Beloved

5 Chapters of Your Life--part 2

DAY 1

God is writing a story with your life. Every one of His stories in people contains five chapters. The first chapter is "Brokenness." Our story hardly gets any traction at all until we discover we *are* broken people--broken thinking, broken dreams, but especially broken ways.

I am *demanding*. I foolishly believe it's God's job to make my life easier, to give me the life I think I *deserve*.

I am *foolish*. I foolishly believe that I can be completely fulfilled this side of heaven. I foolishly believe *this* life is the important life, the next one is just "icing on the cake."

I am *proud*. "I can do it. I can make it happen. Through my resources, I can make the life I want and deserve."

I am blind! I hardly recognize any of these three "drivers," much less see them for what they are! There isn't much different between those three drivers in me and in a rebellious teenager.

This week's story illustrates our need for brokenness and the beginnings of Chapter 2, Beloved!

Luke 22:31 "Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, ³² but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers." ³³ Peter said to him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison "and to death." ³⁴ Jesus said, "I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me."

1. This episode happens on the night Jesus will be betrayed. There are some things of which is Peter is aware and other things of which he is *not* aware! How does Peter see himself? What does he believe is true of himself?

2. How strongly does Peter believe that he would never deny Jesus?

___ "As long as it's convenient"

___ "As long as it fits in with my plans"

___ "Maybe yes, maybe no"

___ "Barring unforeseen circumstances"

___ "90% sure."

___ "I'm all in!"

3. Jesus sees something very different in Peter's future. What does He see?

4. What do you think Jesus see *in* Peter, that Peter doesn't see?