

Outline – November 13, 2022
Jeremiah 31: 31-34; Mark 14: 66-72
John 21: 12-17; Philippians 2: 12-13

**A Broken People
In
A Broken World**

- I. **What we all have in common**
 - A. We have all been hurt
 - 1. Some deny it
 - 2. Some dismiss it
 - 3. Some delete it from memory
 - 4. Pain is in our life
 - B. Pain is in our present often due to our past
 - 1. Pain doesn't always stay in our past
 - 2. Sometimes that pain consumes us
 - 3. That door of the past opens up and lets the pain into our present
 - C. Many reasons, circumstances, and situations that cause our pain

- II. **The kingdom of our past**
 - A. Past has a way of coming into our present and taking over our lives
 - B. Pain is the king and unforgiveness is the queen of this kingdom
 - 1. We don't forgive others
 - 2. Or, we don't forgive ourselves
 - C. As long as we stay in the kingdom of our past we never enter the kingdom of our future

- III. **The kingdom of our future**
 - A. We have purpose
 - B. We have God's plan
 - C. We override the pain of our past when we process the pain of our past
 - D. Where are you?
 - 1. Living in the purpose of your future or the pain of your past

IV. The Bible calls to remember (Rev. 2:5)

- A. The purpose of memory
 - 1. To take lessons from the past to structure future
 - 2. Analyzing a memory helps you avoid similar circumstances
- B. If you are still obsessed by past negative memories, you are still stuck in the kingdom of the past
- C. Unprocessed memories set off alarms in your brain

V. Some questions we can ask in our analysis of old memories

- A. How did this happen?
- B. What role did I play?
- C. Did I speak up?
- D. How will I be stronger next time?
- E. Now that I am older, how do I face this?
- F. What were the circumstances that put me in the position of feeling vulnerable or inferior?
- G. Have I turned this over to Jesus who brings change into my life?

VI. Jesus brings the change we need to escape the kingdom of our past

- A. Being released from the past pain, mistakes, and bad choices
- B. The power of processing it

VII. Peter's story

- A. The prediction of Jesus
- B. The promise of Peter
- C. The problem of fear
- D. The person who denied
- E. The pain of shame, guilt, and regret
- F. The pure look of Jesus
- G. The peacefulness of breakfast

VIII. The process of dealing with Peter's past

- A. No shame, chastisement, or punitive works
- B. Three questions (for 3 denials)
 - 1. Do you love me?
- C. Grace in a process brought healing
- D. Jesus wanted Peter to heal properly so his future would be amazing

IX. How do we let go of the past?

- A. Process it, confess it
- B. Close the door to it
- C. Grace is greater than all our sin
- D. Remember we are loved, forgiven, adopted
- E. We are in relationship with our Savior
- F. God uses past problems to help us and others go into our future
- G. God breaks cycles, chains, and circumstances in our past

X. So how do we step into our future?

- A. Only qualification to step into our future is inviting the Savior into your life
 - 1. Close the door to the past lies
- B. He forgives
- C. He loves
- D. He gives us purpose
- E. Life is not about our failures, but about His faithfulness
- F. God wants to write the greatest story in your life
- G. As you bring Jesus into your life and close the door to your past

**We Can't Change Our Past ...
But God Can Change Our Future
Which Kingdom Do You Want?**