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I. Introduction

My name is Dalton Wilson, and I am graciously sitting in for Bill Hyer. Please understand that I am no biblical scholar, nor theologian, nor brilliant thinker. I am just, as I was told in college so many years ago, an “Average Joe”. I was fortunate to have completed the rigorous Colson Fellows Program in 2023 and have a heart for young adults and the Christian Worldview. I challenge students at the College of Dental Medicine at MUSC to understand what they believe in and why. And I figure if I can have a discussion with young people surviving on Starbucks and 2 hours of sleep, I think we’ll be fine this morning! What follows is modelled after numerous talks given by John Stonestreet, the president of the Colson Center for Christian Worldview.

II. The Four Chapters of the Story of the World

A. Creation

B. Fall

C. Redemption

D. Restoration

III. Four Relationships

A. Upward

B. Inward

C. Outward

D. Downward

IV. Four Truths

- A. Christ is Risen
- B. Christ is Lord
- C. Christ will make All Things New
- D. God Chose us for this Time and Place

V. Four Questions

- A. What is Good?
- B. What is Missing?
- C. What is Evil?
- D. What is Broken?

So here we have it. The truth about our world is told in the story of the scripture. It can be summed up in those four chapters of Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration. The truth about ourselves and our identity as seen in the context of those relationships that were created by God for us. The relationship with Him, ourselves, others, and the wider world. And in a chaotic cultural moment like ours, the hope comes in realizing what is ultimately true. What is ultimately true is that Christ is Risen, Christ is Lord, and Christ is making all things new. And here we are in this time and place that He has determined for us. Make no mistake, we have been called to this cultural moment. It's not an accident that we are here. And we must make the most of this calling. To be faithful to this beautiful story of restoration that we've been given in Christ Jesus and in the pages of Holy scripture. To be faithful to that calling and to be fleshed out in answering these questions: What's good? What's evil? What's missing? and What's broken?