

# God's Story: Our Dominant Story

In chapter four of *Gospel Fluency*, Jeff uses the image of a father to display the various ways our own stories define or redefine our worldview.

*“All of us are living our lives under a dominant story. We perceive the world and human interactions through the stories we know and believe. For most of us, that is our story of origin, our family story. This is a much smaller story inside the larger one, and often it leads us to wrong perceptions of God, ourselves, others, and the world around us. In some cases, we believe outright lies.”*

If we don't view life through the lens of God's story, we view it in light of a lesser story.

In the first column below, we've listed the dominant questions asked by each movement of God's story. In the second column, we've listed some of the objective, biblical answers to those questions which come when God's story is our dominant story. In the third column, re-write a few of the areas of disbelief you struggle with. In the final column, consider alternative narratives that reinforce this area of unbelief. What is the story you are believing instead of the story of God?



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	QUESTION	OBJECTIVE/BIBLICAL ANSWER	AREA OF DISBELIEF	POSSIBLE “FALSE” ANSWERS/STORY
CREATION	<p><i>Where is my identity?</i></p> <p><i>What do I look to, trust in, depend on, for my worth?</i></p>	<p><i>Child of God, created in his image; my identity is in Christ alone; I am reliant/dependent on him</i></p>		
FALL	<p><i>What is wrong?</i></p> <p><i>What is the real problem/issue?</i></p>	<p><i>Sin</i></p> <p><i>Rejection of God</i></p> <p><i>Brokenness that's part of living in a fallen world</i></p>		
REDEMPTION	<p><i>What can fix this?</i></p> <p><i>What will make this right?</i></p>	<p><i>Jesus</i></p>		
NEW CREATION	<p><i>Where is hope?</i></p> <p><i>In what is my confidence found?</i></p>	<p><i>God's promises shown through history</i></p> <p><i>Eternity/Jesus' return</i></p>		