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Intro Music - "My Father Is So Good To Me"

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God's Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

I'll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I'll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is: Why Start At Chapter Four?

At the beginning of my website: carlvasta.com, I welcome my visitors with this statement. "I have entertained audiences throughout Southern California for over fifty four years playing and singing their favorite songs."

After my fifty fifth year, I decided to change the direction of my life. I was 73 years old and getting tired of hauling around 15 inch JBL speakers, a keyboard, amplifiers, mic and speaker stands and other accessories and I wanted to put more effort into my website and start podcasting.

I also became interested in transferring all the family 8mm and super 8 movies to digital movies on DVD and thumb drives and computers for my sons and their families.

I figured I had about 50 to 75 fifty foot movies and after I sold some equipment, I bought a professional unit that could transfer one picture at a time and they came out clear and beautiful.

The first movies I transferred were my great grandparents on my Dad's side in Sicily and when I sent them to my sons and their wives, they thought they were nice but they soon lost interest not knowing who these strange people were and filed them away in a cabinet or a box somewhere. When I visited them and asked to see how they came out on their TVs, they said they had them around somewhere, but didn't know where they put them.

I was a little surprised that they really didn't care about their ancestors because they were just people they didn't know except maybe Papa! And I was sad to learn that one of my daughter-in-law's, whose parents had died, threw her family pictures away because she didn't know who these people were. Nobody ever told her!

I later found out that this was not so unusual for the children of other families. When you don't know who people are and how they relate to you, "Why would you care?"

I redid the movies, but this time I narrated and told the story of my grandfather in Sicily and my dad who was the 15th child and the last born, who lived with my grandfather in his old age.

When my dad was seven years old, my grandfather sent him to his daughter's house in Canada before he died, so my dad would have a better chance for his life.

When my dad was 10 years old, his sister got him a job at the cotton mill. He would bring the paycheck home and she paid him 10 cents a week if he did the dishes. He saved his money and took singing lessons and by the time he was eighteen he was performing in the best clubs and hotels in Canada and on the East Coast of the United States. Now the kids were interested. I even added Papa singing on records. What is the point of this? It can be the same for any story, if you start at the beginning.

I remember when the first "Star Wars" movie came out. But that was Chapter 4! A lot of sequels came out after that but people always wondered how it started. They finally had to make movies of how it got to Chapter Four!

It's not so different with the Bible. Why start at Chapter four? It makes more sense the first time when you start at the beginning.

There are sixty six books that make up the standard bible like the King James Version. Sometimes trying to follow a story is difficult because there are books that are good for support and prayer like Wisdom, Job, Psalms and Proverbs. They take you away from the story! I have put the story into nineteen (19) easy to read pages that you can see, download or print out. There is also a video on each page with the text and all have **book, chapter and verse references** so you can find the topics in just about any version of the standard bibles.

And now you can **listen** or read along to the **Storyline Of The Bible** narrated by **Kathy Bird.** You can start at **Genesis, the first book of the bible and finish with Revelation, the last book of the bible.**

Each page is about ten to 15 minutes on average and you can finish the whole series in about three hours at one reading or divide the readings to single page sections. **And its all FREE!** My website has no advertisements, no requests for donations, and no sign ups. Just go to www.carlvasta.com/sb or just enter the name Carl Vasta in your search browser.

Have you ever wondered what the bible is all about, but dreaded trying to read it or understand it? If you read or listen to all 19 pages of the *Storyline Of The Bible* series, you will gain a good understanding of GOD's message to His creation.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God, and I have just added a section called **Bible Seeds**: my commentary on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what's happening to us in our daily lives.

Ending The Program

This is your host Carl Vasta and I thank you for tuning in to Bible Seeds at Understanding God's Word.

New podcasts are released on Sundays at 12:30PM Pacific Coast Time. God bless you and your loved ones and remember. . .