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NEWSLETTER

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IN OUR FAMILY DEVOTIONAL TIME WE ARE CURRENTLY RE-READING “THE JESUS STORYBOOK BIBLE”. WE’VE READ IT BEFORE AND LOVE THE BEAUTIFUL AND ACCESSIBLE LANGUAGE IT USES TO CONVEY SOME OF THE BIBLE STORIES. THE BOOK IS SIMILAR TO MANY OTHER CHILDREN’S BIBLES BECAUSE THE STORIES ARE RELATED IN AN EASY TO UNDERSTAND STYLE. THERE ARE PRETTY PICTURES, SILLY EXPRESSIONS, AND ACCURATE DESCRIPTIONS OF BIBLICAL EVENTS.

AS WITH MOST BIBLE STORIES PORTRAYED IN CHILDREN’S BIBLES, EACH SECTION IS ABOUT 4 PAGES LONG. THE STORIES OF MOSES, DANIEL, ABRAHAM, NOAH, ETC. ARE ALL CONDENSED INTO QUITE SHORT PARAPHRASES OF THE ORIGINAL TEXT. WHAT I LOVE SO MUCH ABOUT THIS STORYBOOK IS THE FACT THAT AT THE END OF EACH STORY THERE IS A DIRECT CORRELATION/COMPARISON MADE TO JESUS. FOR EXAMPLE AT THE END THE DAVID AND GOLIATH STORY IT SAYS “MANY YEARS LATER, GOD WOULD SEND HIS PEOPLE ANOTHER YOUNG HERO TO FIGHT FOR THEM. AND TO SAVE THEM. BUT THIS HERO WOULD FIGHT THE GREATEST BATTLE THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN.”

AT THE END OF THE STORY OF ABRAHAM AND ISAAC IT SAYS “MANY YEARS LATER, ANOTHER SON WOULD CLIMB ANOTHER HILL, CARRYING WOOD ON HIS BACK. LIKE ISAAC, HE WOULD TRUST HIS FATHER AND DO WHAT HIS FATHER ASKED. HE WOULDN’T STRUGGLE OR RUN AWAY. WHO WAS HE? GOD’S SON, HIS ONLY SON—THE SON HE LOVED. THE LAMB OF GOD.”

READING THE STORIES OF THE BIBLE CAN BE DAUNTING. WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE MAGNITUDE OF INTERVENTION IN THE FORM OF MIRACLES AND PROPHECY, IT IS EVIDENT TO SEE THE HAND OF GOD IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE DETAILED IN THE BIBLE. WE SEE HIS SOVEREIGNTY IN EVERY SITUATION. WE CAN ALSO SEE HOW EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED POINTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD. EVEN THE PAIN OF JOB AND THE HARDENED HEART OF PHARAOH. EVERYTHING POINTS TO GOD AND HIS MAJESTY.

AS WE LIVE OUR LIVES I HOPE WE CAN SEE THAT NO MATTER OUR CIRCUMSTANCES GOD IS WORKING ALL THINGS FOR OUR GOOD AND HIS GLORY. OUR STORIES ARE UNIQUE, BUT THEY ARE ALL ORCHESTRATED BY HIM AND AT THE END OF OUR STORIES I PRAY THAT OTHERS MIGHT SEE HOW THEY ULTIMATELY POINTED TO CHRIST.

GRACE AND PEACE,  
ADAM