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THE COMEBACK

INTRODUCTION:

Have you ever Watched parents try to get their children to apologize to each other and it is clear neither of those children wants to?

It is truly painful to watch. The parents know they are doing the right thing by steering their children toward forgiveness and reconciliation, get the kids to resist, it becomes clear or the whole affair is going nowhere. Why?

Because the kids are just not open to it. Sure, the parents may succeed in getting the two of them to say, "I'm sorry, "but everyone knows they're just going through the motions.

And the true reconciliation is not possible unless both parties are willing to open up.

God is the God of the comeback. There is no dream of yours that's been shattered, something you have made, or tragedy you can encounter that God cannot redeem, restore, and make new.

It's what God does and who he is. But even more than that, it's what God wants to do in your life right now.

God wants nothing more but to offer you a great comeback where you need it the most. But you have a part to play. Just like those kids who need to apologize to each other, you must be open to God's work in your life.

Maybe you have done something foolish and you're ashamed of, or maybe you made good choices, but the bottom fell out on you or maybe life just threw you a curveball and you are not sure how a good God fits into the tragedy you have suffered.

These kinds of experiences can leave you feeling distant from God and unsure of what to do about it.

The longer this persists, the more you can put up walls and defenses until like two kids being forced to apologize, you stop being open to God's best and settle for something less.

But here's the good news, it doesn't half be that way.

That is what the series of the comeback is all about. He wants a massive comeback in your life, and He has already opened the door to do it.

The question is, are you? What would it take for you to be open to a comeback God wants to orchestrate?

Is there anything blocking your heart? If so, it's okay, just head into the sessions asking yourself, what if things could really change? What if things could really be different for me tomorrow?

God already has answered this question. Can you?

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LESSON 1

TITLE: A DEEPER KIND OF COMEBACK STORY:

Have you ever had such a setback in life that you felt like you could never come back?

Has a life dealt you such a devastating blow you feel that you can never be yourself again?

Have you ever been in a dark long tunnel that you would never see the light at the end?

Maybe you have felt the cloud of doom following you day and night.

Perhaps you've been serving God for a long time or all your life. You attend church, you pray, you read the word, but you still feel like life is closing in on you.

Have you ever prayed, God if you are there, I need you to help me. If you don't do something God, I'm not going to make it and you needed a comeback and only God can do it.

Welcome to the comeback. I'm excited about what God has for you over the next few months in your life and in the lives of the ones we love.

We have all had moments of concern, we know what it feels like to have gone through us. Our personal stories, all the personal setbacks, the interpersonal defeats that we don't tell anyone about, but God knows the backstory and knows that we need a comeback.

Wherever we find those great comeback stories we always want to celebrate what God is doing.

We all have different comeback stories. Maybe yours is depression and anxiety, financial ruin, broken relationships with your loved ones or the loss of a loved one and that long journey through the valley of the shadow of death.

Circumstances you didn't ask for, you can't control them when you're dealing with this right now.

Maybe it's a diagnosis, a disease, or an addiction in your world and if God doesn't intervene it's going to take you down and take you out.

This series is celebrating the God of all the comeback stories.

Because we are God's people, and God's people at the very core knows the greatest comeback stories on earth.

Today, we're celebrating one of the greatest comeback stories in The Old Testament. Moses was 80 years old when his comeback story began.

He lived in pharaohs courts and had rights and privileges anybody ever wanted.

Pharaoh was oppressing his people and because of that he killed an Egyptian and he fled out of Egypt.

Moses in the back of the desert tending his father-in-law's sheep, far away from the lights and glitter of Egypt.

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Much later in life and perhaps he was thinking he's in the fourth quarter of his life with nothing to do and nothing to offer.

But while tending those sheep, God spoke and called his name, Moses.

God called Moses out of that place to a great calling.

I want you to be the one to lead My people out of bondage.

He wasn't picking Moses because he was the right guy, he was picking Moses because he was the right God.

God was looking for someone to submit to His purpose and His plan so He could unfold His comeback story in their life.

I don't know about you only think about comeback stories you might be thinking, can my marriage be put back together, can my business comeback, can I get back in my right mind, can I have my heart restored, can this brokenness that's in me be repaired again.

I think sometimes we do like Moses, wrong guy, too much is happening, my situations are not capable, I've done too much, and I've gone too far I don't think it's going to work out.

God, it is always trying to interject into your story, I am that I am, I am the great God, and I am the one who has the power to change it.

Because of Moses millions of people stepped out of bondage into freedom.
Moses wasn't perfect and neither are we, but Moses was available, and God had a plan.

Even on the backside of nowhere in the last chapter of life God had a plan and a purpose.

You may feel like that right now that your backside of nowhere with no plan and no purpose.

Maybe you feel like God has lost track of you and has no purpose for you and you've been wondering for years.

You're thinking I've done too much this time; I've gone too far, I burned too many bridges and there's no way back and there's no way out for me.

What does Moses show us, God will find you where you are even on the backside of the desert in your darkest times.

God is saying to you it's not too late and you're not too far and I am the God I can restart your story.

Weh to believe that. Wherever we are, God is present and with us.

I'm inviting you to a beautiful comeback journey.

You don't have to have it all together, you don't have to have all the answers, there's going to be no formulas for any of us, there's just going to be a God who is present where we are and sees us as we are, so we don't have to pretend anymore.

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He's wanting to reach into our story and make the music play even in the most difficult situation.

Whatever comeback story you're looking for I believe God is working right now.

Over these next few months, we're not going out to celebrate what God has done but what God is doing in our lives.

He is the God of the COMEBACK.