

Storylines

Elements of a Good Story, Part 2

Review

If your life was a movie what kind would it be?

Identify the... 1. Characters 2. Goal (Life Message) 3. Author

4. Find the Passion

- If your life was a movie, would anyone want to *watch* it?
- Would anyone want to be *in* it?
- Does it inspire *you*?
- Would anyone want to be *you*?
 - Great aspect of parenthood
 - I Cor. 11:1 - *Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.*

Where does passion come from?

- *The Notebook*
- *Wild at Heart* – “Women ... don’t want to **be** the adventure.”
- If the highlight of your week is *CSI, 24, American Idol, sports,*

Passion comes from vision.

- *Task without vision becomes drudgery*
- *You’ll find your calling where your great joy meets the world’s great hunger.*
 - This may come from your job, or through ministry you do outside your job.
 - You don’t have to have one of those ultra exciting jobs.
 - Bertie Johnson served 50 young men after her husband died
 - She actually did write a book about her life.
- For the believer, vision comes from God
*Acts 2:17 - ‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream **dreams**.*

So, how does God give vision? Some ways...

- **At conversion** - “Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision - Acts 26:19
- **Prayer** – *A fire shall always be burning on the altar; it shall never go out. Lev. 6:13*
- **In the Word** – *Where there is a no vision, the people are unrestrained, But happy is he who keeps the law. Prov. 29:18 (NASB)*
- **In church** – *And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain. Exod. 26:30*

Passion Killers

- Unbelief
 - ‘override the righteous anger’
- Compromise (your vision or passion)

*how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience** from dead works to serve the living God? – Heb. 9:14*

At the end of the day, the passionate win.