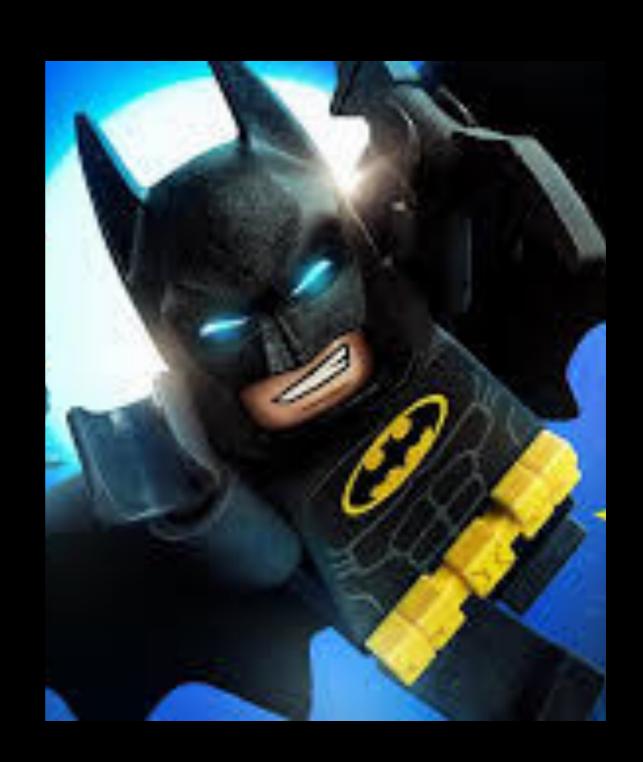
Courage

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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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



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

