

## **Everyone Around You Has a Story the World Needs to Hear**

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Read through the following Scriptures. What concepts do they all share?

- Exodus 12:25-27
- Deuteronomy 6:4-12
- Hebrews 11:32-40
- 1 Peter 3:15



Why does God want his people to tell their stories?

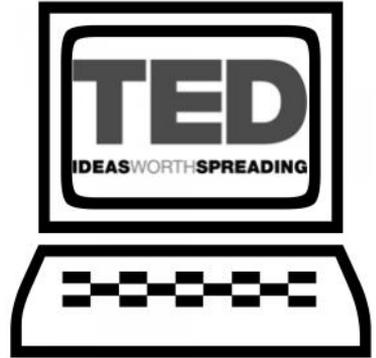
Is there a question you would love to ask one of your ancestors? Maybe an ancestor you knew or an ancestor who was gone long before you were born?

Is there anything you would like your descendants to know about you? Any experiences you would want to share with them? Any life lessons you would want to pass on?

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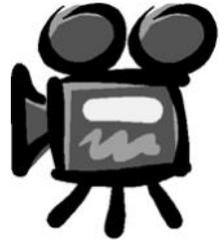
## **Eat the Fish, Spit Out the Bones**

In these TED Talks you will encounter ideas you don't agree with. Some will be major disagreements, others minor. TED Talks are presented from a variety of backgrounds and points of view, some of which we—admittedly—will be uncomfortable with.



It's far too easy to miss out on something that could nourish us because we're busy choking on the parts we don't agree with. There is much meat in these talks. Our task, as Christians is to find the meat, redeem it for kingdom use and nourishment, and carefully avoid the bones that could stop any growth or discussion from taking place.

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**Presenter:** Dave Isay

**Link:** <http://go.ted.com/blar>

Dave Isay opened the first **StoryCorps** booth in New York's Grand Central Terminal in 2003 with the intention of creating a quiet place where a person could honor someone who mattered to them by listening to their story. Since then, **StoryCorps** has evolved into the single largest collection of human voices ever recorded. His TED Prize wish: to grow this digital archive of the collective wisdom of humanity. Hear his vision to take **StoryCorps** global — and how you can be a part of it by interviewing someone with the **StoryCorps** app.

## QuoTED

*He stood there staring at it in silence, then he grabbed the book out of my hand and started running down the long, narrow hallway holding it over his head shouting, "I exist! I exist."*

**What did that story mean to you?**

*It's kind of the anti-reality TV. Nobody comes to StoryCorps to get rich. Nobody comes to get famous. It's simply an act of generosity and love. So many of these are just everyday people talking about lives lived with kindness, courage, decency and dignity, and when you hear that kind of story, it can sometimes feel like you're walking on holy ground.*

**How does this thought compare to the scriptures we read at the beginning?**

**Were there any ideas presented in the video that excite you? Were there any that gave you a sense of anticipation or regret?**

# *Redeeming* **TED**

**StoryCorps** is an amazing organization and an idea the Church could get behind, support and even take a lead in. The question for us is, *“What would it look like if we did **StoryCorps** in our church?”*

Is there anyone you wish you could have done a **StoryCorps** interview with before they passed?

Is there anyone alive today with whom you would want to do a **StoryCorps** interview?

How could our become a part of what **StoryCorps** is doing to preserve and honor the stories of individuals?

What would a **StoryCorps** ministry look like? Who would it involve? How could it be used for outreach in our community?



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