PART ONE

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Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Psalm}}$ 107:1 ESV

Story is _____

Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable. Matthew 13:34 NIV

You are the ______ of your story

Sharing our story brings _____

Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story. Psalm 107:2a NIV

Has the Lord redeemed you? Then speak out! Tell others he has redeemed you from your enemies. Psalm 107:2 NLT

Some of you wandered for years in the desert, looking but not finding a good place to live, Half-starved and parched with thirst, staggering and stumbling, on the brink of exhaustion. Then, in your desperate condition, you called out to God. He got you out in the nick of time; He put your feet on a wonderful road that took you straight to a good place to live. So thank God for his marvelous love, for his miracle mercy to the children he loves. He poured great draughts of water down parched throats; the starved and hungry got plenty to eat. **Psalm 107:4-9 The Message**

Realize: Part of my story involves God's

Some sat in darkness and deepest gloom, imprisoned in iron chains of misery. "Lord, help!" they cried in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He led them from the darkness and deepest gloom; he snapped their chains. Let them praise the Lord for his great love and for the wonderful things he has done for them. For he broke down their prison gates of bronze; he cut apart their bars of iron. Psalm 107:10, 13-16 NLT

Understand: Part of my story involves God's

Some became fools through their rebellious ways and suffered affliction because of their iniquities. They loathed all food and drew near the gates of death. Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress. He sent out his word and healed them; he rescued them from the grave. Psalm 107:17-20 NIV

Recognize: Part of my story involves God's

Good people see this and are glad; bad people are speechless, stopped in their tracks. If you are really wise, you'll think this over--it's time you appreciated God's deep love. Psalm 107:42,43 MSG

But as for me, how good it is to be near God! I have made the Sovereign Lord my shelter, and I will tell everyone about the wonderful things you do. Psalm 73:28 NLT

Lord, open my eyes to see ______ in my story

Allow me to appreciate your deep love, by being

my story