

March 28, 2021

**Speaker:** Pastor Tim McCardel

**Message Series:** GAME PLAN: What's Your Game Plan?

**Today's Message:** The Glory of The Story

Romans 8:17

**Three Truths:**

- 1) Our sharing in suffering now is a condition of our future glorification.
- 2) Our BRIGHTNESS increases as we go thru pain and sorrow as Christ's glory shine's thru His cross. Daniel 12:2, 3
- 3) "Spirit fullness happens when you are overwhelmed with Christ's love and this love overflows to others."

2 Corinthians 2:14    2 Corinthians 4:4, 6, 7    2 Corinthians 4:15-18

**Salvation Means:** that the Spirit of God has brought me into Intimate Contact with the true person of Christ Himself... so I am caught up into total surrender to Christ—I become THRILLED with something Infinitely GREATER than myself."

### The Glory of The Story

#### **1. What's Inside Comes Outside**

Mark 7:20-24

**Question:** "Why do we all feel guilty?"    **Answer:** "Because we are all guilty."

**Question:** "What does it mean to be human?"    **Answer:** Bill Nye: "We are just a speck, on a speck, or biting a speck, among other specs"

**Answer:** Carl Sagan: "We find ourselves in a bottomless free fall... lost in a great darkness, and there's no one to send out a search party."

Ecclesiastes 3:11 "God has set eternity in our hearts."

Psalms 8:5 "You (God) have crowned them with glory and honor."

**Reality:** At the very core of our beings is a mark—the imprint of God Himself.

Genesis 1:27 "God created man in His own image."

**Intimacy With God:** Allowing myself to be fully Known, fully loved, fully accepted, letting down my guard completely." God longs to have this kind of love with me.

Matthew 10:29-31

#### **2. Our Broken World**

2 Timothy 3:7

**Sadly:** many "Christians" - hostile to learning, close minded, stubborn, uncaring, content to let all around go to hell, dismiss people, afraid to engage

**N. T. Wright** - "worldviews" - operate like the foundations of a house; vital but invisible.

1 Timothy 1:11-14    1 Timothy 6:20-1

2 Timothy 1:14    2 Timothy 3:14, 15

**Next Sunday: Easter: Love Reigns**