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THE COMEBACK

LESSON 5

TITLE: GET UP.

Question for us tonight is... what are the things that are in our life carrying us out to death?

We know from the teachings of Jesus that we have an adversary for life and he's not playing but he's trying to take us out.

That's what Jesus said, the thief comes to steal kill and destroy.

But Jesus amplifies the backside of that story, this is the COMEBACK, I have come to give you life more abundantly.

But the other side of the promise is just as real, is the relationships and decisions that we're making.

Is there a habit or pattern that we're refusing to give up?

Is there something in our life the enemy has stolen and is trying to kill and destroy you and your COMEBACK?

In those moments it's possible that Jesus could speak life and breath into us the COMEBACK that we need.

That would be the greatest comeback of all to snatches of the jaws of death and destruction and bring us back into the land of the living.

Luke 7,

Jesus, and his followers enter the town of Nain, and as He was approaching the gate, a funeral of a young boy who was the only son of a widow.

For this woman, her world had ended. In that time, she could not own land, could not own a business, could not do much in the community, and all she had was a son to lean on and depend on.

A son could own a business, a son would buy land. A son could make a way for her to have a life, but now, the son has died.

The funeral procession is taking his body outside the city gates to the burial place.

But it just so happens on this day, as death was coming out, Jesus was coming in.

Jesus met the funeral procession leaving the little town on Nain. Jesus moves to the mother and says this... women, don't cry.

Why would you say to a widow woman on her way to bury her son, don't cry? For what reason would there be not to cry?

Unless Jesus already knew in his heart, I'm going to turn the story around today.

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I wonder if that's what God is thinking right now for you and for me?

I wonder if God sees what others can't see and knowing what others don't know and is looking at you and saying, I'm going to turn this story around today.

The enemy has come to steal and kill but God has come to be the most amazing life possible.

I think Jesus is looking at the woman and back at her son, his eyes are shifting back-and-forth sizing up what he's getting ready to do.

Jesus is saying, I know you should cry but don't cry, because something is about to happen right here, today.

Then Jesus did the unthinkable, He looked at the dead boy and said get up.

Luke 7:

"Young man, I say to you, get up!" The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

Then you think, how much time would have been needed to pass for this funeral procession to be out of town and not intersect with Jesus?

Jesus proclaimed to everybody, there's not going to be any funeral here today. And that it's what Jesus is speaking into our lives, right now.

What a COMEBACK story to detail, this young man was on his way to his burial site when Jesus rewrote the story.

Maybe you are on your way to a total collapse of the story of your life. The land has been graded in the hole has been dug for the funeral.

The enemy has already mapped out a plan for your destruction but then Jesus entered the story.

I wonder if our story would be, Jesus spoke to me and said GET UP.

I think if we want the miracle, then we have a role to play in the unfolding of the COMEBACK story God wants to write in our life.

And that role is to GET UP out of whatever we have deceived ourselves into.

And to stand up on the promises of God. This is how the COMEBACK happens.