## There is a Reason



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## There's a Purpose in Your Pain

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(Luke 22:31)			

Sometimes God's preparation comes packaged as \_\_\_\_\_\_

God might be using that pain to do something <u>in</u> us... before He does something <u>through</u> us.

"Jesus turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: 'Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times.' And Peter went outside and wept bitterly." (Luke 22:61-62)

Don't just look at life from the perspective of \_\_\_\_\_

It's so easy to look at our life and say, "Well, here's what I've lost. And here's what's not fair. And here's what I was going to do, but now that will never happen." But don't just look at life from the perspective of pain ...

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Realize that God may be doing something <u>in</u> you ... before He does something <u>through</u> you.

That difficult thing you're going through right now has a purpose. God may have allowed it to happen to strengthen you in a way that only this pain could strengthen you.

"For we know that <u>all things</u> work together for good for those who love God and are called according to <u>His purpose</u>." (Romans 8:28)

The bigger the	the bigger the
God has on the other side.	

"Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you like wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." (Luke 22:31-32)