Our Journey, God's Story

What kind of stories are people living in?

Soap Operas

<u>Sitcoms</u>

Dystopian Nightmares

What kind of stories are people wanting to live in?

Romantic Comedies

Fantasy Worlds

Fairy Tales

What kind of story does the Bible say we are in?

Epic Hero's Quest!

I had always felt life first as a story: and if there is a story there is a story-teller. GK Chesterton

Now the story of Christ is simply a true myth: a myth working on us in the same way as the others, but with this tremendous difference that it really happened. C.S. Lewis

God's Bigger Story unfolds over 5 Acts like a play.

1st Act: the <u>Creation</u> of a good and glorious Universe sets the stage for God's Story. Genesis 1-2

2nd Act: the <u>Fall</u> introduces the evil presence of God's enemies and Humanity's problem. Genesis 3-11

3rd **Act:** the Formation of <u>Israel</u> unfolds God's Quest for a Successful Solution to the forces of evil. Genesis 12ff...

4th Act: The Coming of <u>Christ</u> leads to God's climatic victory over His enemies! Matthew 1:1ff

5th Act: The Re-establishment of God's Kingdom leads to the spread of God's blessings through the <u>Church</u>. Acts 1:1ff

Happy Ending: the Consummation of God's Story ushers in the Re-<u>Creation</u> of the entire universe. Revelation 20ff...

God's Bigger Story:

God is <u>overcoming</u> the forces of evil to fully restore His <u>blessings</u> upon humanity and the earth and He is doing so through the re-establishment and expansion of His Kingdom.