

Genesis: Back to Authenticity
Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story?
Genesis 48-50

Let me tell you what I wished I'd known, when I was young and dreamed of glory. You have no control. Who lives, who dies, who tells your story. . . . But when you're gone, who remembers your name? Who keeps your flame? Who tells your story? (Hamilton, the Broadway Musical)

We may not be able to control who tells our story, but we can live in such a way that our story is worth telling. What will those closest to us say about us? Can we live in such a way that even those who disagreed with us, if they were being honest with themselves, would find our character above reproach even while being adamantly opposed to our ideas? Can we live in such a way that those closest to us would have something to emulate as they continued their life's journey?

1. Our story should reflect a confidence in God's pardon.
2. Our story should reflect a faith in God's providence.
3. Our story should reflect a trust in God's promises.

Who lives, who dies, who tells your story? There is a line near the end of that song in Hamilton that says, "*And when my time is up, have I done enough? Will they tell my story?*" It is noble to want to end life having done enough, but the most important part of our legacy would be to live with the knowledge that Christ has done enough. Will the story they tell be all about you? Or will the story they tell be about the Christ who is in you?