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“To tell the story of Jesus is to tell the story of a traumatic event. Jesus is betrayed by his closest friends. He is mocked, stripped, beaten, and publicly humiliated. He is falsely accused, wrongly condemned, and when he speaks truth no one believes him. His attackers spit on him, pull his hair, and call him names. He is alone, left in darkness, and abandoned even by his own father. Jesus knows the experience of trauma, the suffering of betrayal, violation, and violence. If anyone knows what it means to suffer, it is Jesus. He can relate. Christ isn’t washing suffering away. He is transforming it.” — Dave Dunham⁵

Story Time

How do we embody Jesus as we do story work?

Jesus adjusted his pace.

Jesus engaged people in their senses.

Jesus honored what was sacred.

⁵ Dave Dunham, <https://www.biblicalcounselingcoalition.org/2017/08/09/trauma-and-the-significance-of-meaning/>



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Jesus modeled humility.

Jesus prayed with and for the weary and wounded.

Jesus offered presence.

Jesus received his humanity.