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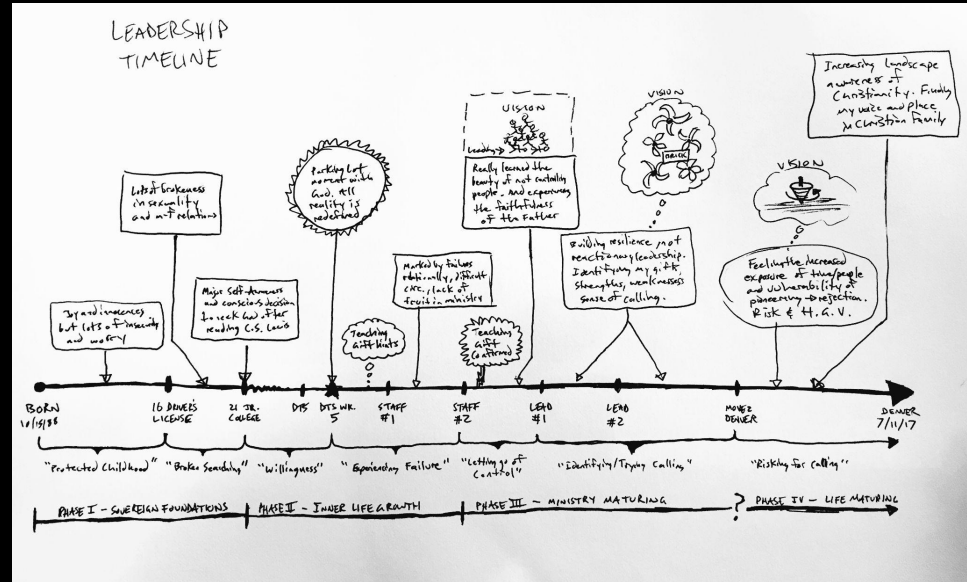


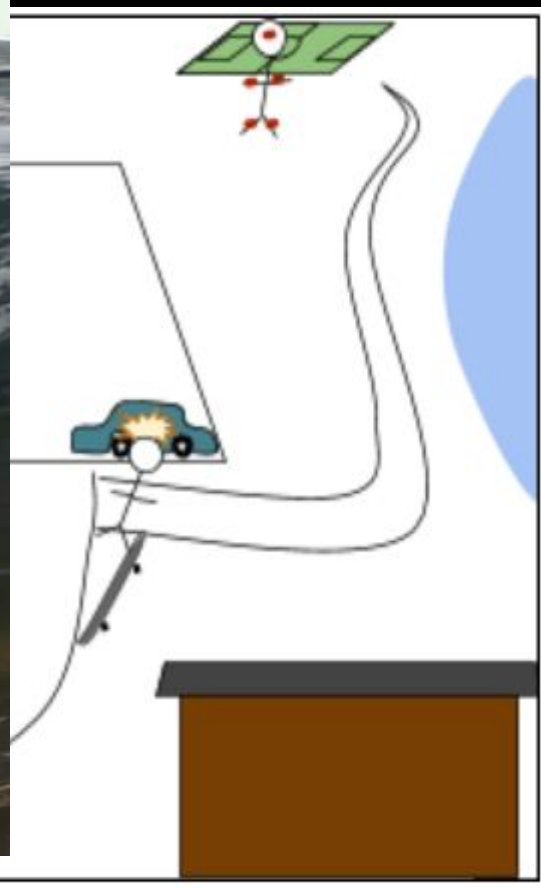
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"We can't predict the future, but we can read the patterns of the past to see how God has marked us for his purposes,"

Dr. Dan Allender

- Map in key defining moments and memorable stories. Draw these in as balloons or banners. Give them titles and ratings.
- Name themes and patterns. Identify boundary events (maybe they are unexpected), ask God what he was doing in your life between boundary events, label these seasons with theme words..





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"Story is the basic principle of how the human mind works. Most of our experience, most of our knowledge, and our thinking is organized as a set of stories."

Mark Turner

*"Narrative structure is essential, not only for effective communication but for thinking itself. When children asked to hear a story it's not simply a biological craving for amusement, or demand for attention. [Which it might also be] It arises out of a genuine human need to make sense of the disparate experiences of our lives. And that need is addressed and storytelling. **Through stories, we learn how to see patterns, we learn about cause and effect, we learn how to discover the consequences of our choices, our sense of right and wrong and of what is most important or least valuable in life.** All of these are shaped for us by the stories we hear, and then live."*

Ray Lubeck

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"You are your stories..."

...You are the product of all the stories you have heard and lived; and of many you have never heard. They have shaped how you see yourself, the world, and your place in it. Your first great storytellers were home, school, popular culture, and perhaps, church. Knowing and embracing healthy stories are crucial to living rightly and well. If your present life story is broken or diseased, it can be made well. Or, if necessary, it can be replaced by a story that has a plot worth living."

Daniel Taylor



WHAT IS TRUTH?

THEOLOGY TOOLKIT

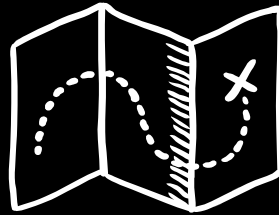


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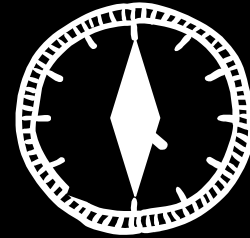
Metaphysics
Reality as
it is

MAP

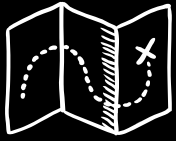


Epistemology
Our approximation
of reality

COMPASS

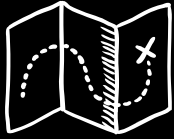


Ethics
Our response
to reality



YOUR STORY IS YOUR MAP





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"How can you draw close to God, when you are far from yourself! Grant Lord that I may know myself that I may know thee."

Augustine

"There is no knowledge of God without knowledge of self...[and] There is no knowledge of self without knowledge of God... Our wisdom consists almost entirely of two parts, the knowledge of God and of ourselves, but these are connected by many ties, it is not easy to determine which of the two precedes and gives birth to the other."

Calvin

"We cannot be more spiritually mature, than we are emotionally mature"

Pete Scazzero

"Mental Health is a dedication to reality at all costs."

M. Scott Peck

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