



## Monday Matters

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### A Cannonball by Jesus

Tapestry is a form of textile art, traditionally woven on a vertical loom. It is composed of two sets of interlaced threads, two running parallel to the length and two to the width. These pieces of art often depicted various activities of the day. Decorative tapestry, sometimes called "nomadic murals", were very portable. Kings and noblemen could roll up and transport tapestries from one residence to another. In churches, they were displayed on special occasions. They were also draped on the walls of castles for insulation during winter. Tapestries have been used since at least Hellenistic times. Samples of Greek tapestry have been found preserved in the desert of Tarim Basin dating from the 3rd century BC.

A story was once told about a man going into a store that displayed tapestry. He walked up to a particular piece and studied it for a long time as he was trying to decipher what it depicted. A salesman came up to him and asked if he needed help. The customer said, "I am trying to determine what this tapestry is about. It seems a mess of threads. Can you help me?" The salesman looked at the piece and said, "Yes, I can. Unfortunately someone hung this piece backwards." As the salesman turned the piece around, they saw a wonderful piece of art. The back was filled with loose threads and knots, a mess. The front showed something artistic, something beautiful.



So what does tapestry have to do with *A Cannonball by Jesus*? Recently several people in our church shared their stories of transformation, of how they had been rescued from a worthless

life. They shared how their lives had been about drugs, alcohol, broken relationships, and much more. Then one day they heard about how their lives could be turned around and made into something beautiful.

Years ago I heard a song called "Something Beautiful". Words in the song went like this:

*Something Beautiful, something good  
All my confusion He understood  
All I had to offer Him was brokenness and strife  
But He made something beautiful of my life.*



**Tapestry** by Hillsong  
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As these young ladies told their stories, you could see on their faces the excitement and joy that had taken over their lives. Their words spoke of how they wrapped all that brokenness and strife in the rags of life and laid it all at the cross. They turned around their tapestry of life from a knotted mess into a something beautiful. Now their lives were transformed into followers of Christ. Elizabeth, one of the young ladies telling her story, summed it all up best by saying with a huge smile on her face, "**Jesus did a cannonball right into my heart!**"

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