

Rethinking Gay Marriage | Part 04 | Who Is Your Expert Guide?

Andy Stanley has identified and defined the Temple System in his Brand: New Series that King Satan implemented when he left the Garden of Eden with Earth's Dominion stolen from Adan and Eve.

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<< Andy Stanley defining the Temple System:>>

"I want to introduce you to something that we're going to call the temple model. The temple model. Now the temple model represents all ancient religions pretty much and and represents many of the religions that are a part of the world today. So this the temple model goes all the way back to Egypt, Assyria, the Babylonians, the Persians, the Greeks, the Romans, um the Jewish temple system.

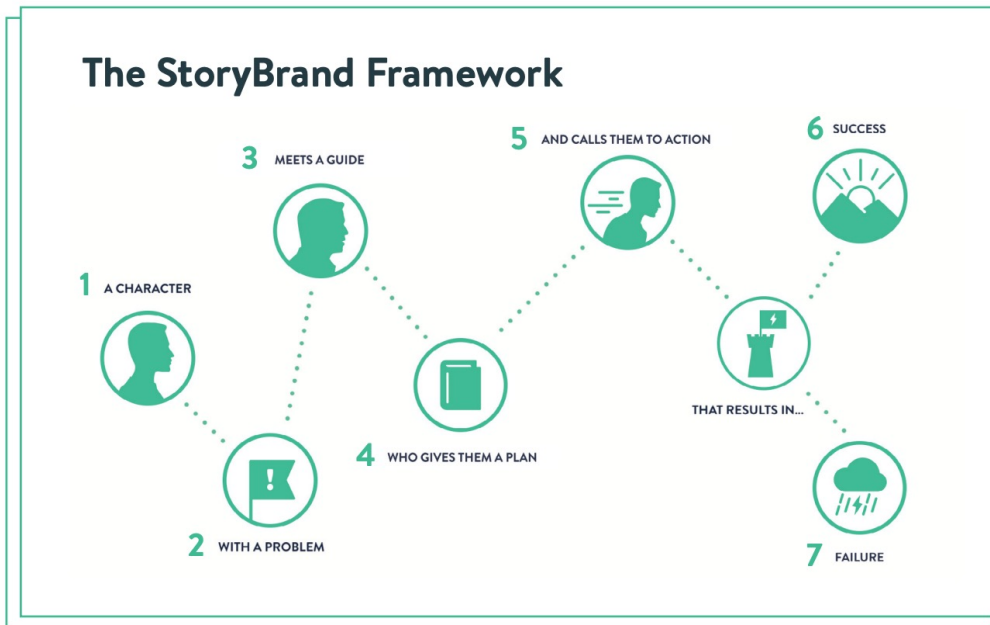
"Um there are examples again as we as I said today. But the temple system always has four components. And here's what they are. In the temple system, there's always a sacred place. There are sacred text, sacred men, and sincere followers. Now, I don't think sincere is the best word, but I wanted them all to start with an S. Okay?

"I almost put superstitious followers because in many cases, it is more about superstition than it is about sincerity. But we'll give everybody the benefit of the doubt and use the word sincere. So in the temple model you always have a sacred place and somewhere housed in that sacred place are sacred texts or oracles or inscriptions and those sacred texts are controlled by interpreted by read by sacred men and it's always men. Have you noticed? And these sacred men then tell all the followers, all the sincere followers, all the superstitious people, all the believers of whatever that religion is, they say, "Here's how you're supposed to live your life." And if you don't live your life in that way, God will judge you and God will punish you. And in some cases, they'll threaten you with hell." - Andy Stanley

The Temple System is how Satan corrupted our Good GOD'S training framework. Our Creator made us in such a way that we learn complex ideas, concepts, and truths through stories that are best understood when told in a certain pattern.

Don Miller of StoryBrand explains it this way:

Don Miller explaining his StoryBrand framework
StoryBrand <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFDJYdMd1wU>



A story begins with a character 2b... 2c who has a problem ... 2d who meets a guide ... 2e who gives them a plan ... 2f and calls them to action ... 2g that results in ... 2h success ... 2i and avoids failure! This framework is used in our favorite movies like Star Wars and many others:

Luke Skywalker ...

needs to Free the Galaxy from the Evil Empire ...

Who meets Obi Wan Kenobi ...

Who trains him to be a Jedi Knight & Partner with the Force ...

Who is called to action to join the Rebel Alliance ...

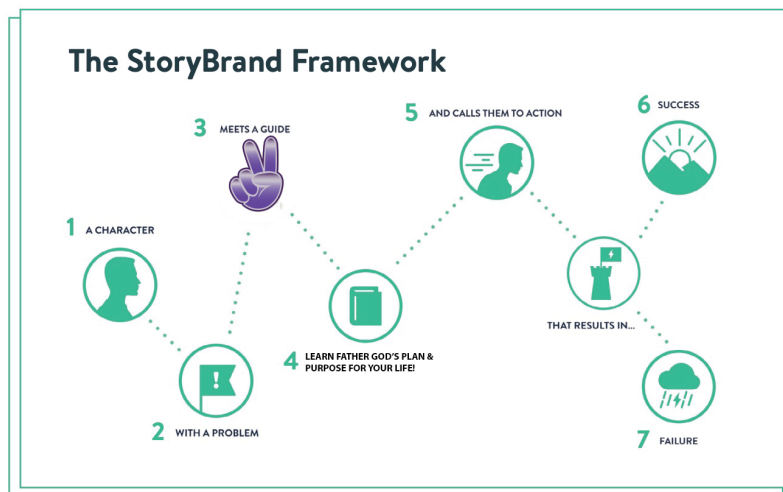
That results in ...

Success with the destruction of the Death Star!

And avoids Luke's certain death and the Continued Tyranny of the Evil Empire enslaving the Galaxy.

Mini Darth Vader Super Bowl Commercial:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hBuQopNu2Is>



When Jesus asked His disciples to follow Him and become His apprentices, He was asking them to be conformed into His image. No matter how Jesus Disciples know and love Jesus, none of us can conform others into the likeness of Jesus. All we can do is make duplicates of ourselves.

We've seen this with our children. With training, our children can become like us but we can't train them to look like Jesus. Only by following Jesus as our Expert Guide can we be transformed into the image of our King Jesus.

This is GOD'S system that was hijacked by Satan and his Temple System.

You are the hero of your story ...

You have a GOD sized problem ...

That can be filled and fully satisfied by our King Jesus, the Desire of our soul ...

Through Jesus, we receive our personalized purpose & plan for our life from our Papa GOD...

Jesus calls us to follow Him, learn His ways, and be conformed into His image...

That results in ...

Failures that make us wiser ...

But ultimately results in our success!

When we are closely aligned with our King Jesus' plans, priorities, passions, and POV, we are trusted to use His Authority because we will use it like He would as His hands, feet, and voice on Earth!

By filling Jesus' position as our Expert Guide with a created object or being, we don't get transformed into Jesus' image, but into the image of His replacement. It doesn't matter who or what, Satan just wants us following something other than our King Jesus.

“But what we're going to discover is that much of this this temple thinking is alive and well in the local church as well. And anyone anyone anyone that can stand up and say if you don't do the following you go to hell. That person has a lot of power. In fact the temple model grants extraordinary power to sacred men. It's always men in sacred places who determine the meaning of sacred text.” - Andy Stanley

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We choose our expert guide and who we choose is very important. We can either make a created being our guide or our Creator, King Jesus. When we follow created beings or a created book that we call by our King Jesus' Name, Satan rejoices because he has fooled us again as easily as he fooled Adam & Eve. Remember, Satan has limited resources. He targets our leaders, our seminaries, and our Bible translators. If he can fool them, he knows he gets all of their followers for free.

This means we shouldn't just test the spirits as Paul warned us, but also test our sacred men, our translators, our seminaries and what they teach us because what they teach us can be exactly what Satan wants us to learn.

“When Jesus appeared, it signaled the end of the temple model and the beginning, and this is the most important part, the beginning of something entirely new. I want us to say these two words out loud together. Ready? Entirely new. How new? How new? Entirely new. There would be, get this, there would be no more sacred places.

“No more sacred places. You know why? Because Jesus would teach that you are sacred and you are sacred and you are sacred and you are sacred and you are sacred. And when you are standing on what you consider to be the most sacred spot on the planet, never be confused. The person to your left, the person to your right, and the person behind you is more sacred to God than any piece of dirt you'll ever stand on in any building you may ever visit. There would be no more sacred places and there would be no more special sacred people. You would no longer need a high priest. You would no longer need to for anyone to tell you how to please God. There would never ever need to be a time when you went to a place and someone beseeched God on your behalf. There would never be anyone, to use a big word, who would need to be the propitiation for your sins. Nobody else would have to go before you. All of that would end. and the sacred text, the Old Testament would be fulfilled, Jesus would say, with a single verb, a single word that this was the beginning of something brand spanking new. It was all new. It wasn't temple version, temple system 2.0. It was a complete departure.” - Andy Stanley

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Satan is really old and way smarter than us. He's twisted, manipulated, and deceived all but a few humans on Earth before and he can do it again. Satan couldn't care less who you choose as your guide, as long as it isn't Jesus. When we make Jesus our Expert Guide, He helps us outmaneuver Satan by telling us where all of Satan's traps are. If we listen and obey His advice, we get to avoid the pain of being ensnared and needing to learn stuff the hard way.

While GOD tolerated our Ishmael of Religion, those who persist in choosing distance and an intercessors between King Jesus and them will suffer regret. That system was always doomed to failure because it was never GOD'S plan. GOD'S plan has always been to have us plugged directly into our King Jesus as our Tree of Life and acting as His hands, feet, and voice through His Executive Officer, Holy Spirit.

Thank you for listening to Part 04 of Rethinking Gay Marriage. I hope you will join me for Part 05! Until then, keep your eyes on Jesus so you can be wiser than Satan and as harmless as Dovee and may our King Jesus' Force be with you!

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