



StAAC
VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
2017

May 26 - 6:00pm

We are **so appreciative** of
all our volunteers and your heart
to serve at St. Albert Alliance Church -
and we want to say **THANK YOU!**

All StAAC Volunteers are invited to
join us for an evening of food,
games, awards and music

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STEPPING INTO YOUR story

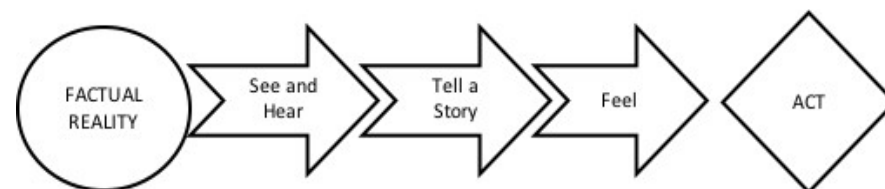
First Steps
on the
Adventure
May 14, 2017 ~ Matt Garvin

Three First Steps

We live from the _____ we believe.

"To be human means to embrace some such basic story through which we understand our world and chart our course through it. This does not mean that individuals are necessarily conscious of the story they are living out of or of the moulding effect that such a story has had on their thoughts and actions."

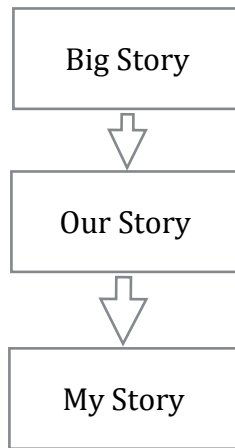
Craig Bartholomew and Michael Goheen



The first three steps on the adventure are about _____ the story.

The Bible tells the truth. It presents a picture of reality – a worldview and world story – that is distinctly different from all the world's philosophies, religions, and ideologies. Scripture reveals God's truth, demonstrated supremely in Jesus Christ and in His reign.

Howard A. Snyder



Repentance is a radical change of the story by which we live our lives.

1. The first step on the adventure is to hand over your story to the one who _____.

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10 NIV

Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.

Revelation 3:19-20 NIV

2. The second step on the adventure is to declare through _____ that His story now defines your life.

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:3-5 NIV

3. The third step on the adventure is to begin to run the race Jesus has marked out for you.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Hebrews 12:1-2a NIV

Jesus warned that there would be two things that hinder and entangle people as they try to run the race:

When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.

The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

Matthew 13:19-23 NIV

This race has a finish line

For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:6-7 NIV