#### DID YOU KNOW

The Bible
is one
congruent
story of
God's Love?



### Here's the Storyline

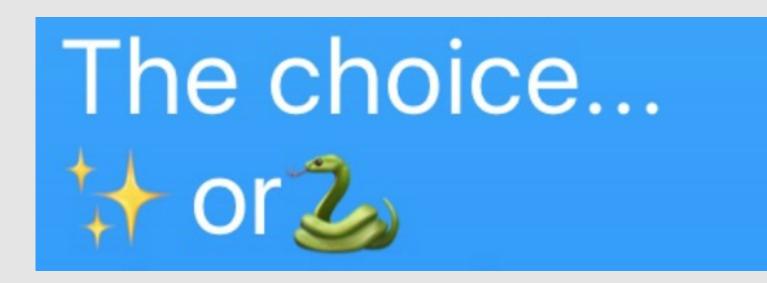
Starting with the Old Testament

God, the Creator, made the heavens and the earth in perfect harmony.

The first people enjoyed a right relationship with God.

God gave the people, Adam and Eve, all of paradise to enjoy...except for one tree with the knowledge of good and evil.

GENESIS CHAPTERS 1 - 2

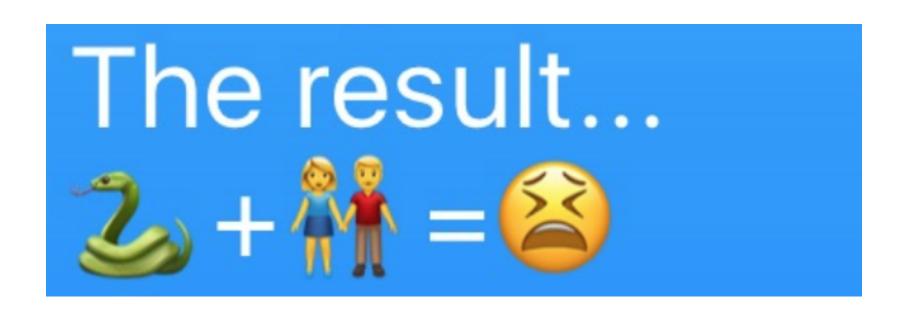


Satan tempted Eve to **sin**, which is an action that separates people from God.

Adam and Eve chose sin by eating from the forbidden tree.

GENESIS 3:1-7



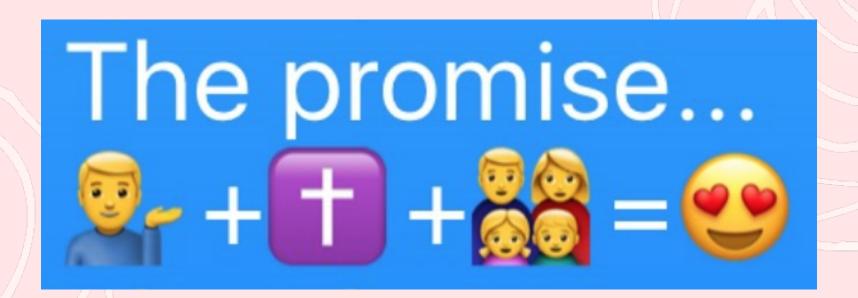


Imperfect people could not be in harmony with the perfect God.

Separation from God replaced harmony with discord.

People now had to **strive** to find a sense of home in a harsh world of upheaval & PMS.

**GENESIS 3:8-24** 



God announced His promise to restore people to a right relationship with Him.

Through prophets, or messengers, God reminded people "a Savior is coming!" to restore them.

GENESIS 12:3, MICAH 5:2, ISAIAH 7:13

# The New Testament

Matthew 1:20-23, 2:1-6, 27-28, Acts 10:43

God **kept His promise** to restore people to a right relationship through **Jesus** - who fulfilled ALL of the prophecies made about Him in the Old Testament!

God the Son, Jesus Christ, came to earth in human form and lived a perfect life - He suffered and was tempted, but He never sinned.

Jesus sacrificed His perfect life as a penalty for the imperfections of people. He willingly died on a cross, & three days later, He rose from the dead - defeating sin & death.

## The choice... $T = \bigcirc \quad \text{or } 2 = \bigcirc \quad$

You can choose to be made right with God, and experience spiritual harmony now (and forever in Heaven) through faith in Jesus Christ!

To start a relationship with God, it takes faith.

You're invited to turn to Him, believe, and accept the invitation to be made new.

Or you can choose to try to find peace on your own in a world of discord.

ROMANS 10:9-10, 2 CORINTHIANS 5:21, 1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-4

#### The chance to respond...













Choose to be made right with God through faith in Jesus or remain in discord.

There is spiritual freedom, forgiveness, hope, and harmony for those who believe.

All are invited to receive the free gift, but the choice to accept the invitation is up to you.

MATTHEW 25:46, ROMANS 3:21, JOHN 5:24, ROMANS 1:16

#### The end...



One day, God will fulfill His ultimate promise of restoring people from every nation to harmony.

For those who believe, God will wipe every tear and right every wrong.

Every knee will bow and tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord eventually, but for now: the choice to experience spiritual peace on earth today is yours.

The world will be paradise - a home of perfect rest, peace, love, and joy - once again for those who choose and hope in Him.

REVELATION 5:14, 21:4

#### So that's the story.

Does the Emoji Gospel make sense to you?

Today 3:19 PM

If the Emoji Gospel makes sense to you and you'd like to start a relationship with God, Ephesians 2:8-9 says...

God saved you by His grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

You don't need to earn - or be "good enough" - for a relationship with God, you just need to accept the gift of being made right with God through faith. Here's how you can start a relationship with God today:

#### STEP ONE

Stop trusting in yourself or others. Confess you've made mistakes and need God's help. You can't rely on yourself to be made right with God.

#### STEP TWO

Start trusting in Jesus. Faith in Jesus is what makes you right with God. Romans 10:4, Romans 10:9-10

#### STEP THREE

Prayer is saying to God what you've already believed in your heart. Pray something like the following, and believe in your heart... God, I need Your help. Forgive me for every mistake I've made in the past and will make in the future. God, I believe with all of my heart that You raised Jesus from the dead and my faith in Him makes me right with You. My old mistakes are forgiven, and You make me clean and new! Thank You for loving me, and help me get to know You better and better.

This isn't a magic prayer. The words aren't what make you right with God; it's your faith in Jesus. If you believe Jesus Christ is Lord, and invited Him in your heart, you are right with God!

Y A Y! You just started a relationship with God! The Holy Spirit now lives inside of you, strengthening you from within.

You are a new person - forgiven, free, and whole.

If you just started a relationship with God or renewed your commitment to God, click below to share that with us so we can C E L E B R A T E and connect you with lots of resources!

I PRAYED TO START MY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

I PRAYED TO RENEW MY COMMITMENT TO GOD