



## DAY 34

### Living Our Story

*Matthew 13:34-35 MSG: "All Jesus did that day was tell stories—a long storytelling afternoon. His storytelling fulfilled the prophecy: I will open my mouth and tell stories; I will bring out into the open things hidden since the world's first day."*

According to good journalism - or your high school literature teacher - every story has a beginning, middle and end. So, applying that to our Lenten theme – ‘This is Our Story’, We can safely say we all have a beginning, a middle, and - some day - an end to our story. BUT, and this is Ann important BUT . . . stories often have a prologue. I equate that with the preparations for the arrival of a child. We gather up everything we think we’ll need and get the nursery ready for that bundle of joy.

Then there is the beginning – that’s your birthday – the anticipated event. Then comes all of those life events — the first smile, the first coo, the first steps, first day of school, first day of college, first day at the new job — you know — all those firsts — that’s the middle – your life. And yes, there will be an end someday.

But that is not all there is! There’s an epilogue — the after death. For some, it’s that heavenly reward. For others it’s the “what will I be remembered for”. And for most — it’s both. Jesus is remembered for more than just a heavenly reward – although that is important. He is remembered most for what he taught us about living – how to live, how to treat others, how to be in a relationship with each other and most of all – how to be in a relationship with God and all of God’s creation.

So whether you are expecting, you’ve been born, you’ve managed a lot of those life’s “firsts” or you are reaching “the end” — it’s really not the end. There is an epilogue! It’s your whole life — it’s your prologue, beginning, middle, end and epilogue. You and God decide.

**Most gracious and loving Creator, we thank you for our lives and life stories, our ability to tell them. For as we tell them, may our relationship with You and others be revealed. May the telling bless you, bless others and bless ourselves. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

– Nancy Humes