



FINDING YOUR STORY



IN THE STORY OF JESUS



POEMS IN PROCESS



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THE 7 "I AMs" OF JESUS

I am the bread of life (*John 6:35*)

I am the light of the world (*John 8:12*)

I am the door (*John 10:7-9*)

I am the good shepherd (*John 10:11,14*)

I am the resurrection and the life (*John 11:25*)

I am the way, the truth, and the life (*John 14:6*)

I am the true vine (*John 15:1-5*)



EPHESIANS 2:10 ESV

¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

PSALM 8 ESV

- ¹ O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
You have set Your glory above the heavens.
- ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
You have established strength because of Your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.
- ³ When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which You have set in place,
- ⁴ what is man that You are mindful of him,
and the son of man that You care for him?
- ⁵ Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
- ⁶ You have given him dominion over the works of Your hands;
You have put all things under his feet,

⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹○ Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

PHILIPPIANS 1:6 NLT

⁶And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

We are, not metaphorically but in very truth, a Divine work of art, something that God is making, and therefore something with which He will not be satisfied until it has a certain character.

– C. S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain

*Great Master, teach us with Your skillful hand;
Let not the music that is in us die!*

*Great Sculptor, hew and polish us; nor let
Hidden and lost, Your form within us lie!*

– Horatius Bonar, The Master's Touch

[God] has a plan and purpose for my time on earth. He is the Master Artist or Sculptor, and He is the One Who chooses the tools He will use to perfect His workmanship. What of suffering, then? What of illness? What of disability? Am I to tell Him which tools He can use and which tools He can't use in the lifelong task of perfecting me and molding me into the beautiful image of Jesus? Do I really know better than Him, so that I can state without equivocation that it's always His will to heal me of every physical affliction? If I am His poem, do I have the right to say, "No, Lord. You need to trim line number two and brighten up lines three and five. They're just a little bit dark." Do I, the poem, the thing being written, know more than the poet?"

– Joni Eareckson Tada, A Place of Healing



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