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STUDY 4

God's Story

'Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage...They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.' (Psalm 84:5, 8 TNIV)

Every good story has a beginning and an end. Every story is conceived within the heart of the author and ends when the author decides it's the end and put his pen down. The story we are part of starts in the Bible with God (Genesis 1:1) and ends with Jesus (Revelation 22:20,21) And the story goes on into eternity.

In our story here on earth there are three things that we need to remember:

- **We are part of a glorious beginning and end**
- **There is a glorious journey between these two bookends of time**
- **There is a glorious completion towards which we are walking**

CONNECTION AND ACTION Use these questions to promote conversation and connection.

Q: Within the overall story of our lives there are seasons with beginning and ends. Describe the season that you find yourself in (e.g. motherhood, student etc.) What are the challenges of your particular season?

Q: Read Psalm 84:5-7. What are some of the keys in these verses to walking well through a season?

Q: Read Matthew 7:13,14. What do we need to do to make sure we stay on our spiritual path? What are some of the things that can distract us from it?

Q: Read Isaiah 51:4-6 (MSG) What is God setting right?

Q: How can we be part of God's setting things right? Discuss how you could be involved in one of the Colour Sisterhood 500 projects as a connect group.

Q: Read Philippians 1:4-6. Pray for each other that God will complete the good work that he has begun in you.

Prayer: Pray for each other that you will negotiate the seasons well on your journey and help

HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

• **EASTER WEEKEND** – Who can you invite to church during this powerful weekend!! From our Good Friday services (joining in Communion) to our Resurrection Sunday services (with Reinhard Bonnke Sunday night), we will be celebrating the Cross = Love message of Jesus. See myhillsong.com/easter for service times and everything you need to know.

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BIBLE AND BELIEF Use these questions to help believers develop a biblical worldview.

1: A glorious beginning and end

Q: Discuss Jesus' season in the wilderness that the Holy Spirit led him into (v.1). What can you learn from the way he negotiated it?

Q. What are some of the keys to walking well through a season that you can learn from Psalm 84?

Read: Psalm 84:5-7; Luke 4:1-14

2: A glorious journey

Q. Discuss the importance of staying on the right path and how to do it.

Read: Matthew 7:13,14 and Psalm 1

3. A glorious completion

Q. How will God set things right and how can we be part of that? Discuss in relation to the Colour Sisterhood 500 projects.

Read: Isaiah 51:4-6 (MSG) and 58:6-12

Prayer: Pray for each other that God will complete the good work that he has begun in you and that you will negotiate the seasons well.

GROWING LEADERSHIP Use these questions to help people in your group grow as leaders.

Q: Read Psalm 84:5-7. Discuss the challenges of the different seasons that your group find themselves in. What keys do we find in Psalm 84?

Q. Read Matthew 7:13,14. Discuss how you can stay on the right path and the things that can distract you from your journey in Christ.

Q: Read Isaiah 51:4-6 (MSG). What is God setting right and how can we be part of that? Discuss how your connect group could be involved in one of the 500 projects.

Check Up

Check in with leaders in your group on:

- Growing and multiplying connect groups this year
- Raising and developing leaders

PRAY TOGETHER

- For Easter!!! That many people would encounter the Love of God through the message of The Cross!

NATION BUILDERS Use this section to inspire and inform people on the difference their giving can make. Together we support

1. **Church Planting.** Moscow, Paris, NYC, Stockholm, Amsterdam, Germany, Japan and Toronto.

2. **Gospel Missions.** Missions Aviation Fellowship, Sports Chaplaincy, overseas workers in China, Kazakstan, Pakistan, Thailand and South East Asia.

In previous years, we sowed seed into Churches in London, Kiev and Cape Town. Today we see incredible fruit! How exciting that we can now plant seed into new Churches like NYC and Germany. Your giving TODAY will make a difference in the nations TOMORROW.

A great way to inspire your group would be to show the clip of Ps Brian speaking at our Heart & Soul Night on MyHillsong. He encouraged every connect group to set a Faith Goal. We have provided some really practical guidelines on MyHillsong.com/MyConnectGroup/Studies&Resources to help you with this. Once you have set your Faith Goal, please enter it on MyHillsong in the [Connect Group/Details](#) section. Thank you!

