

# *Epic* – Prologue

Start w LOTR 2 ...”I can’t do this Sam”...towards end of movie

I had always felt life first as a story—and if there is a story there is a storyteller.  
-GK Chesterton

1. There is still some good left in this world and it’s worth fighting for
  - a. At last, we understand one another
2. Do you understand what it is that God has been speaking to you?
  - a. That life IS a story. It comes at us the way a story does.
3. Later in that story, Sam ask, “I wonder what sort of tale we’ve fallen into?”
  - a. Have you asked yourself that?
  - b. Sam assumed there is a story – something larger going on
4. think about your life, how it unfolds
  - a. scene by scene
    - i. each one before you unknown
      1. sunshine or a tornado, a new job or the loss of one, a birth or a death?
5. **Epic pg. 2**
6. Story is how we figure things out
  - a. Remember how Jesus always spoke in parables
  - b. Why?
    - i. Even His disciples wondered that same thing
      1. Why do you speak in parables
        - a. In other words, why are you telling stories
    - ii. **Luke 8:10; Matt 13:11**
      1. Jesus responds, “So that hearing they may not hear...”
  - c. **Epic pg.4**
    - i. You see they know that something is out there
    - ii. something larger than themselves
    - iii. a greater story
    - iv. **Ecc 3:11 – He has placed eternity on the hearts of all men**
    - v. it cries out to them with every Epic movie they watch, every story that stirs their heart, and every song that awakens desire
  - d. Jesus created a hunger for truth in the hearts of the people through His many parables
  - e. however, there is a veil over their eyes so they cannot see the truth for what it is
  - f. they are aware of the longing but are clueless of how to fulfill it
    - i. so they try all sorts of their own means to do so
    - ii. relationships, substance abuse, success, religions of works
    - iii. man-made paths that lead to unseen but not uncertain destitution and decay

- iv. o, if they only had eyes to see
  - v. but they do not, they lack the gift of discernment given by the Spirit –  
1 Cor 2:14
  - vi. so they just wallow in confusion and their own vomit...as a dog  
returns to vomit so does a foolish man to his foolishness
7. But FOR YOU, “it has been given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom
- a. in other words – YOU GET TO KNOW THE REST OF THE STORY
  - b. The veil has been lifted
  - c. Matt 13:34-35
    - i. I will utter things kept secret from the foundation of the world – WOW
  - d. Matt 13:10-17
    - i. to whom ever has, to him more will be given, and he will have  
abundance
  - e. U read the same verses over and over again and each time it seems something  
new is revealed to you
  - f. 1 Cor 2:6-16
  - g. 1 Cor 2:10 “revealed through the Spirit”
    - i. that is why Jesus said – John 16:7 – “it is better for you that I go b/c  
the Helper is coming”...v13 “He will guide you into **all** truth”
  - h. John 14:16-17 “...He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth,  
whome the world cannon receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him;  
but you know Him, for He dwells w you and will b in you
  - i. Ps 51:6 Surely you desire truth in the inner parts;  
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.
  - j. Truth becomes part of who your are not just something you are seeking
8. if you want to get to know someone what do you ask?
- a. How have you been
  - b. What’s going on
  - c. i.e. what has your story been like?
9. What kind of things have we done to make sense of our stories
- a. What ?’s have we asked
10. For many of us WE HAVE LOST OUR STORY
- a. Or maybe I should say, our role in the One true story, God’s story
  - b. Epic pg. 7-8
  - c. Scientific view – mans way of explaining God and whaat they can’t  
understand
  - d. Epic pg 10-13
  - e. Epic pg 14-16



## *Epic* - Prologue Questions

1. What epic movies do you love? Why? What element in the movie speaks to you?
2. What characters do you relate to, and which ones do you admire? Is there one that you long to live as they do?
3. What has your story been like? Is there a character in a book or movie that somewhat portrays your life?
4. Do you truly understand God's story? Do you "get it" or do you still have a lot of questions, maybe even doubts?
5. Have you found the role that you have to play in God's story? Have you been living from that role, aware of the Epic story around you? Where are you on your journey?
6. What assignment (job, school, ministry, etc) does God have you in right now? Have you found God's purpose for that assignment? Do you often find yourself questioning whether or not you are in God's will?