Come back** to God! ²¹ **Christ** didn't have any sin. But God **made** him **become** sin

for us. So we can be	R	N	Y	L	L	W	A	N	T	S	U	R	F
made right with God	E	O	B	B	E	C	O	M	E	T	G	R	E
because of what	H	T	O	G	E	T	H	E	R	E	N	N	I
Christ has done for	M	H	D	R	S	A	Y	S	K	L	U	I	T
us. ^{6:1} We work	Y	I	B	E	C	A	U	S	E	L	P	V	E
together with God.	S	N	A	C	E	T	O	E	R	W	H	E	N
So we are asking you	M	G	C	E	V	R	F	N	I	E	L	W	O
not to receive God's	A	S	K	I	N	G	F	G	G	H	U	O	I
grace and then do	K	F	A	V	O	R	I	E	H	E	A	R	D
nothing with it.	I	B	S	E	T	G	C	R	T	L	O	K	O
² He says , " When I	N	C	H	C	H	R	I	S	T	P	M	U	N
showed you my	G	C	O	M	E	A	A	P	P	E	A	L	E
favor , I heard you. On	G	U	W	Y	N	C	L	G	M	D	D	O	B
the day I saved you, I	D	P	S	A	V	E	D	T	I	M	E	A	C
helped you." I tell you,													
now is the time God													
shows his favor . Now													
is the day he saves .													



- In **2 Corinthians 5:14-19**, what phrases show what **God does** in reconciliation, and what phrases show **what he entrusts to us**? Where do you tend to take over God's part—or neglect your part?
- Look up Romans 5:6-11 and Colossians 1:19-22**. What do these passages add to your understanding of reconciliation—its cost, its direction, and its result?
- In **2 Corinthians 5:16**, Paul says we no longer regard people "according to the flesh," or from a "human perspective." What are a few common "human perspective" filters you default to, and what would it mean to adopt God's point of view instead?
- Look up 1 Peter 3:15-16 and Acts 1:8**. What do these texts suggest about readiness, tone, and dependence on the Holy Spirit when speaking about Jesus?

Taking It Home

- What's a story you need to share with someone this week?**
What's your next step?

Using **P.E.A.R.L.**, identify one person and one next step this week:

Pray: Who are you praying for by name? (*and/or* What place? What pain?)

Eat/Ask: What simple invite or question could build trust and friendship?

Reveal: What is one sentence of your story and one sentence of God's story you could share naturally?

Love: How will you show love toward them in a tangible way?

Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other.



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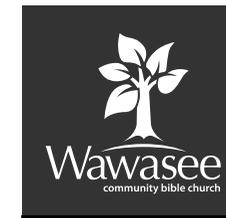
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GOD'S PART + OUR PART

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PART 4

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