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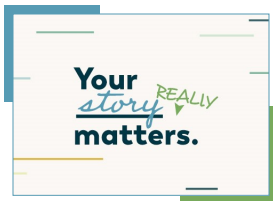


## Preconceived

*Notions*

Pastor Nate Sickler  
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# "Preconceived Notions"

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## MESSAGE NOTES

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What did He do in people's lives?

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and often \_\_\_\_\_ their understanding.

Jesus produces \_\_\_\_\_ faith ([Matthew 8:5-10](#))

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Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ is astonishing.

- Jesus welcomes \_\_\_\_\_ ([2 Peter 3:9](#))
- Jesus welcomes the \_\_\_\_\_ of our authority and \_\_\_\_\_ of His. ([Matthew 8:5-8](#))

Jesus consistently pushes through our \_\_\_\_\_ notions to reach the \_\_\_\_\_ person with His love and compassion.

Jesus invites us to push \_\_\_\_\_ our own preconceived notions to reach Him.

\_\_\_\_\_ notions...

- Do I believe Jesus loves those I \_\_\_\_\_? ([John 3:16-17](#))
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### Your story really does matter to *Jesus*:

- \_\_\_\_\_ share your story with Him.
- Allow Him to do the \_\_\_\_\_

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## DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Icebreaker:* January 31st marks the 42nd day of winter with a mere 48 days until spring (yes, this does mean we are not yet at the half-way mark). What do you plan to do with the remaining 7 weeks of winter bliss?

- 1.** Pastor Nate encouraged us that, *“Faith doesn’t look like hesitant handwringing that is hoping for God to maybe one day act. (It’s)...seeing Jesus for all He is and approaching Him with boldness.”* When have you or someone you know displayed “hesitant handwringing” or “approaching him with boldness” and what was the outcome?
- 2.** As you read the account in [Matthew 8:5-10](#), discuss how the Roman officer displayed bold faith by releasing his own authority and recognizing Jesus’. Why is releasing our own authority and recognizing Jesus’ necessary to demonstrate bold faith?
- 3.** Pastor Nate listed two preconceived notions in the Message Notes. How does pushing through these help us reach Jesus? (See [2 Peter 3:9](#), [John 3:16-17](#) and [1 Corinthians 2:9, 16.](#))
- 4.** How will boldly sharing your story with Jesus and allowing Him to *do the writing* look for you this week? What preconceived notions do you need to push through to enable this to happen?

*Day One:* [Luke 7](#)

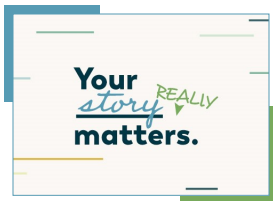
*Day Two:* [Luke 8](#)

*Day Three:* [Luke 9](#)

*Day Four:* [Luke 10](#)

*Day Five:* [Luke 11](#)

## PERSONAL GUIDE



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