

A couple of invitations

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Many of you know that I attend the annual STORY conference and that it has been monumental in helping me mold and shape Stories ByTheWay. This year, I will be "attending" from my couch, which means that the experience will obviously be different.

Nonetheless, I know from previous conferences, that it will be worth sharing. I know the experience will exceed my expectation and I know I will have a lot to work through, process and execute in the days, weeks and months to come.

This year, I want to try something new. I would like to invite you to visit my website to see what I am learning from the conference in real time. Rather than rely on the global social media monsters and entrusting my small story to a world that feels super detached, I want to keep my story where it belongs: with you. I want it to be small and intimate, two things that it feels like we've lost to some degree in the modern world.

I'm not interested in mobs of followers. I'm not interested in click bait and retweets or a record number of visitors and views. I'm interested in you. I'm interested in authentic connection. I'm interested in souls.

If I had my way, you would be right next to me experiencing the thing in real time. But I want to at least share some takeaways with you that I think you will appreciate. And in the process, I hope it gives us a chance In essence, I am so moved each year, I hope to give you just a taste of what I get to experience.

The conference starts tomorrow and goes through Friday. Should you find the time and interest, you can follow along, <u>here</u>.



On a separate note, since the launch party is still in limbo, I've been using my down time to add new content to my website.

In 2013, I started a project that may take my lifetime to finish, but it's one I'm committed to completing. I'm writing through the Proverbs, one verse at a time and chapter one is now live on the website. I will continue to upload the completed chapters (through chapter eight, to date) and they will remain on the website for you

to access as you wish.

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to connect over some of the insights.

To achieve this, I have created a page on my website dedicated exclusively to my STORY takeaways and conversations. I will essentially take public notes there. They may develop in the style of poetry, blog-type posts filled with contemplations, or one-line thoughts, quotes or questions. But whatever comes of it will be valuable.

I should mention these are by no means teachings. I call them my soliloquies on the Ancient Lore, because that is what they are: my thoughts on the page as I process the text. In sharing them, my hope is not that you share my take on the scriptures; but that we share a hunger to understand. Much love.

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