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God Stories

IN THE TELLING WE OURSELVES ARE REVEALED



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We all love to tell stories. No matter our mood—in reverie or expectation, panic or peace—we can be found stringing together incidents and unfolding episodes. We turn our pain into narrative so we can bear it; we turn our ecstasy into narrative so we can prolong it. We tell our stories to live.

God not only loves to hear our stories, God loves to tell stories. In particular, we are the story God tells. Our very lives are the words that come from God's mouth. This conviction that we are God's story releases primordial impulses, and out of a mixture of belligerence, gratitude, and imitation, we return the compliment. We tell stories about God.