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I bought a piece of Judaica the other day to hang by my desk. It is a lovely etching of two elderly, old world men discussing Torah as they walk. It is a picture from another time and place, well before WWII. It reflects the Eastern European villages where Jewish men would gather each day to study the holy book. The black and white picture speaks to me of the timelessness of scripture and the need to study it throughout life. (Remember Tevia in Fiddler on the Roof.)

The old, old stories of the Bible have much to teach us. Stories of despair and triumph fill its pages. Although some of the stories seem old fashioned, they are stories about real people facing the same situations we face in our time – family relationship; money; abandonment; good news and bad news; birth, marriage, and death. We need to teach the stories to the next generation and keep them alive.