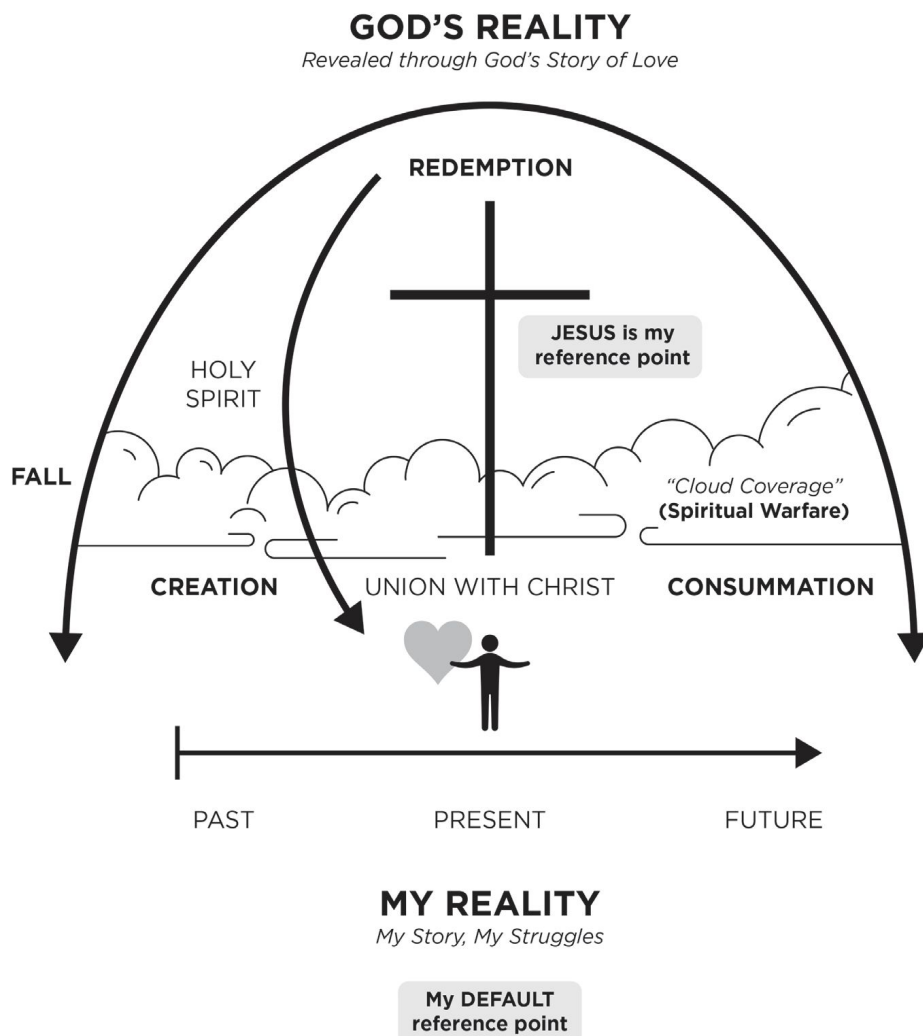


The realities of life

There is a bigger reality

God's Story Diagram





CREATION *shows us how God created us for love.*

The FALL *shows us how evil keeps us from love.*

REDEMPTION *shows us how Jesus restores us with love.*

Consummation shows us how we will enjoy love forever.

Created for communion with God

Communion with God involves three "KEI" (pronounce "key") aspects—knowing, experiencing, and imaging God—based on how he created us to live life with him. Let's take a look at each element.

Knowing God

Experiencing God

Imaging God

Why communion with God matters



God is pursuing your heart

What reality is pressing down on you?

Take a moment to write down how this reality impacts how you are experiencing your relationship with God.

Experiencing God through his Word

Receiving God's Word—Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

³ He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

What did you experience in your heart and mind as you received God's Word?
(Write out your response here)

Praying God's Word—Psalm 23

Take a moment to pray through Psalm 23. You may pray about what you noted above or the Spirit may move you to pray in a totally different way as you work your way through the psalm.



How did God shepherd you as you prayed through Psalm 23?
(Write out your response here)

Write out the Spirit's and Son's prayer on your behalf to the Father. Include your name in the prayer. How may the Spirit and Son be praying the Father's will for you as expressed in Psalm 23?

(Write out your prayer here)

Debriefing the Psalm 23 abide time