

WONDER - LIFE

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My Story Matters

Two Questions Everybody's Asking:

1. **WHO** am I?
2. **WHY** am I here?

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

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Ephesians 2:10 (MSG)

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✓ Parts of your past are **LODGED** in your heart.

Q: Will I allow my past to hold me **DOWN** or **HELP** someone **UP**?

Changing The Way I Look At My Messy Story:

1. I will see my scars as evidence of my **HUMAN JOURNEY**.

³³ "I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world."

John 16:33 (NLT)

2. I will see my scars as evidence that **HEALING IS POSSIBLE**.

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Mark 4:35-39 (NLT)

3. I will see my scars as **TATTOOS** of a story that **MATTERS**.

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