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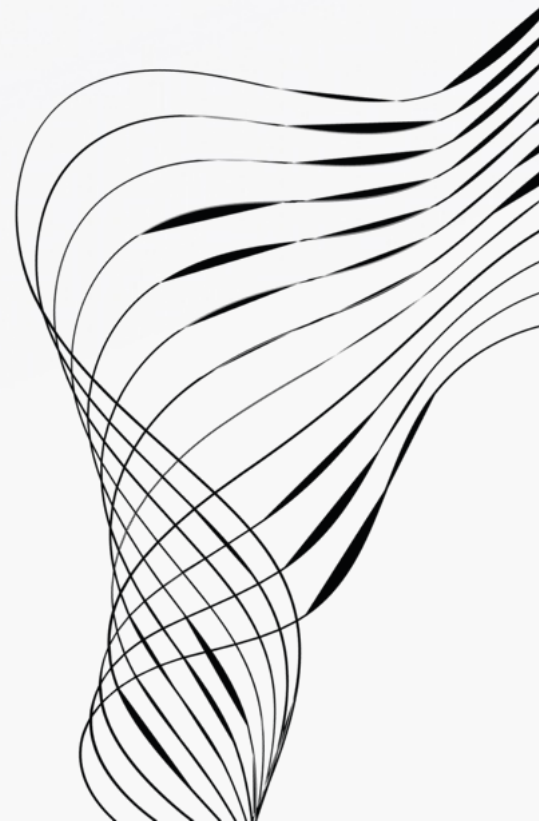
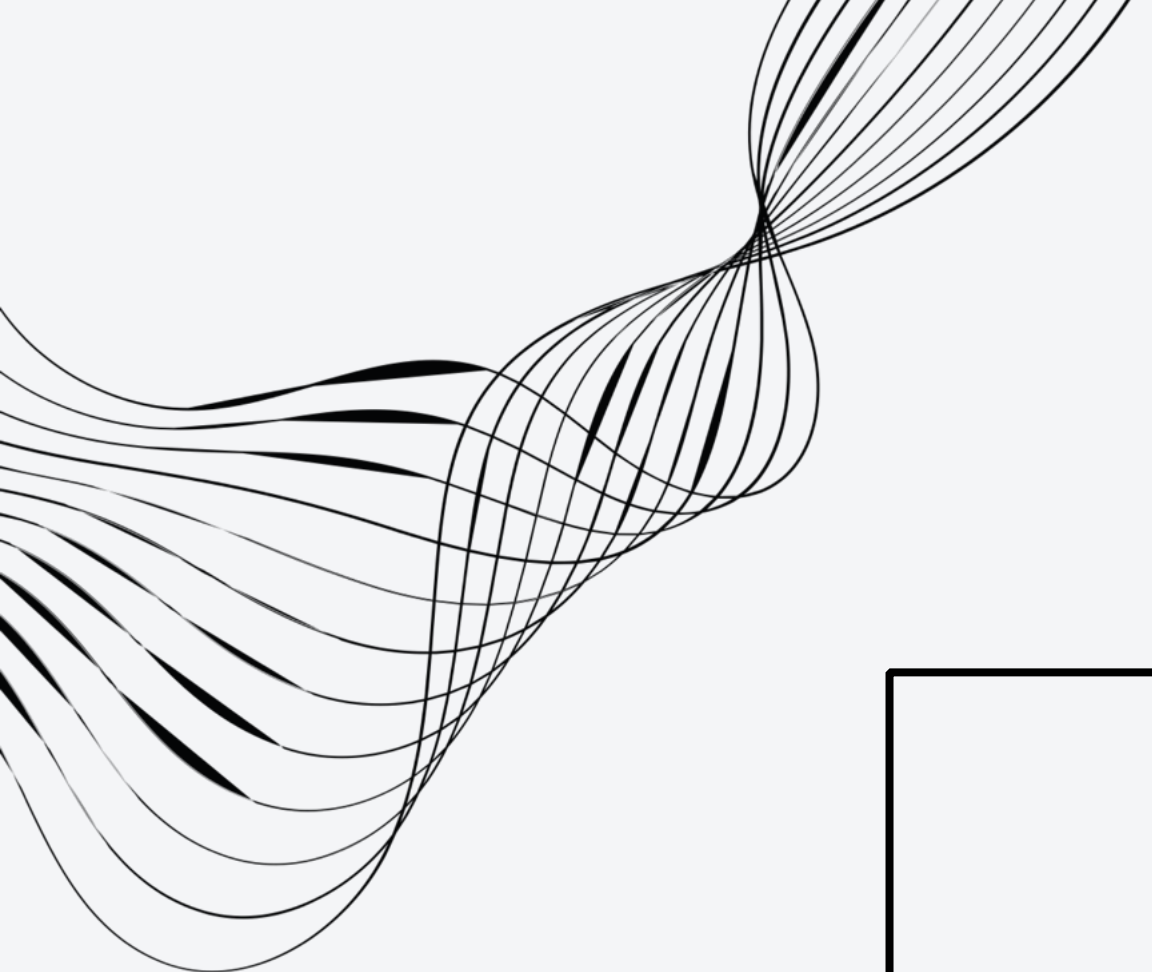
CAPTURE THE STORY

HOW TO WRITE ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES WITH CLARITY






WHY THIS WORKSHOP?



**WHY
WRITE?**




**“I write because I don't know
what I think until I read what I
say.”**

AUTHOR FLANNERY O'CONNOR





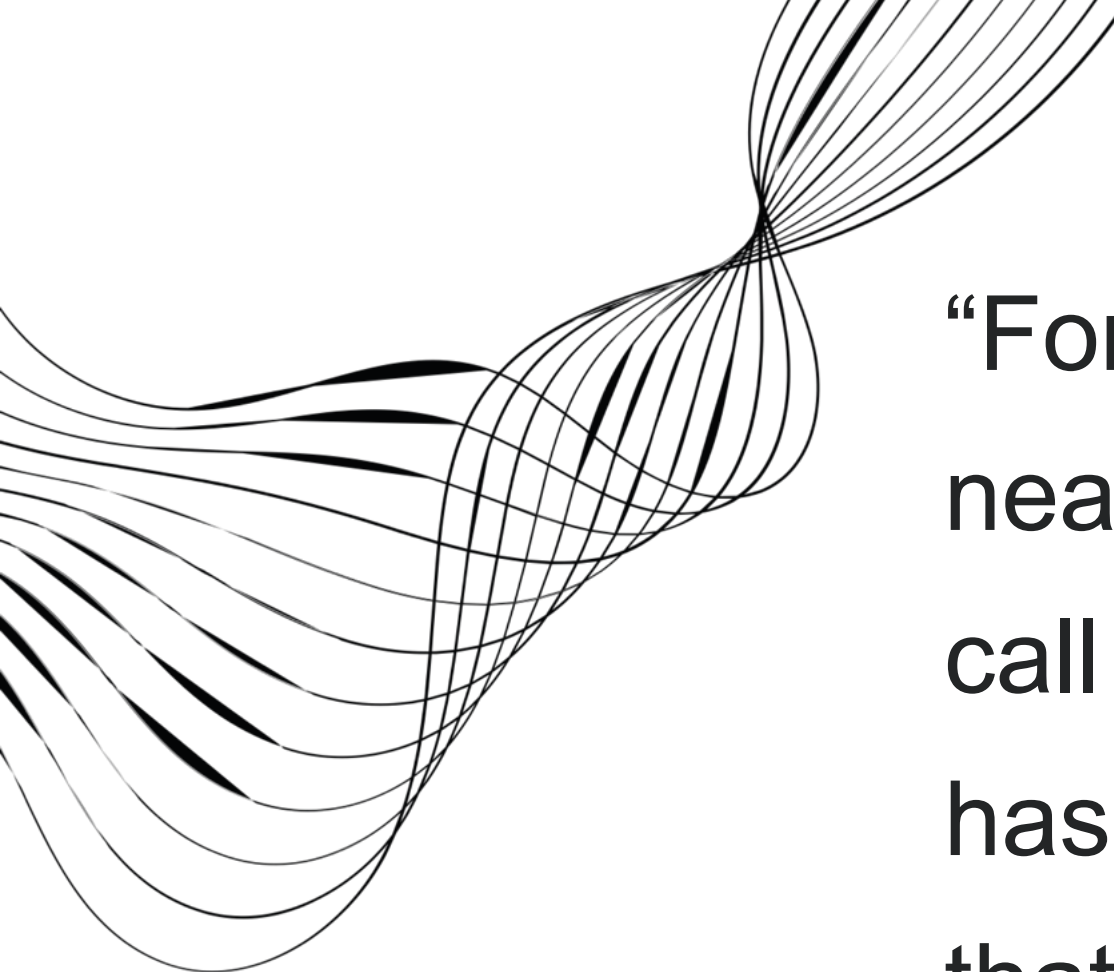


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Deuteronomy 4:7-9





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Make them known to your children and your children's children...”

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**WE ARE WIRED FOR
STORY.**



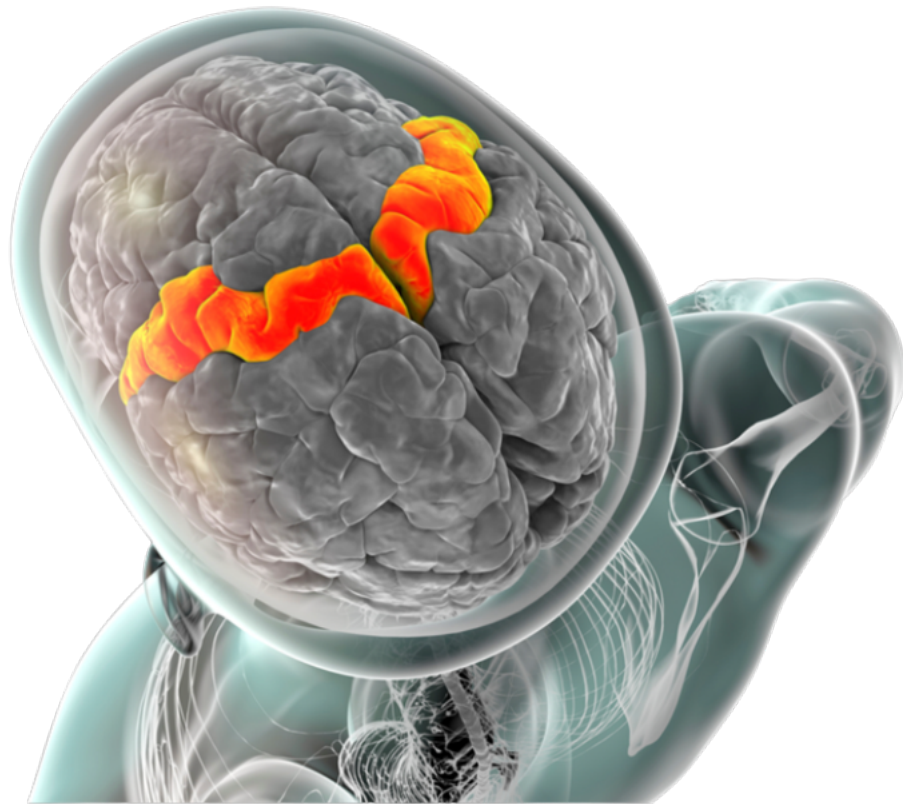


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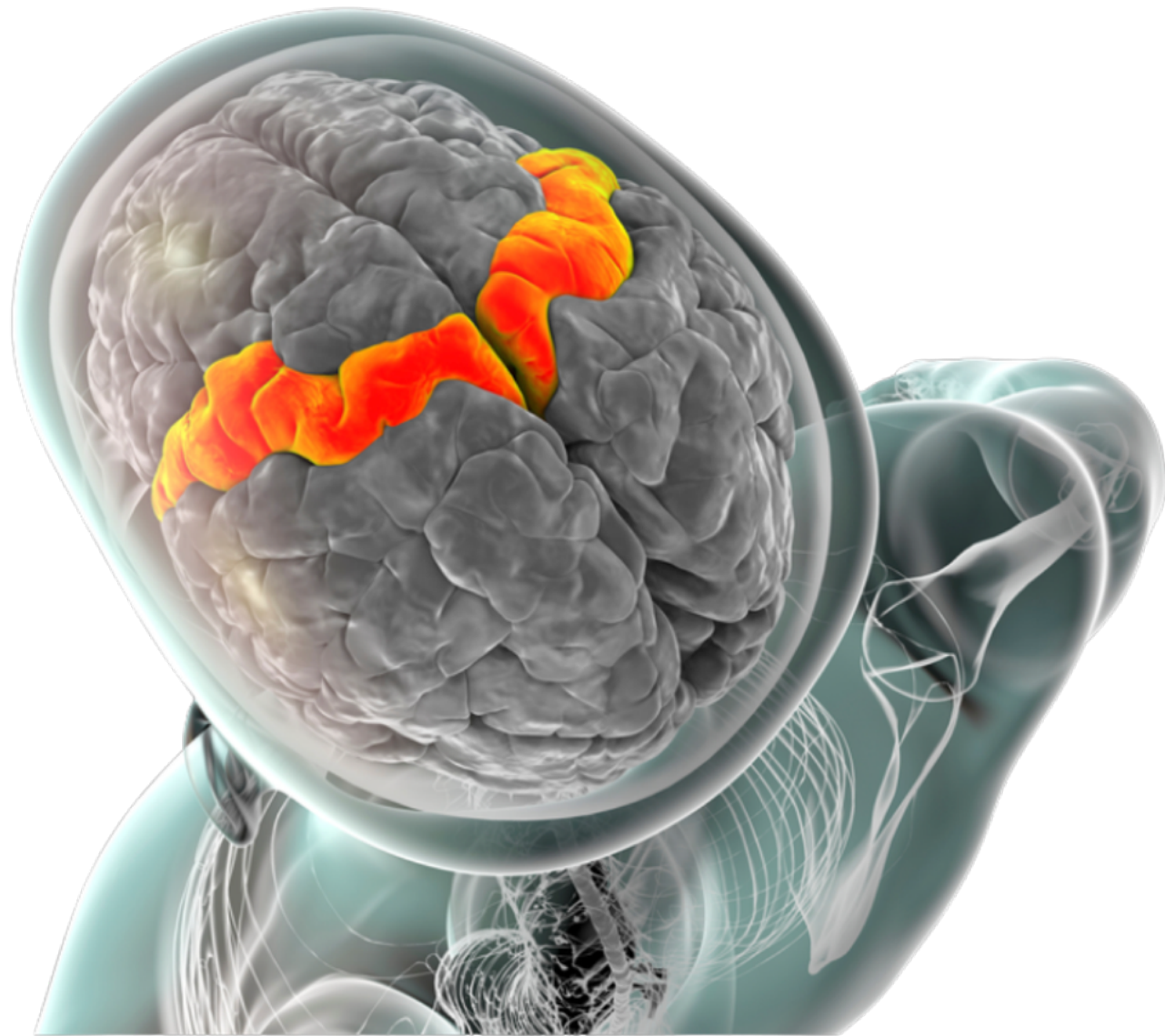
“Pablo kicked the ball.”

Véronique Boulenger, of the Laboratory of Language Dynamics in France, 2012



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“The brain, it seems, does not make much of a distinction between reading about an experience and encountering it in real life; in each case, the same neurological regions are stimulated.”

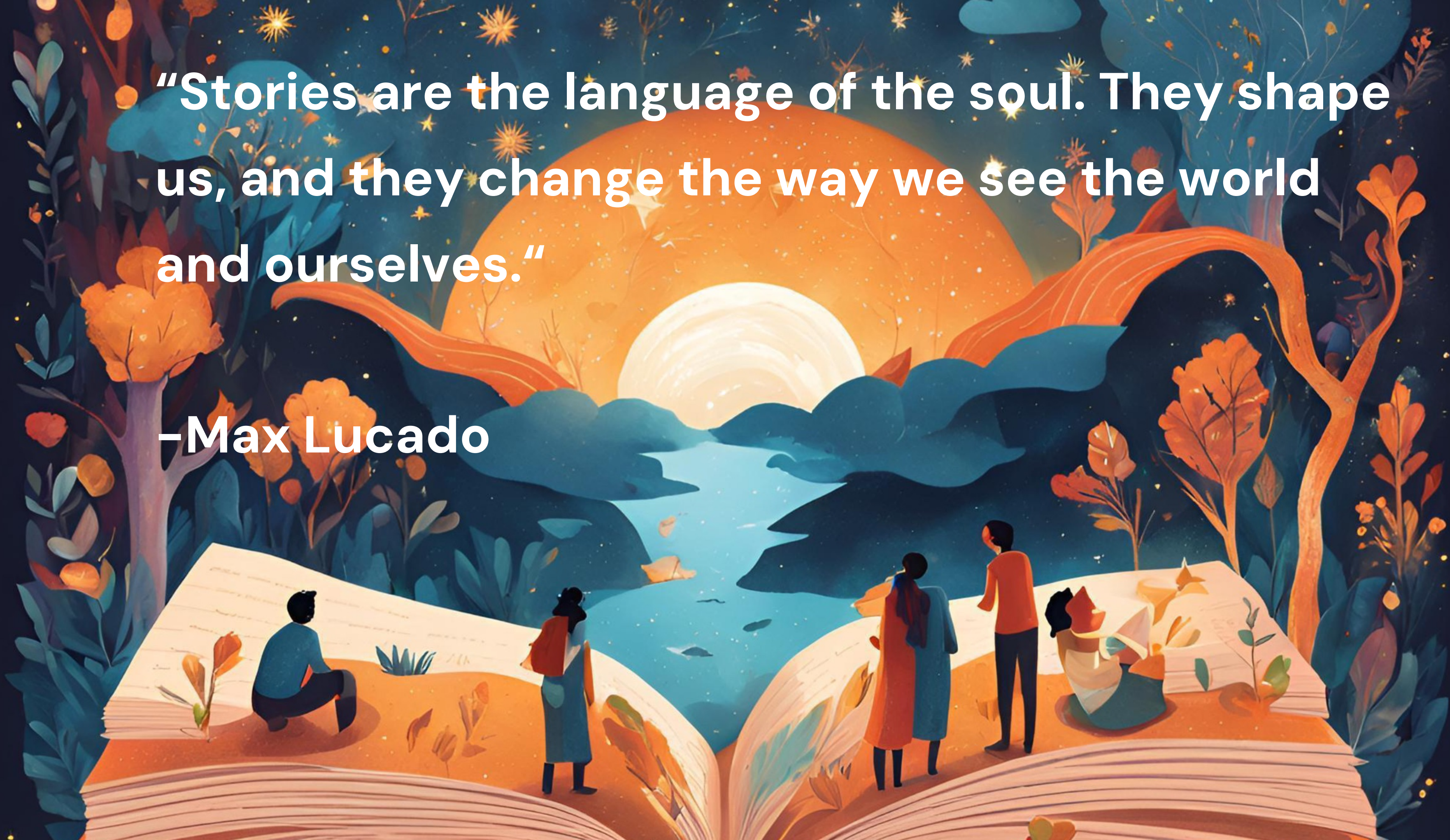
Annie Murphy Paul

Your Brain on Fiction

New York Times

“Stories are the language of the soul. They shape us, and they change the way we see the world and ourselves.”

–Max Lucado



ROADMAP

01

TIPS TO **MAKE IT CLEAR**

02

TIPS TO **MAKE IT COME ALIVE**

03

WRITER'S WORKSHOP **& SHARE YOUR STORY!**



01 MAKE IT CLEAR

PERSONAL STORY

01 MAKE IT CLEAR



YOUR TURN!

WRITE A 1 MINUTE TESTIMONY **OR
SHORT STORY ABOUT SOMETHING
SIGNIFICANT IN YOUR LIFE**

01 MAKE IT CLEAR

FRAMING & FOCUSING









01 MAKE IT CLEAR

01 CUT IT OUT





“JESUS WEPT.”

John 11:35

01 MAKE IT CLEAR



01 CUT IT OUT

Unnecessary Details

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**Unnecessary Words
& Phrases**

01 MAKE IT CLEAR

YOUR TURN!

CUT OUT UNNECESSARY:

- **DETAILS**
- **WORDS & PHRASES**



02 MAKE IT COME ALIVE

01

ADD YOUR
PERSPECTIVE



02 MAKE IT COME ALIVE



ADD YOUR PERSPECTIVE

I WALKED INTO THE SMALL WHITE CHAPEL AND A GRANDFATHERLY TALL WHITE PREACHER WAS PREACHING TO A CONGREGATION OF ABOUT 10 PEOPLE. I SAT IN THE BACK, BUT I FELT LIKE HE WAS PREACHING RIGHT TO ME. HE SHARED THE STORY OF THE PRODIGAL SON AND THE FATHER'S HEART. I THOUGHT, IF THAT'S WHAT GOD IS LIKE, I WANT TO KNOW HIM.

02 MAKE IT COME ALIVE

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ADD YOUR PERSPECTIVE

IMPACT WITH
YOUR IMPACT



ADD VIVID DESCRIPTIONS

RELIVE THE MOMENT







WRITER'S WORKSHOP TIME!

2 Minutes



What did you see?



What did you taste?



What did you smell?



What did you feel?



What did you hear?

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ZOOM IN ON THE MOMENT OF
CHANGE

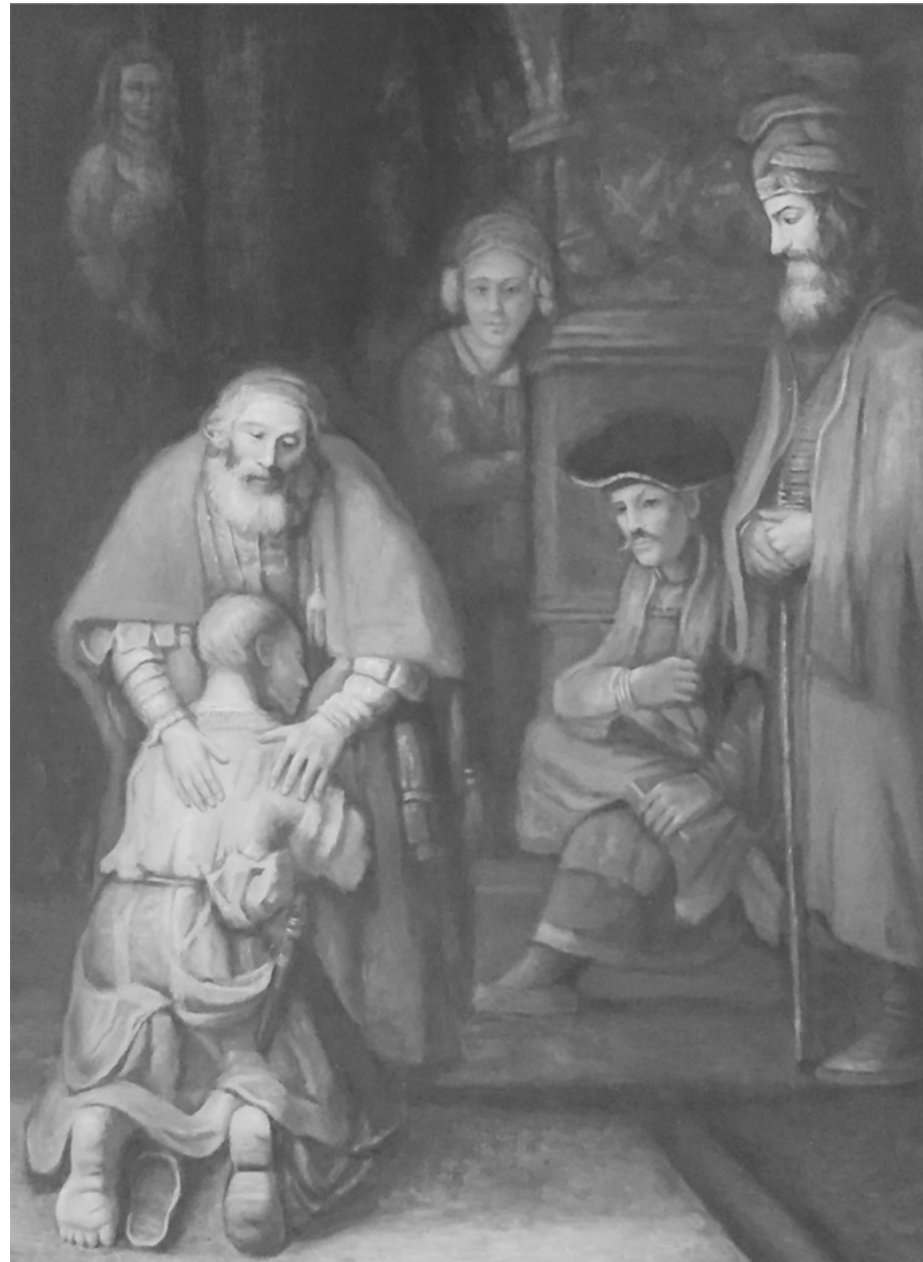
THAT'S WHERE
THE MAGIC IS





**"EVERY STORY HINGES UPON A MOMENT
OF CHANGE, WHEN SOMETHING
SIGNIFICANT SHIFTS..."**

MATTHEW DICKS, STORYWORTHY



"...AS HE DESCRIBED THE SON'S CONDITION UPON COMING HOME, SMELLY, BARELY CLOTHED IN TATTERED CLOTHING AND THE FATHER EMBRACING THAT SON, I THOUGHT, IF THAT'S WHAT GOD IS LIKE, I WANT TO KNOW HIM. I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS TO COME HOME BUT THAT'S WHERE I WANT TO BE TOO. OUTWARDLY PEOPLE SAW ME A CERTAIN WAY, BUT ON THE INSIDE I FELT LIKE THAT SON, AND I WANTED SOMEWHERE OR SOMEONE TO COME TO AS I WAS. AND SO, I CAME INTO COLLEGE READY TO SEEK."

YOUR TURN, YOU CAN DO IT!

**WRITE YOUR LAST DRAFT
(& SHARE IF THERE IS TIME)**

ADD YOUR PERSPECTIVE

**IMPACT WITH
YOUR IMPACT**



**ADD VIVID
DESCRIPTIONS**

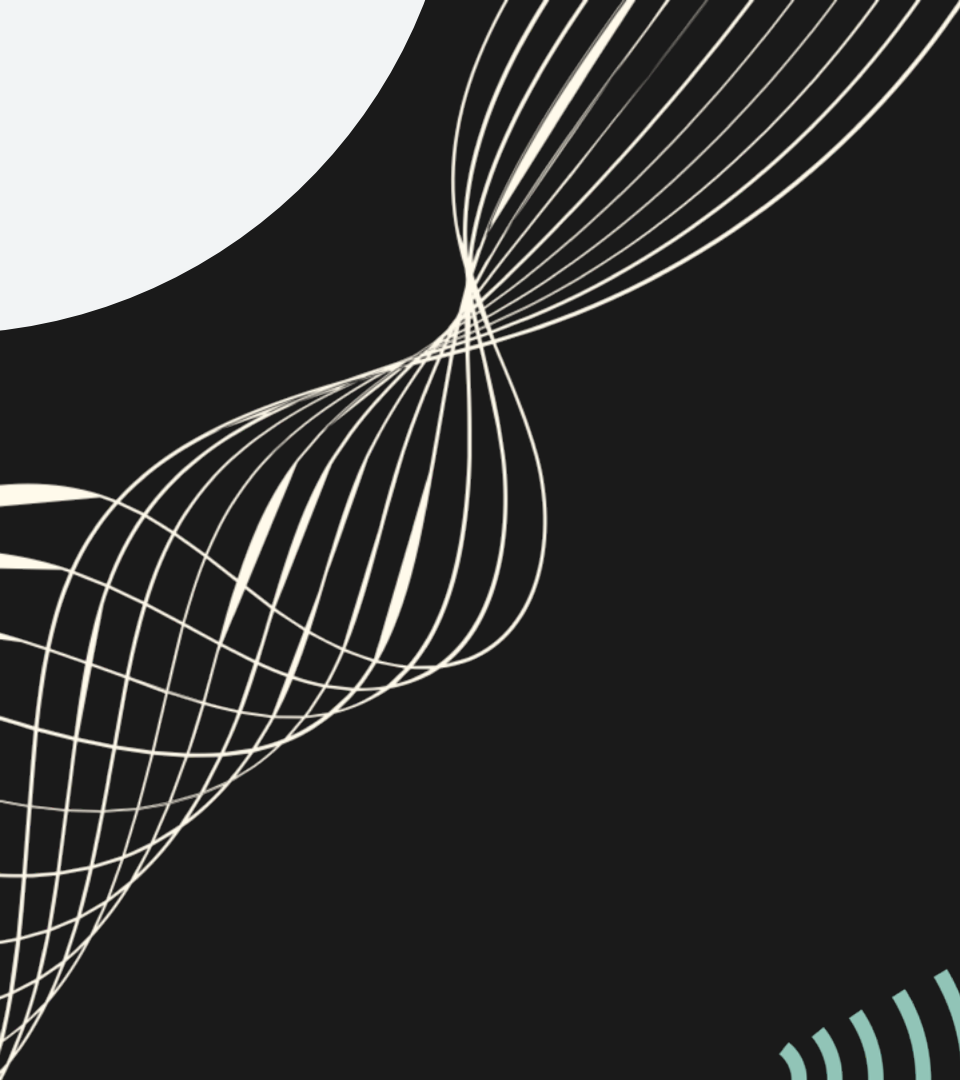
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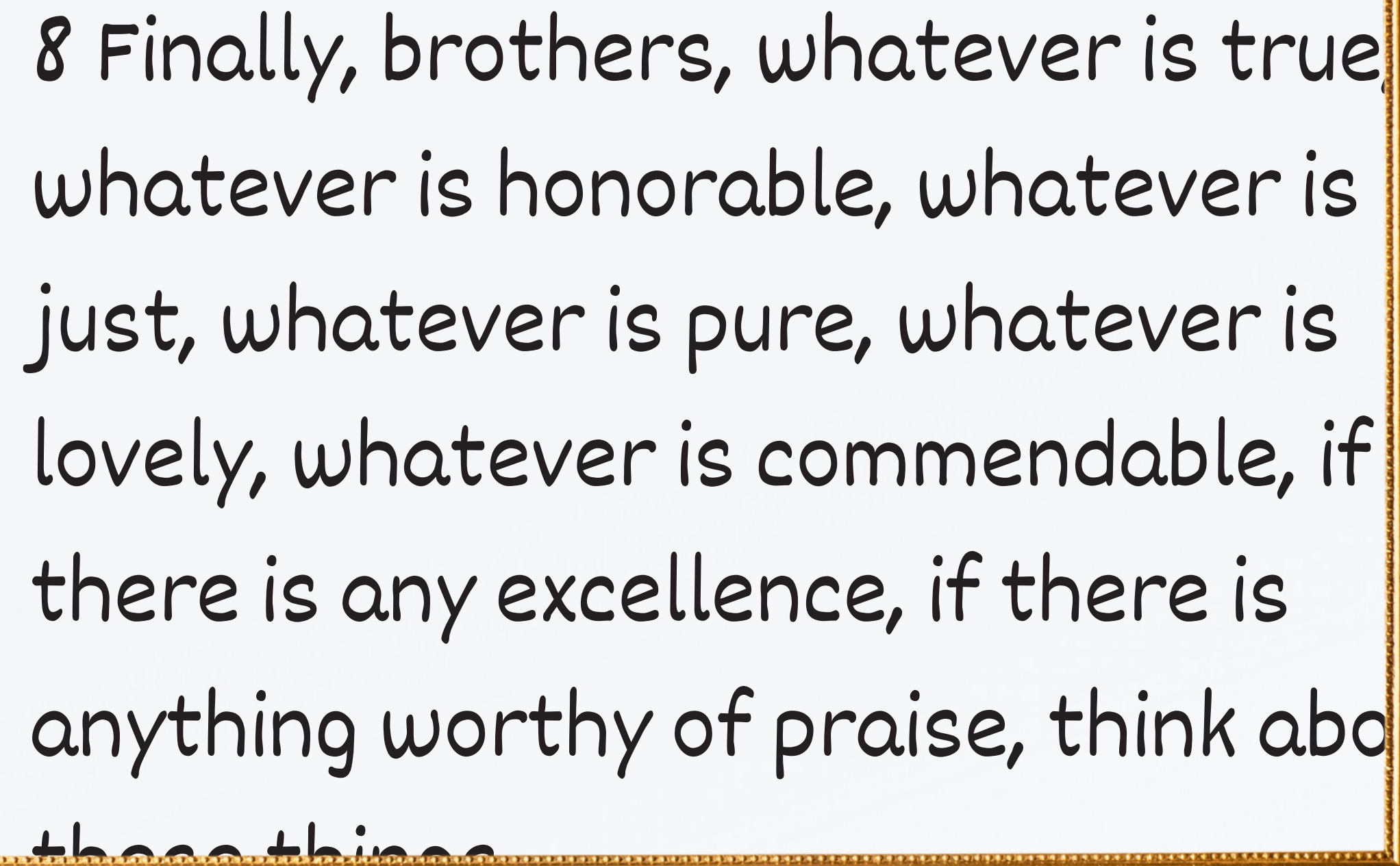
**SHARE YOUR STORY & BLESS
SOMEONE!**



GREAT EFFORT EVERYONE!



TIP: Capture your memories during journaling time. Write it into your heart, treasure the moments - they might just become moments of change for you.



8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true,
whatever is honorable, whatever is
just, whatever is pure, whatever is
lovely, whatever is commendable, if
there is any excellence, if there is
anything worthy of praise, think about
these things.

Philippians 4:8

**THANKS FOR
LISTENING!**

