

SERIES: THIS IS MY STORY

MESSAGE: WHO IS THE AUTHOR?

1 John 1:1 We proclaim to you the one who existed from the beginning, whom we have heard and seen. We saw him with our own eyes and touched him with our own hands. He is the Word of life.

- Who is the AUTHOR of Your Story?
- Who Holds the Pen?
- Who is Writing the Pages of Your LIFE?
- The AUTHOR of my Story should be *JESUS*
- OUR PRIORITY is WINNING SOULS!
- FOUR AUTHORS ONE PEN

1. TIMES WE ARE CALLED TO GIVE UP OUR COMFORT

Matt 8:18-23 ¹⁸ When Jesus saw the crowd around him, he instructed his disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. ¹⁹ Then one of the teachers of religious law said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” ²⁰ But Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens to live in, and birds have nests, but the Son of Man^e has no place even to lay his head.”

2. TIMES WE ARE CALLED TO CONCEDE OUR CONVENIENCE!

²¹ Another of his disciples said, “Lord, first let me return home and bury my father.”

²² But Jesus told him, “Follow me now. Let the spiritually dead bury their own dead.”

- **We assume these guys did not FOLLOW**

²³ Then Jesus got into the boat and started across the lake with his disciples.

3. TIMES CALLED TO CAST OFF OUR CONSTRICTIONS!

Mark 10:17-22 ¹⁷ As Jesus was starting out on his way to Jerusalem, a man came running up to him, knelt down, and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus asked. “Only God is truly good. ¹⁹ But to answer your question, you know the commandments: ‘You must not murder. You must not commit adultery. You must not steal. You must not testify falsely. You must not cheat anyone. Honor your father and mother.’ ²⁰ “Teacher,” the man replied, “I’ve obeyed all these commandments since I was young.” ²¹ Looking at the man, Jesus felt genuine love for him. “There is still one thing you haven’t done,” he told him. “Go and sell all your possessions and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” ²² At this the man’s face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

- Will we Give Up our COMFORT?
- We will Concede our Convenience?
- Will we CAST Off our CONSTRICTION for the Sake of His CALL for our LIVES?