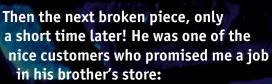


I stand in front of a pile of broken pieces and try to force back the tears that are already threatening to choke me. No! I won't allow it – I can't cry! I shut that door! Then I kneel down and pick up the first broken piece. This dream is still all too real for me:

...he wanted to marry me – next Spring – as soon as I have enough money saved up for the house. I could already see them in front of me – our two children, a girl and a boy...

Everything is broken — it was only a lie! I feel so used, so disappointed!



The store ended up being a bar, and I had to constantly drink with so many men – only with a lot of effort and difficulty was I able to get away from there...

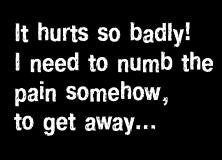


Three large broken pieces are lying in the back, and I don't even want to look at them:
The promise that I gave myself that I would quit this "job" in summer and

would go back home...

I really wanted to go to
German class, I was
already signed up,
could already imagine
what it would be like to
speak German fluently, and my
mother would be so proud of me
and visit me at my new job at
the grocery store...

...I never wanted to fall for another man. I wanted to stay single, and now I'm together with someone again and I don't understand why I stay with him – sometimes he isn't very nice...



Hey! What's that? Suddenly, I hear a voice – very quiet, very gentle!

I understand
I hear a you! I know your pain, your disappointment, your brokenness. I took all the pain in your life upon myself.

It can't be! Nobody understands me! I can't hope anymore... can't dream!

I understand that too! But (do you know what - I was

dead. I died on the cross for you. But I didn't stay dead! I rose again and I will live forever.

Who are you? What do you want from me?

I am Jesus! Because I
live, you also should live!
Trust me! I won't
disappoint you!

This short talk reminds us of Easter. Many of us stand in front of a pile of broken dreams and hopes just like these and we fight daily for survival. We put up a good front, but it looks completely different on the inside. Sometimes we feel like a small wounded child – left totally

alone. That is exactly how we can come to Jesus! Why not right now, right before Easter? Jesus accepts us, forgives our guilt and helps us to stand back

up. He has very special dreams for your life, and with his help, step for step, you can experience how they become reality and how you can have a meaningful life. You should live!

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