

A row of old, worn books on a shelf, with a central yellow notepad containing text. The books are in various colors and states of wear, including brown, blue, and red. The notepad is yellow with horizontal lines and a dark border. The background is a textured, olive-green wall.

The Power
of
Stories

Joshua 4:21-24



GOD TELLS LOTS OF THEM

- Consider the amount of scripture made up of narrative.
- God even repeats His stories (Deuteronomy).
- He set up reminders to prompt the telling of His stories (Josh. 4:21-24).
- The pattern of Jesus' life is delivered in narrative form.
- The plan of salvation is given to us in the form of several stories.



THEY CARRY AUTHORITY

- Everything God says is worthy of attention (Matt. 22:31-32).
- Knowing the stories is crucial to understanding the New Testament usages of them (Rom. 9:12-13).
- The stories contain the truths we need to combat Satan (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10).
- We need to think about these stories as we are going about our daily lives (1 Pet. 2:21; 2 Thess. 3:9).



THEY HELP EXPLAIN TRUTH

- Sometimes it is simply using vivid imagery (Matt. 6:2).
- Other times it is a lengthy story to answer a seemingly simple question (Lk. 10:29-37).
- Jesus used stories to show the highlight the impact of truth in everyday life (Matt. 7:24-27).
- He used them to show people a view of themselves from a different perspective (Lk. 15:11-32).