

HOW TO TURN A SETBACK INTO A COMEBACK

#1 - WHEN YOUR SETBACK SEEMS IRREVERSIBLE

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SETBACK: A loss of progress, a defeat of a plan, or a reversal of good fortune.

I looked for good to come, but evil came instead. I waited for some light, but darkness fell instead. The churning inside of me never stops and waves of misery crash over me. Job 30:26, 27 NLT

HOW DO I COMEBACK WHEN MY SETBACK SEEMS IRREVERSABLE?

I choose to T.R.U.S.T. God like Job did. I...

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Job stood up, tore his robe in grief, and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground and worshiped. Job 1:20 GW

And so I'm not keeping one bit of this quiet, I'm laying it all out on the table; my complaining to high heaven is bitter, but honest. Job 7:11 MP

Cry out in the night... Pour out your heart like water in prayer to the Lord. Lamentations 2:19 NCV

I've taken the worst you can hand out, and I've had it. ¹⁶Your anger has blazed through my life; I'm bleeding, black and blue. ¹⁷You've attacked me fiercely... raining down blows till I'm nearly dead. ¹⁸You made lover and neighbor alike dump me; the only friend I have left is Darkness. Psalm 88:15b-18 MP

I would like to live in a hut in the desert. Then I could leave my people. I could forget about them. Jeremiah 9:2a MP

I believed, so I said, "I am completely ruined... Psalm 116:10 ICV

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Job said, "I came naked from my mother's womb and I will have nothing when I die. The Lord gave me everything I had, and they were his to take away. Blessed be the name of the Lord! In all of this Job did not sin by blaming God." Job 1:21-22 LB

- _____ precedes _____ and thanks is the antidote to bitterness.
- **God will never stop loving me.** Job 10:12
- **God has a plan for my life.** Job 23:14
- **God cares about every detail of my life.** Job 23:10, 31:4

- **God is in control of things don't understand.** Job 34:13
- **God will ultimately protect me.** Job 5:11

Even though the fig trees have no fruit and no grapes grow on the vines, even though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no grain, even though the sheep all die and the cattle stalls are empty, I'll still be joyful and glad, because the Lord God is my Savior. Habakkuk 3:17-18 TEV

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Elihu: "Don't let your anger and the pain you endured make you sneer at God. Reputation and riches cannot protect you from distress, nor can you find safety in the dark world below. Don't turn to evil as a way of escape. God's power is unlimited... Others have praised God for what he has done, so join with them." Job 36:18-24 CEV

True wisdom and real power belong to God. From Him we learn how to live and also what to live for. Job 12:13 MP

Go to the Lord for help, and worship him. 1 Chronicles 16:11 TEV

Those who worship God will be encouraged. Psalm 69:32 TEV

David: "Here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in Your strength and glory." Psalm 63:2 MSG

...I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit... what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. Philippians 1:19 NCV

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Job's wife said to him, 'Are you still trying to maintain your integrity? Why don't you just curse God and die?' Just end it!' But Job replied, 'You talk like a godless woman! Should we accept only good things from the hand of God and never anything bad?' So in all this, Job said nothing wrong. Job 2:9-10 NLT

I will continue to trust God even if he kills me. Job 13:15a ERV

People who don't know God are always worrying." Matthew 6:32a CEV

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By trusting me, you will be unshakable and assured, deeply at peace. In this world you will continue to experience difficulties. But take heart! I've conquered the world. John 16:33 MP

JOB'S COMEBACK

After Job prayed for his friends, the Lord gave him success again. In fact, the Lord gave Job twice as much of everything as he had been blessed with before. Job 42:10 NIV

Additional Notes:

Reflecting on todays message...

What touched my heart?

What is God asking me to do?

What should I change this week?

Who else needs to hear this message?
