

***A Love Story***  
***The Unfolding Drama of the Bible***

**Stand within the Bible and look out at the world through the window of biblical faith.**

Primary question = How is the Bible shaping a new reality among us?

**The Bible as a whole**

Think of it as a drama in which you get into the act.

God is the Author, Director and Chief Actor.

The Bible is a drama in three Acts:

1. The Exodus (formed)
2. The Exile (re-formed)
3. Jesus (transformed)

You are not a spectator

**What kind of story is it?**

It is a love story.

**In the beginning, God...**

God is the context for our lives.

**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth**

God stands outside of nature, yet enters it in exodus, exile and Jesus.

Life is about relating to God and responding to God's passionate love.

**The story of Adam and Eve – i.e. our story (A tale of two trees)**

*The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil*

The root of all religious and ethical systems

Governing one's life by right and wrong (the great temptation)

*The Tree of Life*

Jesus did not come to give us a new ethic. He came to give us life

The love story has gone awry.

God's loving call, "*Where are you?*" (Gen 3:9b)

**Get into the Act**