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2 Commission:  
Live the Story  
Keynote Session 3 – Sarah Agnew

3 God’s Story: Ours for the living  
The fundamentals of Christian living stem from our indwelling of the story of God. When we inhabit, live inside, the story of God, it becomes our story – and we know this deeply from our practice. So when we tell our personal story, which as humans, we naturally and necessarily do, we tell the story of God. When we live our story, we are living the story of God, who is hope and life, justice, peace, and love.

4 God’s Story: Ours for the living  
We seek to form ‘Christian performers who can faithfully and creatively act their roles as ones in Christ in changing contexts.’  
Ahmi Lee

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6 God’s Story: Ours for the living  
Telling our stories reminds us of who we are  
what we value  
where we have been, and  
what we hope for the future.

7 God’s Story: Ours for the living  
‘To have a life, you must have a story. In fact, many stories. … Your life is not like a story; it is a story. And if any part of it is to have significance beyond you, this story must be told.’  
My story is not important because it is mine, as much as if I tell it well, you will recognise that it is in many ways also yours  
Frederick Buechner (cited by Daniel Taylor)

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9 Helping people  
tell their story
Workshops and Worksheets

10 Story sharing events
- The Moth
- Tenx9
- Faith sharing

11 Workshops: equip & empower
*From Sarah, for VFG 2020 participants:*
- Worksheet – ‘Preparing to tell my story’
- Worksheet – ‘Crafting my story’

12 Workshops: equip & empower
*Ideas from Heather Walton Writing Methods in Theological Reflection:*
- Call stories – placing ourselves in the Biblical narrative
- Call stories – weaving Biblical themes into our story
- Journey stories – ‘the challenging, but liberating, work of ... allowing wisdom to emerge even out of the fragments of our lives’ (Nicola Slee)
- Pastoral care – focussed autobiography

13 Telling God’s story
  by telling our own
For people of faith telling our story is telling God’s story, whether that is explicit in the story told or not. We tell our stories in order to understand ourselves, and God – or ourselves in relation to or relationship with God.
Heather Walton