

STORYTELLERS
Part 2: “Storytelling Sabotage”

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“Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables. This fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet: ‘I will speak to you in parables. I will explain things hidden since the creation of the world.’”

Matthew 13:34-35 (NLT)

TO KEEP FROM SABOTAGING MY STORY, I NEED TO...

1. ...START BY BEING HONEST INSTEAD OF PRETENDING TO BE PERFECT

“Once there were two men who went into the temple to pray. One was a proud religious leader, the other a despised tax collector. The religious leader stood apart from the others and prayed, ‘How I thank you, O God, that I’m not wicked like everyone else. They’re cheaters, swindlers, and crooks—like that tax collector over there. God, you know that I never cheat or commit adultery; I fast from food twice a week and I give you a tenth of all I make.’ The tax collector stood off alone in the corner, away from the Holy Place, and covered his face in his hands, feeling that he was unworthy to even look up to God. Beating his breast, he sobbed with brokenness and tears saying, ‘God, please, in your mercy and because of the blood sacrifice, forgive me, for I am nothing but the most miserable of all sinners!’ Which one of them left for home that day made right with God? It was the humble tax collector and not the religious leader! For everyone who praises himself will one day be humiliated before all, and everyone who humbles himself will one day be lifted up and honored before all.”

Luke 18:10-14 (TPT)

**2. ...USE PLAIN LANGUAGE INSTEAD OF CONFUSING “CHRISTIANESE”
AND UNRELATABLE STORIES**

“Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.”

Colossians 4:5-6 (NLT)

**3. ...FOCUS ON THE BIG STORY OF THE BIBLE INSTEAD OF THE CHAPTER
AND VERSE**

“Let me remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I preached to you when we first met. It’s the essential message that you have taken to heart, the central story you now base your life on; and through this gospel, you are liberated—unless, of course, your faith has come to nothing. For I passed down to you the crux of it all which I had also received from others, that the Anointed One, the Liberating King, died for our sins and was buried and raised from the dead on the third day. All this happened to fulfill the Scriptures; it was the perfect climax to God’s covenant story.”

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (TVB)

4. ...KEEP MY INSECURITIES FROM KEEPING ME SILENT

“For I am not the least bit embarrassed about the gospel. I won’t shy away from it, because it is God’s power to save every person who believes: first the Jew, and then the non-Jew.”

Romans 1:16 (TVB)