

Gathering around stories of encounter with God

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In all its many genres, the Bible tells multiple, intersecting, living, and contradictory stories of human attempts to listen and respond to God. These stories are fundamentally communal, and as we engage them in community, they teach us about our own relationship to the holy. As we gather around them, they change us in profoundly personal, communal, and planetary ways.