Old School

lessons you forgot to remember

Stories are powerful

The Beginning

Genesis

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Moses is wanting to re-introduce Israel
to the story of their past and
the promise of their future

In the beginning God…

Genesis 1:1 NIV

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1 NIV

Creation isn’t God,
the Creator of creation is God

There is one
uncreated,
creator God

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Genesis 1:27 NIV

All people are sacred

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

Genesis 2:8 NIV

The Lord God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 2:9 NIV

And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden;

Genesis 2:16 NIV

but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”

Genesis 2:17 NIV

Why?

In a world of free choice, not even
God gets everything He wants

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

Genesis 3:1 NIV

The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ”

Genesis 3:2-3 NIV

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.

Genesis 3:4-5 NIV

“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.
“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 3:4-5 NIV

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

Genesis 3:6 NIV

When you fixate on what is forbidden, you can't focus on what is good

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Genesis 3:7 NIV

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

Genesis 3:8 NIV

He answered, “I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”

Genesis 3:10 NIV

Our mess is the place where
God loves to meet us

God created a people who were free enough to walk away, but loved enough to be rescued