

# Inspired to Share **His** Story

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**HIS — what does this mean?** President Debbie Larson introduced this as the theme for the 2019–2021 LWML biennium.

**We pray:** O Lord, through us proclaim Your glory! Amen. (*LSB* 941)

## This is what HIS means for us.

We are \_\_\_\_\_ children,  
guided by \_\_\_\_\_ hand,  
through \_\_\_\_\_ Word, to  
share \_\_\_\_\_ story, all the while  
surrounded by \_\_\_\_\_ grace.

## Simply put, we are HIS!

**H** — Held by God's Word  
**I** — Inspired to share HIS story  
**S** — Surrounded by HIS grace.

## Held by God's Word.

We are held by God's Word. See **John 10:28**. Whose hand are you in?

What promise is made by Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

Wait a moment. Did we not say that "H" stood for "Held by God's Word"? But now we are saying that we are held *in* Jesus' hand. Read **John 1:1**. Who is the "Word" in this passage?

Now read **John 1:14**. Who is this Word? \_\_\_\_\_

So, when we say "Held by God's Word," we are saying that we are held in the hand of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world.

Take a look at that hand that holds you: **John 20:20a**. Those hands still have the holes of the nails that held Him to the cross. You are held in those special, nail-scarred hands. What comfort does that give to you?

## Inspired to share HIS story.

What are you inspired to share? At this point, it would be easy to begin to think that you are to be inspired to share your own personal story, or the story of how LWML has blessed your life, or even the story of the LCMS. But that is not the story that you are to share. The story you are to share is HIS story.

Look at **2 Timothy 3:16–17**. God's Word is given to you, to help you do what? \_\_\_\_\_

There are other Scriptures that talk to us about sharing HIS story.

What do these passages tell you about how to share HIS story?

**1 Timothy 4:11; Psalm 96:2b–3; Matthew 5:16** \_\_\_\_\_

God's Word directs us to tell of HIS story. In the theme, we find that we are "inspired" to tell HIS story. What does "inspire" mean? \_\_\_\_\_

What inspires you to share HIS story? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you share HIS story? \_\_\_\_\_

## Surrounded by HIS grace.

Held by God's Word and Inspired to share HIS story, we understand that we are surrounded by His grace. See **Ephesians 2:8–9**.

God's grace surrounds us on all sides. This is not based upon what we have done or what we will do. It is totally a gift given to us by God Himself. It is the gift given through His Son Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for us and for our salvation. Why do we need to be surrounded by HIS grace?

Who is it that brings us this grace? **John 14:26** \_\_\_\_\_

**John 16:13a** \_\_\_\_\_

According to **Psalm 77:11–12**, what are you to focus upon in your life? \_\_\_\_\_

Who are the witnesses in **Hebrews 12:1a**? \_\_\_\_\_

How does this encourage us? \_\_\_\_\_

As we go through this biennium, we do so: **H** — Held by God's Word  
**I** — Inspired to share HIS story  
**S** — Surrounded by HIS grace.

Thanks be to God! We are **HIS**! Amen.

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