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THE COMEBACK

LESSON 6

TITLE: JESUS IS ENOUGH.

I love how over the past few weeks; we've talked about these incredible COMEBACK stories.

I think sometimes when we think in biblical proportion, I think we think that these characters are made from a different material than you and I.

We talked about Moses, how God found him late in life and gave him this incredible mission of leading God's people out of bondage into the promise land.

We talked about Joseph and how he had a dream and dreams that were dashed and crumbled before him, but at the end of it all, we saw God was weaving this incredible story.

We talked about Samson and even at the very end, God restored him.

You can talk about Samson and Delilah and anybody on the street almost knows that story and his fame.

When it comes down to you and me, sometimes the stories don't have quite the same ending, in fact, in some of our stories there can't be a COMEBACK.

Some of your stories are so tragic and devastating, you feel there is no possible way to have a COMEBACK story written.

There is no way that this can end giving Glory to God.

I think that's where a lot of us are today, the reality of this situation may not resolve in this life.

But, is there a promise for us? is there a COMEBACK for us?

In this session, we're going to find an incredible hope and an incredible answer for everyone waiting for that moment in life.

As we come to this closing session together, we're asking a very important question.

You feel like your life can never have a COMEBACK. Your loved one is never coming back.

There is a marker in a cemetery that reminds you, they're not coming back.

Your disease is never leaving your body.

So, where do we turn? Is it possible to have a COMEBACK even when you can't have a COMEBACK?

I think for the answer, we look in the Old Testament at the prophet Elijah. He was a mighty man of God.

He took on the prophets of Baal on Mt Carmel and saw an amazing display of the power of God.

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1 Kings 17, we find Elijah alone by a brook. He prophesies about a drought that was coming and in fact, that drought came.

God led him out to a place where the birds would feed him and the stream would give him water.

He then finally led him to a village and you're going to find a widow in this village and she's going to provide what you need to live.

He finds the woman, but she says, I have just enough flour and oil to make one last cake for my son and me.

This is our last meal, then we're going to die.

Think about it, she was at the end of her last day on earth and then the prophet shows up and says, I think God wants you to share with me what you have.

She does honor God and Elijah and shares that cake with him.

Then her story unfolds... from that moment on God allows her oil to not run out and her flour to endure day after day until that drought broke, that widow mom had everything she needed to feed her family.

Why did God capture that moment for us?

I think the predominant theme in life, is that the stories do not always work out the way we want them to.

Often on this earth, there is not a happy ending to every story, but here is a powerful miracle that happens in them all.

And that is the moment we discover, no matter how our stories turn out, Jesus is enough.

Maybe in your story, you didn't understand it all then, and you don't understand it all now.

But we all can agree, that in all stories regardless of the outcome, Jesus is enough.

Psalm 34:18 -NIV

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

When we don't have an answer, when there's not a tidy bow on the end of our story and we don't know why things happen, we still have a miracle to hang on.

That miracle is the presence of the Almighty God in the midst of what we're walking through.

Ezekiel 37, the story of the dry bones. And in that story where God reconnects the bones.

He puts joints back together; He puts skin on the bones and makes people re-appear again.

The bible says that the wind blew into that valley. The breath of God breathed into the situation.

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Some of the stories don't resolve in an instant because you read a book or attended a Bible study.

Sometimes is just the promise, the miracle, the hope that God is with us in the storm.

God is enough in the midst of it all. That's the promise of the comeback.

Please know that God is enough in your story and He's bigger than any cloud.

I believe the miracle for you is here, that the scene changes but a COMEBACK can occur. That is a reality for all of us.

I think the greatest miracle and power of this today is that God is in the midst of it all.

So, in the middle of our stories, we are believing and praying, God, you're the God of the COMEBACK.

The great COMEBACK of them all is when we find a COMEBACK in God when there is no COMEBACK.