


The Story of My Life

Opening doors to a life that really matters

A blue door is slightly ajar, revealing a bright white light from the other side. The door is set in a blue wall with a textured, mottled appearance. The floor is made of blue wooden planks. A blue baseboard runs along the bottom of the wall. A semi-transparent blue box is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing text.

Jesus also used this illustration: "The Kingdom of Heaven is like the yeast a woman used in making bread. Even though she put only a little yeast in three measures of flour, it permeated every part of the dough."

Matthew 13:33 (NLT)

Jesus always used stories and illustrations like these when speaking to the crowds. In fact, he never spoke to them without using such parables.

³⁵ This fulfilled what God had spoken through the prophet: "I will speak to you in parables. I will explain things hidden since the creation of the world."

Matthew 13:34-35 (NLT)

A photograph of a room with a wooden floor, a blue wall, and an open door leading to a bright white light. A large blue rectangle is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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