

THEME: ENDURING STORY

ENDURING

Lasting

*Continuing
under
hardship*

Durable

*Remaining
firm*

Persisting

Sustaining

STORY

'Tell me the story of the river and the valley and the streams and the woodlands and wetlands, of shellfish and finfish. A story of where we are and how we got here and the characters and the roles we play.

Tell me a story that will be my story as well as the story of everyone and



everything about me, the story that brings us together in a valley community, a story that brings us together under the arc of the great blue sky in the day and the starry heavens at night.'

Thomas Berry

STORY

'To be a person is to have a story. Without my story, I have no identity.

I do not know who I am, or what I am about.

If you have no story, how do you know where you're going; and if you're going somewhere, how will you know when you get there?

A story is made up on the stepping stones along the footpath, markings up the side of the mountain, curves and detours along the highway of life. A story is not a four lane highway without stops, turns and returns. A story tells about struggle, without which life is boring. My personal story tells of the zigzags in my life – the transitions and transformations.'

Tom Downs



We invite you to spend some time reflecting on the following:

What is the treasure in the Good Shepherd stories that grabs me?

Why am I still enduring in this story?

What is it for you that is enduring in the Good Shepherd stories?

What words, images, songs, symbols, movement, art come to you as you reflect?

