

2 KINDS OF STORIES GEN. 45:1-9; 47:7-9; 50:19-21

Attribution theory...

Christians, and the very fact of being a Christian, attribute their lives to

A God - centered story!	A grievance-centered story!
Focus on the present → the future	Focus on the past (Always, only, one note repeated...)
Purpose(s)- oriented	Cause - oriented

John 11:1 Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha.

John 11:2 (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.)

John 11:3 Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, **Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick.**

John 11:4 When Jesus heard that, he said, **This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.**

John 9:1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

John 9:2 And his disciples asked him, saying, **Master, who did sin, this man, OR his parents, that he was born blind?**

John 9:3 Jesus answered, **Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.**

John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Why? -----→	←-----Why?
Solution focused Once the cause is found And the fault is apportioned We still must find the solution.	Fault finding When is this helpful? This is only helpful so as to prevent the repetition of the problem.
Someone to thank	Someone to blame

Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

2 Corinthians 4:18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

Genesis 50:19 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God?

Genesis 50:20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.

Philippians 1:12 But I would ye should understand, brethren, **that the things which happened unto me** have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel;

Philippians 1:13 So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other places;

Philippians 1:14 And many of the brethren in the Lord, waxing confident by my bonds, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

Philippians 1:15 Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will:

Philippians 1:16 The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds:

Philippians 1:17 But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel.

Philippians 1:18 What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice.

Philippians 1:19 For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

See the entire book of Philemon