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THE COMEBACK

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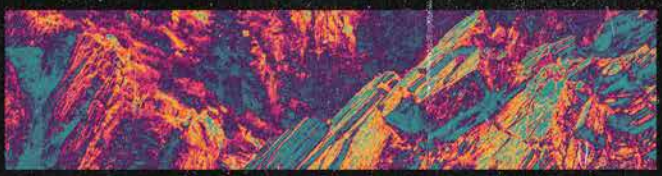


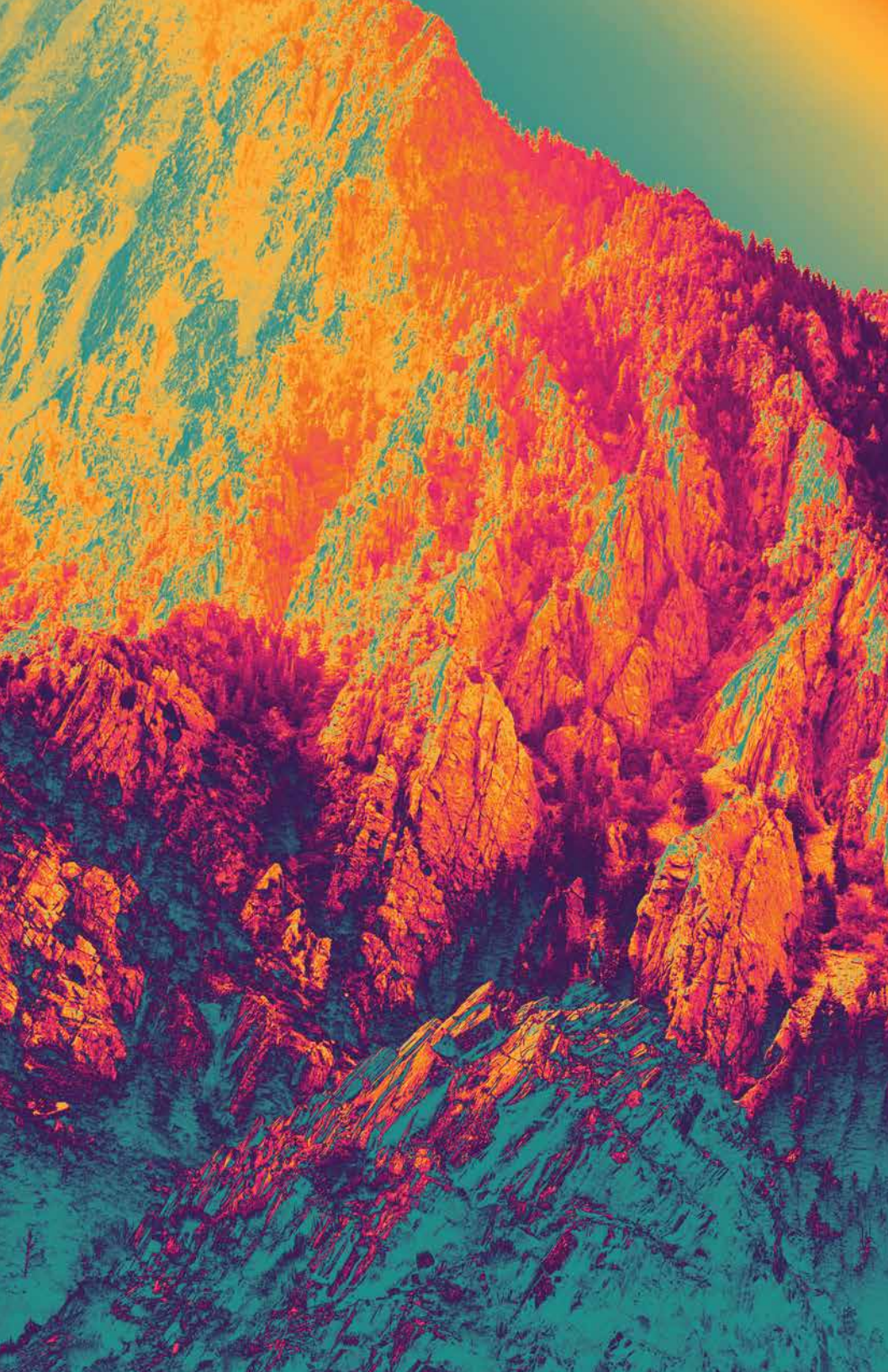
PSALM 20:6-8

Now this I know: The Lord gives victory to his anointed.

He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary with the victorious power of his right hand.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.

They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm.



DAY 1 | THE COMEBACK

Everybody loves a good comeback story. In books, movies, and especially in real life, there is just something relatable and hope-stirring about someone who somehow overcame the odds or what 'should' have been. We were wired this way by our Creator because we are the main characters in the greatest come back story of all time, still being written. The gospel message is clear in that our fate, our destiny - apart from a comeback because of our Savior Jesus is meaninglessness. The relatability of the reality of needing a comeback is the rawest form of our human nature - and luckily for us - Our God is the God of the greatest comeback victories ever performed, most of which changed history AND our future still today!

Back in October of 2022, Pastor Jonathan began feeling the Lord impressing a "Comeback" for many in 2023. We believe that the Holy Spirit is moving and is longing to move powerfully in our lives this season. As we walk through the next 21 Days of Prayer, dedicating ourselves to His leading and renewing, we will stand on the scripture Psalm 20:6-8 and study some of the most amazing comeback stories in the Bible.

Over the next few weeks, set aside some time each day to connect with God. Submit your circumstances, thoughts, and struggles to Him. Then seek to partner with Him on the comeback He has for you!

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DAY 2 | JESUS

God loves you. He sees you. He is for you. He hasn't forgotten you. He is not mad at you. He hears your cry and your prayer. He hasn't given up on you. He has a perfect plan to redeem, and He is already working on your behalf. He cares about every detail and He longs for you to come near Him.

Pastor Jonathan often encourages us that we will have our best year ever, if we have our best year spiritually! Our best year spiritually begins with grasping and believing the truth about our Savior and His great love for us!

Jesus died and rose again. He defeated sin and the grave and came back to life so that YOU can have life in abundance and for all eternity! Jesus' Comeback story is obviously the most important and most powerful, but it is also the most relevant because it is in HIS comeback back then, that you can find your comeback today!

Knowing and accepting Gods love for you through Jesus, might be the most important piece of your comeback story. The Bible is clear, You are loved. Period. No exceptions, no loopholes, without a doubt, God loves YOU. Take a few minutes today to intentionally open your heart to better grasp His love for you and/or to let the Holy Spirit show you any areas where you are carrying doubt about His desire to rescue you.

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DAY 3 | DAVID

We serve a Comeback God, a God of restoration and compassion! He cares far more than we can even think or imagine about our lives individually. It seems the uncertainty of the economy, unrest in our culture, tangible loss, or the unknowns of the future have left many feeling defeated, discouraged, overwhelmed, or crushed in spirit.

David experienced lots of comebacks throughout his life, and we will look at David's life again on our 21 Days of Prayer journey. But today, we are going to look at the fact that David experienced legitimate discouragement and loss, real and deep loss. David lost his son. He was heartbroken and felt defeated. David also experienced the hand of God moving in real and meaningful ways. David's story didn't always look great on the surface but he never gave up on God and God never gave up on him. The good news is that we aren't looking for a surface comeback and there is no pressure to make everyone around you think...well... anything. We are after a real, deep, tangible touch from God. People around you may or may not see and understand what God is doing deep inside, regardless, that is the type of comeback we are seeking, that is the type of comeback that matters, and that is the type of comeback God longs to bring you.

Moments of pain and loss can create an opportunity for us to turn our hearts toward God, the God Who splits seas, rescues from pits, holds broken hearts, heals bodies, sets prisoners into leadership, and defies death itself.

You may have a very real set back that you are facing. Take the necessary time to mourn, process, and allow healing to come from heaven. Just keep in mind, your set-back is not the end of your story, with Jesus, a miraculous comeback is surely on your horizon!

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DAY 4 | PAUL

No person, apart from Jesus himself, shaped the history and ongoing impact of Christianity as much as the apostle Paul, but you would not believe it if you saw the place his comeback would need to come back from!

Paul(then called Saul) was born into a respected family and was sent to Jerusalem to become a Jewish Pharisee. Unfortunately, Saul became a strict enforcer and persecutor of Christians. He was known for his brutal treatment of followers of Jesus and didn't believe that Jesus was who he said he was. Saul's comeback and transformation came in rare form. God encountered him on the road, while he was headed to do more damage to the Body of Christ. But when Saul encountered God, a miraculous transformation took place, even of his name, identity, and purpose. He is now responsible for some of the greatest gifts and wisdom the Body of Christ has ever received. God was able to write most of the New Testament through Paul, and create an incredible foundation and way for many many people to come to know Jesus as their personal Savior just like Paul did himself!

The word 'comeback' insinuates a return to somewhere something or someone that we have been before. Someone, something, and somewhere are very very important to qualify and identify in this comeback process. In each comeback we see in the Bible, God called His people back to who He called them to be, back to a posture of surrender, and back to His presence[nearness with Him].

As you run to the Father and walk toward your comeback, be sure to keep these 3 things in mind: 1. God is calling you back to who He created you to be, not to who you used to be. 2. God is calling you back to a place of surrender, not picking back up old control habits and doing things your way. And 3. God is calling you to greater nearness with Him, maybe you have never been as close to God as you want to be, now is the time to take steps again toward the nearness your soul longs for. His ways require an increased level of trust and a heightened awareness of how vast and great He is. Press in today and be sure to let HIM lead.

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DAY 5 | MOSES

While Moses was clearly called and set apart to lead before he was even born, his journey to get there took some hits and unexpected turns. He was raised in the Egyptian palace, which would have seemed to be the clearest path to his leadership calling, but as a young man he witnessed the mistreatment of one of his fellow hebrews by an Egyptian and murdered him. Recognizing the consequences he would face for his crime, he fled and spent decades hiding in obscurity. It was from this place that Moses experienced his comeback moment.

Most of us are familiar with the story of God speaking to Moses from a burning bush in Exodus 3 - calling him to one of the greatest leadership appointments in Israel's history to deliver the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Think about that for a moment though: Moses had been in hiding for decades; ashamed of his sin; unsure of himself; feeling that he had broken his calling beyond repair.

"But Moses protested to God, 'Who am I to appear before Pharaoh? Who am I to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt?' God answered, 'I will be with you...' "

Exodus 3:11-12 NLT

Fortunately, the God of the comeback is bigger than our biggest mistakes. From that place of weakness, God calls Moses to the greatest comeback his people, Israel, had ever known. God comforted Moses' insecurity with the promise of his presence.

God's future for you is better than you think it is. It's greater than your greatest failure. It's more secure than your insecurity. "For God's gifts and his call are irrevocable." Romans 11:29 NIV

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DAY 6 | GIDEON

Have you ever felt unqualified? Consider the story of Gideon before you write yourself off. The people of Israel were violently oppressed and in need of a leader when God called Gideon. He was shocked, declaring that he was the least important person, the most unqualified to lead the army of Israel to victory. However, God didn't see it that way! He equipped Gideon to lead an army of 300 men to overwhelming victory against an army of thousands, showing us that the battle really belongs to the Lord more than it does to us. Don't let your inexperience or insecurity cause you to doubt how big God is in you!

Take some time to ask God today what battles you are fighting, that really belong to Him, and, what areas He has made you capable in, that you may not see or understand quite yet.

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DAY 7 | NOAH

The story of Noah's life involved not one, but two great floods. The first was a flood of evil. The world had become so bad that there was only one person left who remembered the God of creation, perfection and love. Noah was the last of God's people. God's response to this flood of evil was a 120-year-long last chance. During those years, he had Noah build a large advertisement of what God was going to do. Nothing like a huge boat built on dry land with no water around to make a point. Of course, everyone thought Noah was crazy. Despite the comments and discouragement from his friends and neighbors, Noah continued to build. For Noah, obedience to God meant a long-term courageous commitment to a project. After 120 years of building, God sent the flood he had promised and, because of Noah's commitment to God and God's direction, Noah and his entire family was prepared to endure the greatest and most destructive flood in history.

Comments and discouragement will surely come in life, just remember, like Noah did, that it wasn't what they said that mattered, but what Noah chose to believe that mattered. Noah chose to believe the word of God over his life above everything else. Noah chose to stay obedient to what the Lord instructed him to do, despite circumstances, the weather, opinions, comments, or discouragements. What is the last thing the Lord has asked you to do? Where are you at in that process and how's your progress? Sometimes God asks us to work on an ark, sometimes He asks us to work on a relationship, sometimes He asks us to work on a character issue, or even a specific project. So whether it is grace, kindness, humility, your health, a school/work project, or a dream that may very well change the world someday - choose today to put your hands back to work and trust that the rains will come if God told you they will.

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DAY 8 | RAHAB

Because of her past, Rahab's comeback was a surprise. She was one of those people you may not expect God to use, but God sees people far differently than we do, God sees peoples' hearts. As a prostitute in the city of Jericho, Rahab like on the edge of society. She was used in private, rejected in public. Her house, built right into the city wall, was a natural place for the Israelite spies to hide, since they would be mistaken for Rahab's customers. Rumors of war were spreading and fear of war was rising. Living on the city wall, Rahab felt especially vulnerable and she was afraid as everyone, but she alone turned to the Lord for her salvation. Her faith gave her the courage to hide the spies and lie to the authorities. All she knew of God was that the Israelites trusted and served Him, but it was a start. Because Rahab trusted in God and God rescued her, and her relatives, out of the total destruction of her city.

God works through people, like Rahab, that we might reject or write off. God remembers her because of her faith, not her profession. She was a sinner but she didn't stay in her sin and God honored her decision to honor Him. She didn't let her fear affect her faith in God's ability to deliver her. She didn't let her failure define who she could become. If at times your failures seem to or try to define you, remember that Rahab overcame failure through her trust in God and you can do the same!

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DAY 9 | THIEF ON THE CROSS

The thief on the cross deserved to be there upon all human standards. He was a thief. He was a 'bad guy' who did bad things and was paying the price for his poor decisions. He lived his life the way he chose to. He was now nailed to a cross with no hope of redemption. No hope of turning things around. No opportunity to make things right or make better decisions. But, Jesus. Jesus was on the cross right next to him. The Way, The Truth, The Life, was right there. He wasn't preaching, He wasn't working hard to convince this man. His presence was just there, right place and right time for the thief on the cross.

It was in this moment that he proved that salvation is not about how many things he did right or even how many things he did wrong, it was about his heart. The attitude and humility and belief of his heart. It was not about quantity but rather about quality - real evidence that God had moved on his heart. In that moment, stuck on a cross, he threw himself on God's mercy, and he welcomed God's forgiveness. It was a reality to him that Jesus was indeed The Way, The Truth, and The Life and it was the reality of the power of accepting the free gift of salvation that set him free.

Notice that the thief didn't fall down off the cross at that moment, he didn't get physically removed from the consequences of his choices, but he was no longer facing them alone. He was redeemed in the only place that really mattered for him at that point - his soul. He was no longer headed into eternity without hope. Although pinned to a cross, he was a completely free and forgiven man. His eternity in heaven lives to tell of the power of receiving the gift of salvation.

Maybe this story today is a reminder for you personally, or, maybe it is a reminder of the grace that God offers to every human on the planet. Remember, even the 'worst' person you have ever met, is just one life altering decision, one heart transformation away from changing their eternity forever. Who could you show grace and kindness to today? Who might you be able to be in the right place and the right time for? Ask the Lord to position you to be a conduit of His radical grace and mercy.

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DAY 10 | JOSEPH

Have you ever doubted God's dream for your life? Consider the story of Joseph before you give up! God gave Joseph a big dream that was ultimately fulfilled in his lifetime, but it did not happen on his timeline.

You may feel behind. You may feel discouraged. You may feel hopeless or even like failure has overtaken you or your dreams. The best news is - there IS hope for you. Whoever you are and whatever your past - NO STORY is too far gone for God to bring back to life!

Joseph went from a favored son to a betrayed brother, to a slave, to a prisoner before He saw God's promise fulfilled. He was in process for seventeen years, a process that ended up being the quickest path to God's best in his life. Don't quit when things look bleak, but trust that God is working all things (even the bad things) for your good, and for His purposes!

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DAY 11 | PETER

Peter is one of the most memorable characters in the New Testament! He first shows up in Matthew 4, when Jesus calls him to be one of his disciples. In Matthew 8, Jesus actually visits Peter's home, only to find Peter's mother-in-law in bed, sick with a fever. Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law that day! In Matthew 14, Jesus invites Peter to take a step of faith, and walk out onto the water with him. The Bible says that Peter, "Then got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" When asked who the disciples believed Jesus was, in Matthew 16, it was Peter who declared, "You are the Christ, the son of the living God!" Peter had faith in God, but he didn't always show it.

Peter was also the disciple of Jesus who acted impulsively, cutting off the ear of a soldier the night Jesus was arrested. And, it was this same night that Peter denied Jesus three times, and the rooster crowed. How could Peter, a bold disciple and Apostle of Jesus, the one who declared that Jesus was the Messiah, also shrink in fear and deny his knowledge of the Lord? Peter was human, that's how. He was human, just like you and me.

The beauty of Peter's story, however colorful it might be, is found in a man who continued to come back to Jesus, through every trial, every mistake. It was Peter's trust in God that made him a candidate to be used for God's purposes. And, it was this imperfect man that Jesus said, "On this rock (Peter), I will build my church." We all simply need a savior. No matter how many mistakes you feel like you have made in your life, offer your life to Jesus today. God is wanting to build something in your life as well.

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DAY 12 | DAVID

David was a shepherd boy when God called him. Then, although he was called, he had to be very patient for the Lord to set up the right timing. He faced, bears, lions, giants, his brothers, all of which served as training and preparation for the battles he would face later in life and as King. Throughout his life, and in every season, David strengthened himself in the Lord and sought the Lord for wisdom. When battles would come he would take the wisdom and strength, rally his men and often overtake the enemy. David often got back what the Lord had given them. David's story legacy and impact doesn't end there, at one point, only 400 of David's 600 men went with him into battle. After they had found victory, some of the men who had been with him in battle said not to give the spoils of the victory to those who weren't with them in the battlefield. David decided to give the spoils not only to the 200 men also, but even to leaders throughout the region. The blessing of the Lord was sent to those who didn't deserve it. Our battles are very real and legitimate, and the Lord is offering strength for us to regain what He has given us. One test that we will face is, will we too be generous with the comeback? Will we hold what He has given us, just for ourselves because someone didn't stand with us in the battle? Or, will we be generous, as God is generous, and share the blessing of the Lord with people who, like us, don't deserve it as well?

Sometimes leading ourselves is the hardest part of our journey. When we don't feel like it, when we're tired, when we're discouraged, or faced with hard things. These are the moments where we realize that it was David's commitment and determination to strengthen HIMSELF in the Lord where victory came.

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

– Galatians 6:9

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DAY 13 | JOB

Perhaps one of the most glorious of comeback stories in the Bible is that of Job. His story begins by explaining how Job was an upstanding man, in fact, he had the most integrity and character of anyone on earth. The Devil saw this and sought to test Job's loyalty to God through trial. God allowed this because God knew Job's true devotion to Him, even in the midst of calamity. Throughout the story, Job loses his wealth, his lands, and even his own family, yet he never curses God. Many of his friends gather around him, but offer poor advice.

Some even encourage him to curse God and die, yet Job persevered. Job felt the anguish of his afflictions, he even ached at his existence, but he did not count God unfaithful - He trusted God through it all. Job goes on to find that despite the downfalls in life, God is still sovereign and no plan of His can be thwarted. God rewards Job for his commitment to Him and blesses him doubly what he had before. All that Job lost was not just restored to its original status, it is blessed to a multitude.

Job held on through the storms of his life. To the world it appeared that he lost everything, but he did not lose his faith or his God. When life seems stripped away to nothing, not all is lost. God is always there, even when the loudest sound is silence. Just as God swept through and ushered in a comeback for Job, through faith and faithfulness, your life can change in the blink of an eye too, because God's goodness is chasing you down!

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DAY 14 | RUTH

God often uses the gift of people to aid, fight for, and help usher in our comeback. Quality and Godly friendships are a gift from heaven and often a vital life line in our seasons of struggle.

One of the greatest friendships described in the Bible was between Ruth & Naomi. In fact, we know more about their friendship than we do about them as individuals. In life today, we often try too hard to make it on our own. Ruth & Naomi teach us how wonderful a good friendship can be. Naomi and Ruth didn't share many of the typical things that bring people together. They came from different cultures, families, and locations. Naomi was older than Ruth, who had been married to Naomi's son. The storms of life brought them together as they both lost their husbands and were left with almost nothing but each other. Yet there was real freedom in their friendship. Often in relationships people try to hold each other too tightly and friendship can fade when there is no room to breathe. Naomi was willing to let Ruth return to her family and Ruth was willing to leave her homeland to go to Israel. Naomi shared the real and intimate parts of her relationship with God with Ruth. She allowed her to learn from her joy and sorrow, her triumphs and struggles as she pressed into God. God's living presence in a relationship overcomes differences that might otherwise create division and disharmony and creates a beautiful place for growth and breakthrough to happen. Through their friendship, God walked Naomi & Ruth to a comeback victory like few others!

Amazing things happen when we seek God together and lean on each other to weather the storms and encourage each other to trust God through it all! Who can you reach out to or connect with this week to walk with, seek God with, and encourage on their journey?

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DAY 15 | HANNAH

In 1 Samuel, we find the story of Hannah. Hannah loved the Lord and was loved greatly by her husband but she was barren and not able to have children. Hannah cried out to the Lord through prayer consistently and faithfully. She was so intent on getting an answer to her prayer that the Priest thought she was drunk! She assured him that she was not drunk but rather persistent on receiving her healing from heaven. Hannah promised God that if He would give her a son, she would dedicate and give him as a gift to the temple. God heard her prayer and healed her body. She became pregnant and committed the fruit of her answered prayer to the Lord. Samuel's life became the tangible and ongoing proof of a powerful healing and comeback for Hannah.

Hannah's faith and belief in God secured for her, a comeback like no other, because what is impossible with man is possible with God!

Stir up your faith today! What are some areas in your life or in your family that you feel are barren or lacking? Take them to the Lord! Let him give you heaven's perspective. Submit them to Him like Hannah promised God she would with her son. More than Hannah desired a child, she desired to honor God. God did more with her legacy through Samuel submitted to Him than she could have ever done raising him on her own. Let go of the ultimatums that serve only your desires, and let God throw open the flood gates on your comeback, and bring you more than you could ever ask or think!

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DAY 16 | ZACCHAEUS

Zacchaeus was an outcast. Cruel, greedy, and unloved by his community; Zacchaeus was not a guy that most would have thought worthy of Jesus' time. But Jesus had a comeback story in the works for Zacchaeus. Jesus saw Zacchaeus not for what he had been, or the choices he had made, but for who he was: a future child of God.

Zaccheaus thought his way was the right way and he was passionate about executing his profession. If he thought his opinion was wrong, he probably would have changed it, right? Wouldn't you? But Zacchaeus was curious. Although he was pursuing his thought 'calling' passionately, he was interested in who Jesus was and what Jesus came for. In this way, curiosity and an open mind, was a lifeline for Zacchaeus.

We, like Zachaeus, can get caught up in thinking our way is the best way, but God's ways are always higher than ours and not restricted by human limitation.

Isaiah 55:8-9 says "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." and makes it very clear that God's ways are not our ways. We seem to be willing to cry out for the "new" and "higher" ways but it seems we struggle to be satisfied if it doesn't look or feel like the last time we experienced God move.

Maybe you have always viewed the story of Zacchaeus as unrelatable, but when we bring our opinions, habits, and preferences into account, we all have places where we are set in our ways that hold us back from all that God has for us! Today, ask the Lord to break through the places you have become complacent in or set in your ways. Then commit to hold loosely the things that may be holding you back from all that God has for you!

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DAY 17 | THE PRODIGAL SON

Have you ever felt like you have messed up beyond repair? Consider the story of the prodigal son before you lose heart. The prodigal son did everything wrong, wasting money and time on wild parties, ending up homeless and penniless. His comeback came when the Bible says that 'he came to his senses'.

God is in the business of giving people a fresh start. He gives hope to the hopeless. Direction to the directionless. Help to those who need help. God is always good, all the time, and His plans will always prevail, even when our plans don't. He already knows what the solutions are. No matter what kind of disappointment or grief or pain or trouble or heartache we encounter, God always offers a new beginning, a change of heart, and a powerful spiritual turnaround. God offers the way forward, and his pathways are always good.

Whether it is you, or a loved one who has gone the prodigal route, know that one thought inspired by God can spark an amazing turn around. Know that God is there waiting, not with judgment but rather grace, mercy, and radical love. God's desire is to pour out love, even on those who have gone astray!

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DAY 18 | SAMSON

Samson is listed as a person of faith in Hebrews 12. His life was one of power and promise. As we read about his life we might ask ourselves... Did he waste his gifts? Samson had amazing strength from God, but he seemed often to abuse it for his own sport. From birth he had been dedicated to serve God, but Samson showed disrespect for all kinds of God's laws for his people. Eventually he was betrayed into the hands of his enemies. His great strength left him, and they made him a prisoner. Taking his sight. (Judges 13-16.) Though Samson couldn't see anymore, we might say that at the end of his life his real sight was restored.

Samson's life was marked not by prayer but by physical, brute strength. Yet in the last moment of his life, he turned to God in prayer and asked God to remember him. God answered his prayer by giving him great strength again. And Samson's last act as a leader of Israel was marked by a victory that cost him his life. Samson sacrificed his life for God's people. One action or failure on our part cannot take the power of God out of our lives. It was a prayer of faith that restored Samson. The same can happen for you.

Prayer: *Dear God, may Samsons life remind me that in spite of what I have done, you can still redeem me. May I be willing to sacrifice for you as you have done for me through Jesus, your Son. Amen.*

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DAY 19 | ELIJAH

Even the most devoted of God's servants can experience discouragement and exhaustion, allowing their circumstances to overwhelm their daily trust in God. Elijah, a prophet of the northern kingdom of Israel, had witnessed and performed some of the most incredible miracles recorded in the Bible. Nonetheless, not long after, he succumbed to depression and terror. In response to King Ahab's rebellious wickedness, God told Elijah to declare a drought on the land. During this time, God repeatedly demonstrated his provision and care for Elijah, allowing him to drink water from a creek that should have been dry and had ravens to bring him food. The Lord led him from river to river and even from strangers house to strangers house to provide for him. God spoke through Elijah and carried him through his weakest and most difficult times. God was faithful to gently and consistently bring him care, body, mind, soul, and spirit. With God's help, Elijah eventually came out of his depression and walked back into peace and victory.

Be honest with yourself and keep on pressing in for healing and wholeness. If you are struggling through depression or heaviness, don't do it alone, reach out for help. And, reach out to someone you love today, they may need the light that you carry today too!

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DAY 20 | THE PERSISTENT WIDOW

In our culture of "on demand"... well... everything, sometimes our persistence muscles get forgotten. There is something really sweet about the time spent with Jesus along the journey. Don't give up if it seems you haven't received your breakthrough yet. There really is no such thing as unanswered prayers, only answers we can't see or comprehend quite yet. Check out this story Jesus told about the Character of God and remember just how great our God is!

Matthew 18:1-8 – The Parable of the Persistent Widow

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.

Prayer: *God, thank you that your word says that righteousness and justice are the very foundations of your throne! Thank you that you not only hear every prayer I pray but that you are already working on my behalf! Today I choose to renew my resolve, my hope, and my joyful anticipation in my prayers. I cry out once again today for you to come and move in my life but mostly in my heart! God, create in me a pure heart with the character that can carry the blessings and provisions you have in store for my life! I've tasted your goodness and I know your promises over my life, I love you and I will keep crying out to you full of hope and with unwavering persistence! All my life for your glory God, Amen!*

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DAY 21 | ESTHER

Queen Esther was in a really stressful situation! She rose from obscurity into a position of power and prestige, a place of honor. Yet, whatever honor she felt was replaced with fear as she learned of a plot to kill her people. Esther faced a dilemma: should she risk her life, revealing her true identity in order to save her people? Or should she preserve her life while her people perished? Her cousin Mordecai suggested that God may have placed her in a position of authority especially to save her people.

"Then Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?'" (Esther 4:13-14)

Esther chose bravery, courage. Esther chose the path less traveled. Esther chose to seek God, and do what was right. The result? Her people were saved, and righteousness was upheld in the kingdom. Esther's courage paved the way for a comeback for the people of Israel in the midst of a dark and fearful moment.

Who knows if your bravery and courage to do what God has called you to do will pave the way for a comeback in the lives of those around you? Who knows if you, like Esther, have been called for such a time as this?

Thoughts/Notes

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