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In Paul's letter to the Romans, we have the most sustained, comprehensive exposition of the great truths of the Gospel set out in logical fashion: the human condition, justification by faith alone, salvation through Christ alone, union with Christ, life in the Spirit, adoption into the family of God, and so on. Its teaching transcends time, place, and culture. It is about God speaking to the world, to people like you and me.

Paul's focus in Romans is on the "good news" (gospel) of God. In the ancient world, conquering kings would send messengers with the good news of victory, of extended power and authority, to their people. The gospel of God is a pronouncement of God's kingdom come, not just good advice to be followed. Paul did not invent the Gospel; it was entrusted to him.

1. The Gospel is the story God is writing
2. The Gospel is not an afterthought
3. The Gospel is centered in Jesus
4. The Gospel is powered by Jesus
5. The Gospel leads to radical life change
6. The Gospel is for all people

Questions for Reflection:

- What difference does it make if we understand the Gospel to be centered in the person of Jesus, rather than a package of ideas?
- Do you understand your personal story within the story of the gospel of God?
- Where is the "obedience of faith" evident in your life?
- Do you understand how Jesus would have you live the Gospel where you are today?

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