

## Reality

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Columnist Jelani Greenidge explores fiction's impact on reality.

1. Jelani Greenidge mentions *Pitch* and *24* as two fictional television programs with elements that are close to being reality. What TV shows cause you to forget that their story is not actually true?
2. In Nehemiah 2, the king notices Nehemiah's lament and asks the prophet why he is distressed. When do you think it's best to wait to share your story until someone asks? When do you think we need to initiate telling our story?
3. Scripture is full of visceral stories that call us to action. Why is this so much more effective than a biblical to-do list? Why do you think we tend to skip the story and look for prescriptive answers instead?
4. In what ways does your church incorporate the gifts of artists and storytellers? What creative arts do you most often use to express yourself?
5. Greenidge says we need more stories. How does listening to stories influence your view of a hurting world?