

Courage

Telling Your Story in a World of Fear

We are Born Story-tellers

- Arrogant
- Prideful
- Selfish
- “Loner”



Psalm 78: 1-3

- “ My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth with a **parable**; I will **utter hidden things**, things from of old—things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us.”

Psalm 78: 4-6

- “We will not hide them from their descendants; we will **tell** the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done...”

Psalm 78: 4-6

- “...He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he **commanded** our ancestors to teach their children, so the next generation **would know** them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.”

1 Corinthians 13

- Love **is** patient
- Love **is** kind
- Love doesn't envy
- Love doesn't boast
- Love isn't proud
- Love doesn't dishonor others
- Love isn't self-seeking
- Love isn't easily angered
- Love keeps no record of wrongs
- Love doesn't delight in evil

Love...

- *Always* protects
- *Always* trusts
- *Always* hopes
- *Always* perseveres

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- Courage
- Compassion
- Connection



Shame

- **Vulnerability**- sharing our strengths and struggles move us to empathy
- **Empathy**- being vulnerable with people in their vulnerability
- **Shame** - Vulnerability at its worst; I **can't let you see** these pieces of me for fear that it will cause **disconnection**

Shame encourages...

- Secrecy
- Silence
- Judgement



20%

Confession

- Confession makes us dependent on one another in an individualistic world
- Confession helps us not fool ourselves, about ourselves!
- Confession helps us forgive others

James 5:16

- “Therefore, confess your sins one to another, and pray for one another **so that** you may be **healed**. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.”

Love never fails

~God