

Feeling God's Story: Reigniting Our Spiritual Passion

Too many of us, for too long, have viewed the Bible as a manual for effective living, a source for theological reflection, or a supplement for spiritual health. In this workshop we will engage with God's greatest illustration throughout the Bible and consider how feeling God's story from His perspective can stir heartfelt application, worship-stirring theological reflection, and overflowing spiritual health.

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- I. Is there something more than instruction for living in the Bible?
 - A. If we are struggling to live the Christian life, then this will be the fruit of a more foundational issue – how we view God, and how we view God's people
 - B. Slaves, soldiers, subjects, etc.
 - C. What about the big illustration?

- II. What is the Big Idea of the Bible? (Lev. 26:11-12)
 - A. Notice the elements
 1. Dwelling
 2. Not abhor
 3. Yours
 4. Mine

B. God's presence

1. Garden
2. Encounter / Angel
3. Pillar
4. Tabernacle / Temple
5. Today's Temple
6. End of the story (Rev. 21:2-4)

C. God's fascination with marriage

1. Genesis 1-2
2. Genesis
3. David/Solomon
4. Hosea
5. Isaiah
6. Jesus

7. Paul

D. God's proposal

1. Promise & the presence of the Promiser
2. I will draw all people
3. Lifted up

Suggested Readings:

Forthcoming from Christian Focus, the sequel to *Pleased to Dwell*, by Peter Mead.

Ray Ortlund, *God's Unfaithful Wife* (IVP, 2003)

Brant Pitre, *Jesus the Bridegroom* (Image, 2014)

Jeremiah Burroughs, *An Exposition of the Prophecy of Hosea* (RHB, 2006)

Marcus Peter Johnson, *One With Christ* (Crossway, 2013)

Michael Reeves, *Christ Our Life* (Paternoster, 2014)