

## **Stories of Faith**

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### **What are these?**

These are stories about how people's Christian faith can help them navigate life. They can be true or fictional, and they can be any genre.

### **The history of Faith stories**

- The most famous fictional story about faith is Pilgrim's Progress, written by John Bunyan in 1678. It is an allegory (a story with an underlying meaning) that tells the story of a man journeying from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. The City of Destruction represents this world and the Celestial City represents heaven.
- C.S. Lewis is another famous author who writes about faith. The Chronicles of Narnia have a lot of parallels with Bible stories.
- A lot of modern stories of faith are written about teenagers in America who are or who become Christians during high school.
- There are a lot of biographies about famous people whose Christian faith has influenced their lives.

### **Common themes in Faith stories**

- People putting their faith in Jesus
- How people's faith affects the decisions they make
- How people's faith helps them through suffering
- People who have been martyred for their faith
- Stories with parallels to Bible stories or to Christian experiences (allegories)

### **Famous Faith authors**

John Bunyan

C.S. Lewis

Melody Carlson

Robin Jones Gunn

Francine Rivers

Heather Vogel Frederick

Rick Bundschuh