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## Dipping Our Toes Into Each Book of the Bible

To dive in and fully explain each book of the Bible would take, well, a book. Instead, we're merely going to dip our toes into the 66 books of the Bible, not bathe in them.

I'll give you a super-short summary of each book followed by a less-than-super-short summary.

But first, let's consider the overarching message of the entire Bible.

Here's what the Bible is about – its main message – in 37 words:

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power of His Holy Spirit.

## Stories versus Purpose

Everything within the pages of the Bible either points *forward, backward, or at* Jesus' birth, death, and resurrection, which He endured in order to set us free from sin and make us alive to Him. Forever.

As you read through the Bible, keep in mind that every book is another facet of this overarching story.

The purpose of each book is to serve as another part of God's plan of salvation, in its own unique way.

For example, Genesis chronicles some of the most fascinating events in history – the creation of the world, a global flood, and a brother sold into slavery becoming second in command of the greatest nation on earth.

The stories are important and amazing, but Genesis' purpose isn't to tell the history of the world. That's not what it's about.

Genesis *contains* world history, but it's not *about* world history.

Perhaps the following example will clarify.

## The Proposal

When a man proposes to his beloved, no matter how he words his proposal, it's *about* "Will you marry me?"

He may tell her about the first time he saw her, when he realized he loved her, and how she's changed his life. These wonderful memories lead up to and support the purpose of his many words, but they aren't the purpose.

He's not just reminding her why and how much he loves her. He's convincing her she ought to say, "YES, I'll marry you!"

All 66 books of the Bible contain unique stories of the history of the world, its future, and God's workings throughout time and events. But that's not their purpose.

## The Purpose

The words contained in each book support The Purpose, which is that **God created man so we may glorify Him by knowing and enjoying Him forever, which was only made possible through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ by the power of His Holy Spirit.**

I've tried to keep this purpose in mind as I give you a super short summary and a less-than-super-short summary of each book of the Bible.

Shall we start at the very beginning? I've heard it's a very good place to start.

We shall, but you'll have to wait until next time.

Until then, remember:

God created man so that we may glorify Him by knowing and enjoying Him forever. This was only made possible through the life, death, and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ by the power of His Holy Spirit.

I hope this truth encourages you. And I hope that you've embraced it, for there's literally no other way to God than through Jesus Christ.

It's only after we accept the salvation Jesus bought for us on the cross that we can know and enjoy Him forever.

We can know *about* Him, but we can't *know* Him apart from a relationship with Him, which we only receive by God's grace

through our faith in Christ.

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