

# THE STORY

## SERMON NOTES

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*The Story: The Beginning of Life as We Know It*  
• Genesis 1-9  
Pastor Mike Futrell

What does the Bible and The Sistine Chapel have in common?

Each is a masterpiece  
AND a collection of masterpieces.

Both are telling 1 primary story.

*In the beginning God.*

2 Foundation Facts of the Universe:

1. There is a God.
2. You are not Him.

Big Bang #1: Creation!

Days 1, 2, & 3 are creation

Days 4, 5, & 6 are creations

Day 7 – God created rest, Sabbath, and the idea of Sabbatical.

God's great passion is poured into His creation of humanity!

Big Bang #2: Rebellion!

The Garden of Eden

2 Greatest Gifts  
Divine Love

Free Will

The Tale of Two trees: Genesis 2:9

What does THE STORY (chapter 1) reveal to us?

#1. In the beginning God.

#2. God did it!

#3. God's great passion is poured into

His creation of humanity.

Genesis 1:26-27 ... *imago dei*

Genesis 2:7 ... a living soul

#4. God gives Divine love and Free love.

**"God, I love you back!"**

#5. God's great desire and God's ultimate effort

is to restore relationship!