

**The Story Series  
Flawed  
04/02/22  
Newport News**

**LINK**

-[www.effectiveministries.org](http://www.effectiveministries.org)

-(some things here on the steps...)

-(**show Niger pic**)

-Trips this year

- Connect – July (deadline 4/5)
- Discover & Serve – September (deadline 6/14)
- Medical – October (deadline 6/21)
- Serve Men – November (deadline 8/16)

-I want you to talk with us first...they will ask you “Have you talked to either Pastor Fred or Pastor Vanessa?”

**Opening**

-This series: The Bible tells a story and you have a part to play. (talk about this some...in context of our church dream of Jesus easy to find)

- **Week one chart**
- **Week two chart**
- **Final chart**

**Introduction**

-The saying “the shot heard around the world...”

- April 19 1775
- Lexington and Concord
- Start of the Revolutionary War

-“the slap heard around the world...”

- Sunday night March 27<sup>th</sup>
- The Oscars
- Chris Rock and Will Smith

-questions people are asking

- Is it ever appropriate to make a joke about someone's challenging condition?
- When is it acceptable to laugh at jokes made at someone's expense?
- Is it ever appropriate to use measured aggression?
- Where is the line between cowardice and self-control?

-a couple conclusions...

- Did Chris Rock go too far...yes, I think so.
- Did Will Smith go too far...yes, I think so.
- Am I surprised at either...no, because we are all flawed.

**-(show chart for tonight)**

-Romans 3:23 (NLT and NASB)

**We are born flawed.**

-Psalm 51:5

*-Does the idea that we are born into sin come from a God who is unfair?  
Are His standards just too high?*

*-The idea that we are born into sin is actually God loving us enough to  
point out our condition. (joke about real friends tell you when...)*

**-Genesis 1:11**

>(explain principle here that is established, "from which they came")

>So if I asked: "When a man and a woman have a baby, will they have puppies or kittens?"

>Romans 5:12

- "from which they came" is not just a biological principle...it is also a spiritual principle.

>Genesis 3:23-24

*>All of humanity is born into the world in a state of being separated from God and like Adam and Eve, with a human nature that is naturally selfish.*

### **Flawed people sin.**

-James 4:17 (omission)

-James 1:14-15 (commission)

-1 John 5:17 (venial vs. mortal)

-Romans 13:8-14 & Romans 14 (morality, conscience, and liberty)

**-Tonight's message is not about trying to convince you of the Bible's boundaries regarding right and wrong. Tonight's message is asking you to agree with the Bible's conclusion there is at least some right and some wrong and that we have all missed the mark at some point.**

>Luke 5:5-8 (explain "miss the mark" being an archery term)

>Every person here, every person who has ever lived, every person who will ever live...has or will miss the mark!

### **Sin falls short.**

-Romans 3:23 (NASB)

-(show tonight's chart)

-Maybe you are here tonight and you would say, **"Fred, I agree that we are all born with a selfish human nature, and that we have all missed the mark at some point and will likely miss the mark again. But what difference does it make?"**

*-The second half of Romans 3:23 is saying to us that because of our sin, we are relationally incompatible with God.*

>This is a problem for us because our greatest need is to know God and to be known by Him!

-2 Corinthians 5:21

-John 1:14 (Bible constantly comparing our imperfection to their perfection)

-John 1:12

-This is the point where we waded out into the waters of the unknown...

>Dr. Vega telling his son..."We can know enough..." (joke about plantains in Heaven at the other end of the table may take me 100 years to walk there...LOL!)

>(show tonight's chart again...talk about Jesus being our bridge)

## **Band**

-Let me show it to you this way...

-Hebrews 9:12

**-(show picture of God's wrath on cross)**

>Jesus' death happened in a moment but stands for eternity.

## **Close**

-Romans 3:23-24

-I am at one with God, rescued from myself, just as if I'm perfect, because Jesus paid it all.